DSpace and Web Material: Inroads and Challenges

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What I'll Be Covering

- NDIIPP "Web at Risk" Project
- Web Archive Data Object Modeling
- DSpace and HTML
 - Issues, Challenges, Prototypes
- Dspace, METS and Heritrix .arc format
- What's needed now; desiderata for DSpace 2.0 +

NDIIPP "Web at Risk" Partnership

- California Digital Library + UC partners
- University of North Texas
- New York University
- SDSC
- Stanford University
- Arizona State University
- Sun Microsystems
- Our LC AOTR is Martha Anderson

Web Archiving 'Giants'

Internet Archive Wayback Machine

- National Library of Australia PANDORA
- Royal Library of Sweden Kulturarw3
- LC MINERVA Project



IIPC

- International Internet Preservation Consortium
 - National Library of Italy (Firenze)
 - Royal Library of Denmark
 - National Library of Finland
 - Internet Archive
 - Royal Library of Sweden
 - National Library of Iceland
 - Library and Archives / Canada
 - National Library of Norway
 - National Library of Australia
 - British Library
 - Library of Congress

Local Expertise/Groundwork

- CDL
 - Web-based Government Information Project
 - California Recall Election Project
- UNT
 - CyberCemetery
- NYU
 - CRL Political Communications Web Archiving Project (Cornell, NYU, Stanford, UT Austin)
- LOC
 - MINERVA
 - IIPC Partnership

Partnership's Four Paths

- Content Identification, Selection and Acquisition
 - Selection, Curatorial Issues
- Content Harvest and Analysis
 - Crawler
- Content Ingest, Retention and Transfer
 - CDL Digital Preservation Repository + DSpace
 - SRB, other grid technology, other means for synchronized replication
- Partnership Building
 - Technical and Human infrastructures

What are we Capturing?

- WADO
 - Web Archive Digital Object
- Crawls, websites?
 - Many seed URLs recursively processed
 - archived websites, however they are defined
- Storage and Archive Format
 - Website mirrors
 - Flat hierarchy: entry page + all files
 - Gzipped archive files (.arc)

Web Capture Tools

- Precrawl / Analysis Tools
 - Some of Linklint's functionality? And more
 - <u>http://www.linklint.org/</u>
 - Analysis of file types; "skipped" actions; missing pages
- Curatorial Interface
 - NLA's PANDAS as one model
 - Andy Boyko's PreCrawl tool for LC / IIPC
 - UIUC/OCLC Echo DEPository tools

PANDAS Interface



Crawler

- Crawler candidates
 - HTTrack
 - Heritrix

HTTrack

- Developer: Xavier Roche & co.
- http://www.httrack.com/
- Written in C, open source
- Archive format: website mirror; .arc possible
- Core of NLA's PANDAS application
 - With Java UI modules

Strengths and Weaknesses

- + Configurability
- + Small footprint
- + Incremental crawls possible
- Scaling issues
- No multi-machine crawling capability

Heritrix

- Developers: Internet Archive et al
- http://crawler.archive.org/
- Working closely with IIPC
- Java, open-source; Sourceforge
- Archive format: .arc.gz or mirror
- 1.0 release Aug 2004; up to 1.2.0 (Nov 2004); 1.4.0 (scheduled March 2005)

Heritrix Architecture

- Scope URIs to process
- Frontier -- controls processing
- Processor chains
 - Prefetch
 - Fetch
 - Extraction
 - Write
 - Postprocess

Strengths and Weaknesses

- + International Standards
- + Programming base / experience
- + Configurability, extensibility
- Too-sophisticated UI; reports
- Memory management
- No multi-machine processing as yet
- No incremental harvest capability as yet

Heritrix .arc format (2.x)

- File header for .arc file itself
- Crawl metadata with arc and dc namespacing
 - Crawl host, operator, date
- Each harvested file and its metadata
 - [DNS head]
 - HTTP response headers
 - The captured file

