BAMPFA: Inventory and Move Webapps

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Introduction

The webapps are a suite of browser-based tools which access the CollectionSpace database to provide critical functionality not provided by the "regular" interface.

In general, the webapps operate on *sets of records*, a set being defined as something like "all objects in a range of Museum numbers", e.g., "1995.12.1" TO "1995.12.9", or "all objects in a location or sequence of locations" (e.g. "Collection Storage, 01A" to "Collection Storage, 03B"). Typical operations performed are updating certain fields for sets of records, or creating move or inventory actions for them.

Besides move and data update operations, a few other webapps provide a means to print barcodes and view database content (e.g., authority hierarchies) in useful ways.

There are two classes of webapps in use at BAMPFA:

- Procedural webapps, which move objects and crates to other locations; and support uploading media.
- 2. Reporting webapps, which return information about the collection (and do not change any data).

Procedural webapps

- Systematic Inventory
- Power Move
- Bulk Media Upload

Reporting webapps

• Packing List Report

Don't forget to read up on the gotchas! to be found in these webapps.

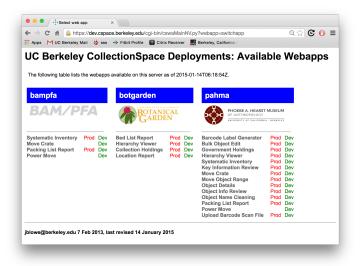
Getting to the Webapps

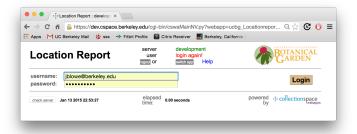
Logging in

- Visit: https://dev.cspace.berkeley.edu/cgi-bin/cswaMainNV.py
- You will need login in two steps:
- First, you will see an Authentication Required dialog box like the one shown above right. Login using the "shared page protection login/password." (I.e. there is a single, common login and password that everyone uses to get to the starting page. Ask around if you don't know it.
- Now you should see the "landing page" at right, showing the various webapps that are available.
- Green indicates a Development webapp: Harmless! Feel free to play around and experiment!

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- Red indicates a Production webapp: Do real work here.
- Clicking on one of the colored links will bring you to the desired webapp as shown below at right. Now, login with your own CSpace credentials.
- ...And begin to enjoy using the webapps!

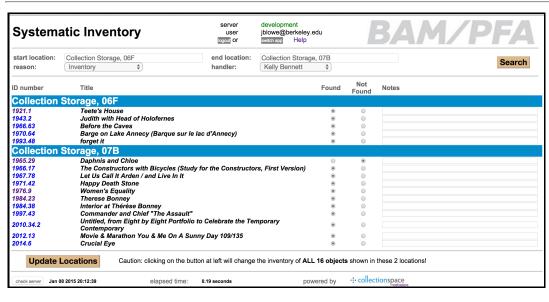




Short Description of Each Webapp

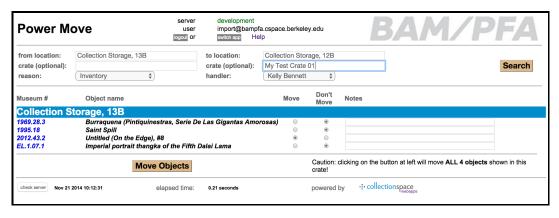
A screenshot of each of these is provided below with a short description of its operation.

