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Can't Wait for Perfect

Implementing "Good Enough" Digital Preservation

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• 5 residents, 9-12 months







3 Principles Digital Preservation

- Bit preservation
- Content management
- Ongoing accessibility



Project Management

Don't go it alone

Inventory

- File formats
- File size & extent
- Description & location of physical media
- Description & location(s) of files

Inventory

Title & **Category** Location Date **Extent Format Description Dates** covered in **Extent** of Location **Format** of files of physical physical content record (if media digitized) Date of digitization/ File creation of location Size and digital files **extent** of file(s) Date of acquisition

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- Digitized where there is no analog
- Digitized (add'l features & annotations)
- Digitized where there is an analog
- Objects preserved elsewhere
- Objects that don't fall within your mission



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High priority items may require

- More copies of each file
- More storage in <u>separate geographic locations</u>
- More frequent <u>fixity checks</u>
- More <u>robust monitoring</u> for format obsolescence

Break it Down

- Divide & conquer
- Build expertise
- Start with 'low-hanging fruit'

Advocacy & Collaboration



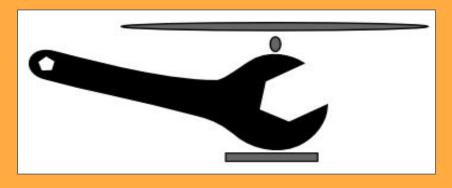
Small Change, Big Impact

- Communicate effectively
- Update your mission's statement

IS EXPENSIVE

Doing the Work! Tools & Costs

Finding the Right Tools





NDSA Levels of Preservation

- Metadata
- File formats
- Fixity & data integrity
- Information security
- Storage and geographic location

NDSA Levels of Preservation {+}





← now with added tools
& resources





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Levels of Digital Preservation {+}

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Original Levels (File Format)	Encourage use of a limited set of known open formats and codecs	Inventory of file formats in use	Monitor file format obsolescence issues	Perform format migrations, emulation and similar activities as needed
Added Tools &	PRONOM Sustainability of	File Information Tool Set {FITS}	Guidance for Digital File Formats {NARA}	Migration Checklist {NDSA}
Resources (File Format)	Digital Formats {LoC}	→ Digital Preservation Policy should outline acceptable digital formats	PRONOM Sustainability of Digital Formats {LoC}	

"Preservation without access is pointless"

The Committee For Film Preservation and Public Access

Please contribute!

NDSA Levels + Tools and Resources

Level of Access for Digital Preservation

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Thanks

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