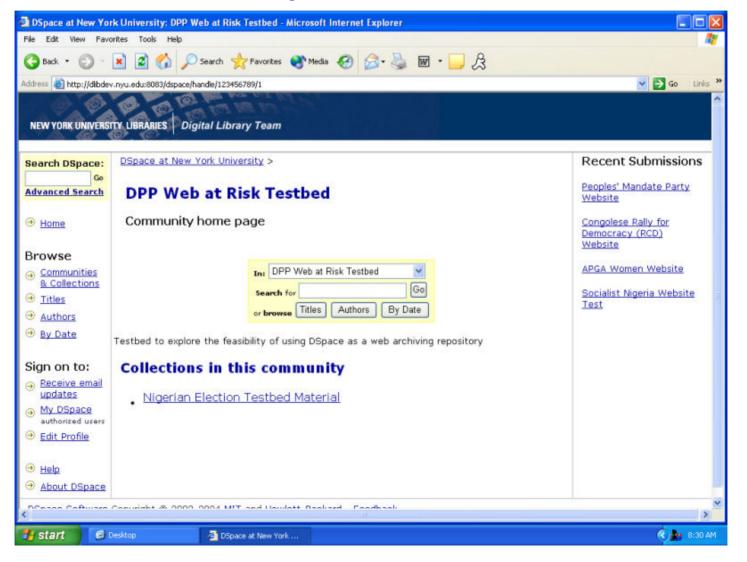
The problem with .arcs

- Many seed URLs per crawl = many sites per .arc
- 100 MB limit (default) = many .arc files per crawl
- Management nightmare?
- Libarc tools promise to mitigate these
 I/O problems:
 - http://sourceforge.net/projects/libarc/

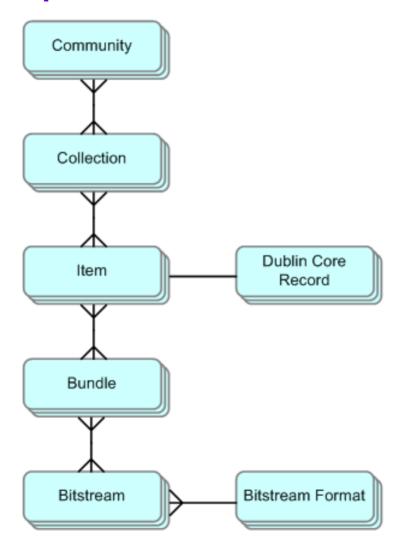
The other problem with .arcs

- Gzipped format
 - each file and metadata bytestream is a separate member
- Solutions?
 - Interface with Heritrix API
 - can navigate a gzipped .arc:
 - ArcReader methods
 - Create a mini-Wayback machine
 - Use METS to manage transform object vs data object
- Question: How can METS and DSpace be tweaked to handle a zipped web archive?

How does DSpace handle HTML?



DSpace Data Model



Objects in DSpace Data Model

Item

A technical report; a data set with accompanying description; a video recording of a lecture