1. Producedural Webapps



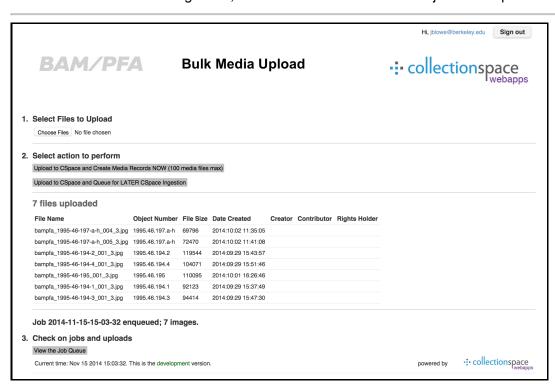
This webapp allows registrars to reconcile the results of a (normally physical) inventory. User enters a range of storage locations and the objects in those locations are displayed; the user can then indicate (using the radio buttons) whether the object is

indeed located or not. Other reports or the regular UI can be used to follow up on the objects that were not located. [NB: There is a printed "Systematic Inventory" PDF report, generated by iReport, that can be used alongside this webapp. The Systematic Inventory webapp is essentially an editable version of this PDF report. Data entry can be done quite quickly, in large part due to the close similarity of the two documents.]



This webapp allows registrars, collections managers, and conservators to record the movement of a box or other container—and all of its contained objects—to a

new storage location. The user must specify the box, crate, or container name, its current storage location, and the desired new storage location. The user can choose to exclude any objects from the planned move (for instance, if objects were removed just prior to the planned move) by selecting the "Not Found" radio button. Once "Move Objects" is clicked, all displayed objects not marked as "Not Found" will be recorded as having been moved to the new storage location, while remaining in their current box. Objects marked as "Not Found" will have their new location set to "Not Found," and will have to have their actual current location manually set in the CSpace UI. This webapp can also be used to inventory the contents of a box or crate, as it performs the same functionality as the Systematic Inventory webapp, but allows selection of a single box, rather than all boxes and all objects at a specific location.

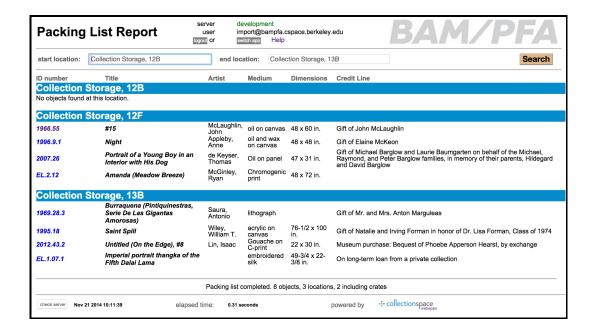


This webapp uploads media files (usually images) to

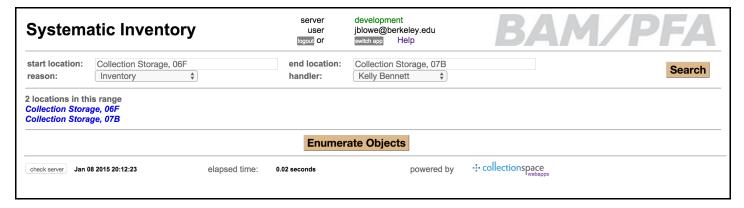
CollectionSpace. The user selects a set of files on their local computer (using the "Choose Files" button) and then uploads these to the CSpace server. They are then "ingested" into CSpace via a nightly import job. There is an option to perform the ingestion process online, but since the process is slow -- several seconds at least per image -- the usual practice is to use the nightly batch option.

2. Reporting Webapps

This webapp produces both packing lists and decanting lists, and offers PDF and CSV options for both. For packing lists, a range of storage locations is entered, and a list of all objects at those locations is generated, grouped by current storage location. To restrict this list to objects from a certain place or continent, a collection place can be specified. To produce decanting lists that facilitate organizing objects by cultural group, the user need only check the "group by culture" checkbox.