Bundle

A group of HTML and image bitstreams making up an HTML document

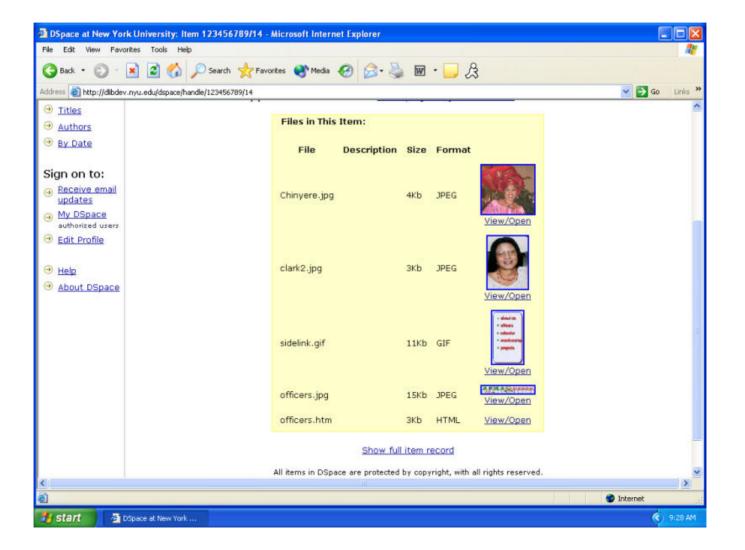
Bitstream

A single HTML file; a single image file; a source code file

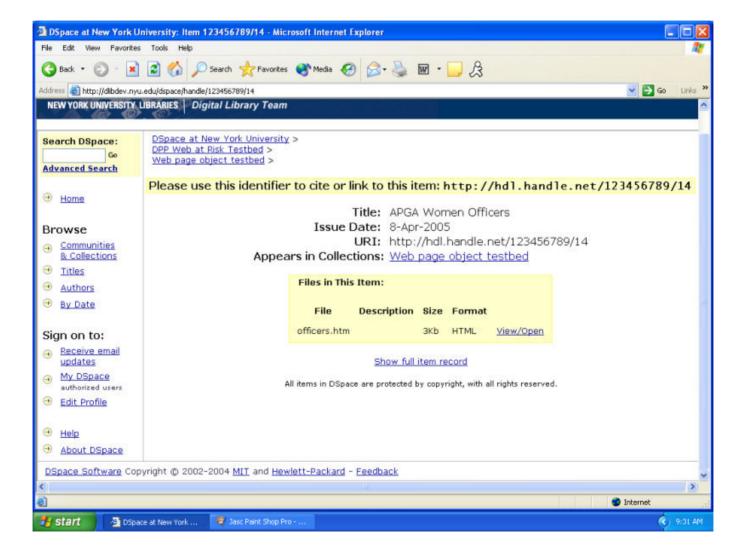
DSpace and HTML: Webpage as Item

- Webpage as Item with its own handle
 - a bundle of files with a nominated primary bitstream (HTML)
- Integrated view of HTML page
 - together with all other files necessary for rendering (css, images, javascript).

HTML Bundle before ...



... HTML Bundle after



Webpage-Level Item + and -

- + Search returns hits at page-level
- Can't navigate natively within DSpace to any other webpage items from the same site that might be in the repository.
 - Could use METS DIP to navigate handles
- Requires iterative loads of same files from other pages in same website (css, icons used across a site)

Website as Item

- Website as Item
 - bundle of files with nominated primary bitstream (entry page's HTML).
- All other files (HTML and non-HTML) flattened out beneath this primary bitstream.

Website-Level Item + and -

- + Files ingested and stored once
- + Can navigate hyperlink structure natively to DSpace
 - with some adjustments to archived HTML files.
- Search returns hits at website level
- HTML files' hyperlinks require some tweaking before loading

DSpace Restrictions on HTML Objects

- No dynamic content (e.g. PHP, CGI)
- * All files must have unique names
- All hyperlinks must be relative and not refer to parents
 - myfile.html is okay
 - /myfile.html is not okay
 - Originally document-relative paths were anathema (../myfile.html)

All Filenames Must be Unique

- Problematic in "real world" archiving
 - index.html at every directory level in site
- Use long filenames = path + filename

```
<snip>
paper/2003/feb-mar/SDFebMar03.rtf
paper/index.htm
statements/index.html
statements/nlc.html
students/index.html
students/war.html
index.html
</snip>
```

Sidebar: Websites in DSpace: CWSpace

- William Reilly and Rob Wolfe (kudos and thanks)
- http://cwspace.mit.edu/
- Archiving MIT Open Courseware in DSpace
- IMS-CP packaging; conversion to METS AIP
- Impetus for changes to HTMLServlet and elsewhere; recent patch (11435750)
 - Larry Stone

Recent Servlet Revisions

- Slashes in filenames inherently problematic
- Long filenames in contents file for ItemImporter can now be:
 - Handled by bitstreamServlet
 - Rendered by HTMLServlet as distinct items:

```
<snip>
paper/index.htm
statements/index.html
students/index.html
index.html
</snip>
```

Adjustments to HTML files

- Document-relative paths within the files' hyperlinks now mandatory below root level (../)
- Necessary to navigate relative to what HTTPServlet perceives as "server root":
 - "server root" = website item handle
 - Concatenate long filename to it:
 - http://dspace.myu.edu/12345678/9/students/index.html