Systematic Inventory: Step 1, Initial Data Entry



Inputs and Outputs

- Start Location
- End Location
- Reason
- Handler

Remarks

- Fill in all 4 values
- Click Search

Systematic Inventory: Step 2, Inventory Input form

Systema	atic Inventory	server user logout Of	development jblowe@berkeley.e switch app Help	edu		3A /	M/F	FA
start location:	Collection Storage, 06F	end location:	Collection Storage					Search
reason:	Inventory	handler:	Kelly Bennett	•				
ID number	Title			Found	Not Found	Notes		
Collection	Storage, 06F							
1921.1	Teete's House			•	0			
1943.2	Judith with Head of Holofernes			•				
1966.63	Before the Caves			•				
1970.64	Barge on Lake Annecy (Barque su	r le lac d'Annecy)		•				
1993.48	forget it			•	0			
Collection	Storage, 07B							
1965.29	Daphnis and Chloe			0	•			
1966.17	The Constructors with Bicycles (S	tudy for the Constructor	s, First Version)	•				
1967.78	Let Us Call It Arden / and Live In It			•				
1971.42	Happy Death Stone			•				
1976.9	Women's Equality			•				
1984.23	Therese Bonney			•				
1984.38	Interior at Thérèse Bonney			•				
1997.43	Commander and Chief "The Assau			•				
2010.34.2	Untitled, from Eight by Eight Portfo Contemporary	olio to Celebrate the Tem	porary	•				
2012.13	Movie & Marathon You & Me On A	Sunny Day 109/135		•				
2014.6	Crucial Eye			•				
Update I	_ocations Caution: clicking on the	button at left will change t	the inventory of ALL	. 16 objects	shown in	these 2 locations	I	
check server Jan 0	8 2015 20:12:39 elapsed time	9: 0.19 seconds	pow	vered by	: collect	tionspace		

Inputs and Outputs

- If an object is not located, click the Not Found radio button for that item
- Make notes for each one if you like -- these are saved in the Movement Record in CSpace.

Remarks

· Click Update Locations to commit your inventory work to the database

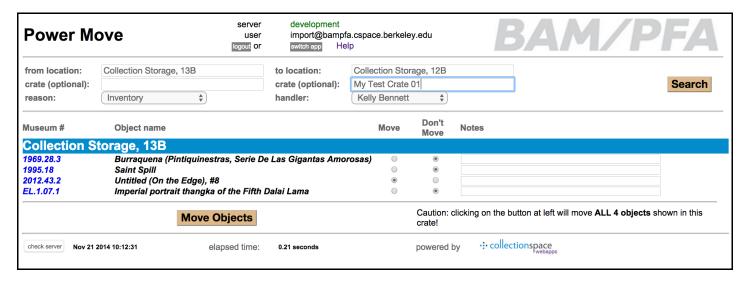
Systematic Inventory: Step 3, Result Page



Remarks

- NB: the objects are not updated in order, alas.
- · You can save or print this page for your records.

Power Move: Steps 1 & 2, Initial Data Entry and Verfication



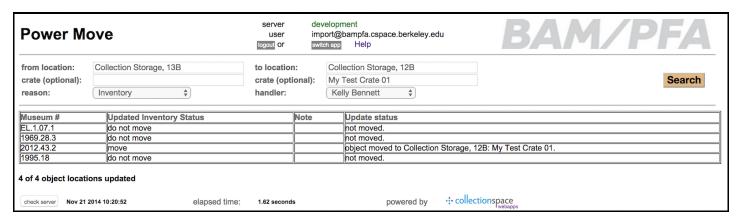
Inputs and Outputs

- From Location
- · To Location
- From Crate
- To Crate
- Reason
- Handler
- Reason
- Handler

Remarks

- Shows the objects that will be moved.
- You can use the check boxes under "Move?" to prevent individual items from being moved.
- · A very powerful tool, use with caution!

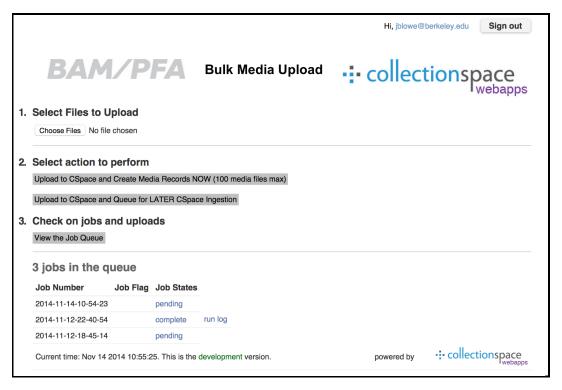
Power Move: Step 2, Response Page



Remarks

Shows the result of each move.

Bulk Media Upload



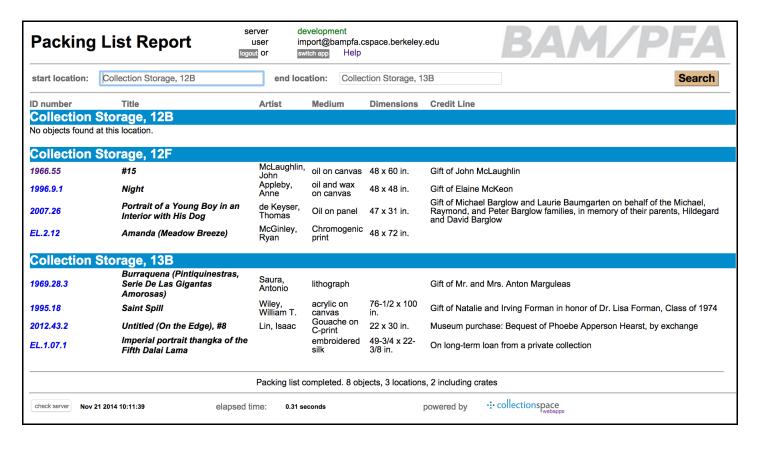
Inputs and Outputs

· A set of files, selected via the Browse button

Remarks

• To see what is in the queue, click the "Show Jobs" button.

Packing List: Step 1, Initial Data Entry



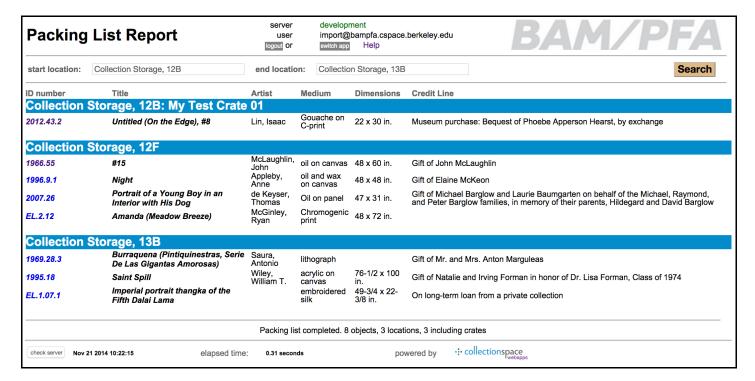
Inputs and Outputs

- Start Location
- End Location

Remarks

· Note that the results can be download to a .csv file for use as a spreadsheet

Packing List: Step 2, Response Page



Remarks

- Empty Locations are included in the output
- If there are Crates containing objects in the Locations, these are shown in the header.

Foibles and Caveats

The webapps have a number of foibles you should know about:

- Term matching for authority fields, e.g. Field Collection Place or Ethnographic Group may include terms from other vocabularies and non-preferred terms (however, deleted terms no longer show up.) In fact, the selection algorithm is a bit complicated.
- Term matching for museum numbers is on the literal value of the object number, but the range is
 calculated on the basis of the museum number sort field (which you cannot see, except when
 viewing the catalog record).
- For locations, however, both matching and ranges are based on the literal value (Locations do not have a sort field, they sort "as themselves".)
- You do not have to enter an End Location. If you don't the app will use the Start Location and fill it in for you.
- Most of the webapps have a limit of 500 locations in a range, and 500 objects in a location. The
 Packing List is the exception: it will try to render the whole museum if you ask it. This value,
 incidentally, is based solely on the limitations of the "average web browser".