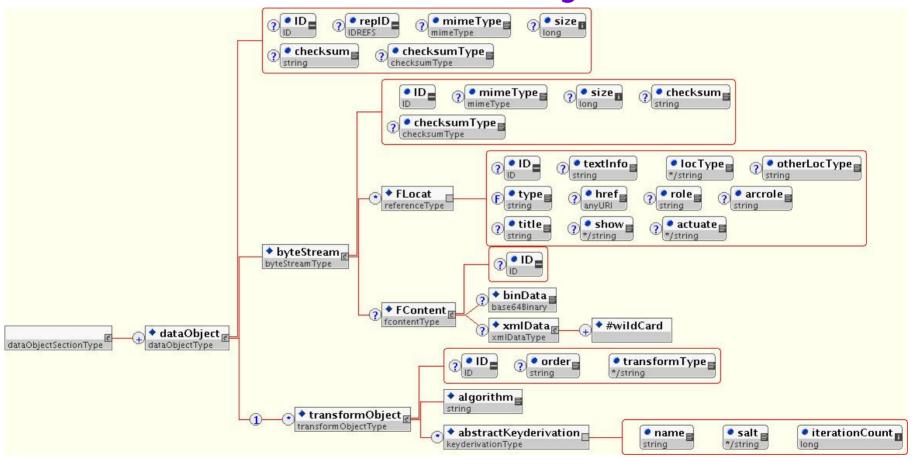
DSpace and Heritrix .arc.gz: Problem and Solutions?

- Problem: .arc.gz can be stored but not accessed as such; invokes gunzip, stuffit etc.
- Solutions?
 - Unzipped .arc could be manipulated locally by third party XSLT, e.g. METS Viewer
 - Interface with Heritrix API or with other tools that can handle .arc.gz format, e.g. ArcReader methods
- Caveat
 - Have to manage transform object over against data object

DataObject vs transformObject

- XFDU dataObject vs transformObject
 - Transform nested in the dataObject

XFDU DataObject and TransformObject



Basic METS Website Data Model

```
<div> website
      <div> HTML page
             <fptr>
                     <par>
                           <area> bitstream (HTML)
                            <area> bitstream (IMG)
                    </par>
             </fptr>
             <div/> hyperlink on HTML page
      </div>
</div>
```

METS structMap for webpage

```
<METS:div DMDID="DM1" TYPE="web page" ID="page18"
  LABEL="www.apgawomen.org/index.html">
    <METS:fptr>
       <METS:par>
           <METS:area FILEID="FID18"/>
                                                    [index.html]
           <METS:area FILEID="FID1036"/>
                                                    [notjust.swf]
           <METS:area FILEID="FID1043"/>
                                                    [apgawnew.swf]
           <METS:area FILEID="FID1075"/>
                                                    [enterarrow.gif]
          </METS:par>
     </METS:fptr>
    <METS:div TYPE="hyperlink" ID="LINK1" LABEL="home">
          <METS:fptr>
             <METS:area BEGIN="000" BETYPE="BYTE" END="111"</pre>
                FILEID="FID18"/>
          </METS:fptr>
    </METS:div>
```

Mapping Hyperlink Structure

```
<METS:div DMDID="DM1" TYPE="web page" ID="page18" LABEL="www.apgawomen.org/index.html">
      <METS:fptr>
             <METS:par>
                 <METS:area FILEID="FID18"/>
                                                            [index.html ]
                 <METS:area FILEID="FID1036"/>
                                                            [notjust.swf]
                                                            [apgawnew.swf]
                 <METS:area FILEID="FID1043"/>
                                                            [enterarrow.gif]
                 <METS:area FILEID="FID1075"/>
              </METS:par>
       </METS:fptr>
        <METS:div TYPE="hyperlink" ID="LINK1" LABEL="home">
            <METS:fptr>
               <METS:area BEGIN="000" BETYPE="BYTE" END="111" FILEID="FID18"/>
            </METS:fptr>
         </METS:div>
</METS:div>
<METS:structLink>
  <METS:smLink from="LINK1" to="page1059" xlink:title="home"/>
  <METS:smLink from="LINK2" to="page113" xlink:title="officers"/>
  <METS:smLink from="LINK3" to="page102" xlink:title="calendar"/>
</METS:structLink>
```

Possible adjustments to METS for .arc.gz

- Nested <file>s in <fileSec>
- <stream>s to handle metadata headers
- Possibly used along with either:
 - Nested transformObject for each file or
 - Dual structMaps
 - One for transform object
 - SM01: gzip object as the root div; .arc as child; all files as grandchildren;
 - One for website object unzipped
 - SM02: standard logical representation of files as they would exist outside of .arc.gz

One possibility: Nested <file>s

```
<METS:fileSec>
   <METS:fileGrp>
      <METS:file ID="FID1" MIMETYPE="application/x-gzip" ADMID="ADM001">
         <METS:FLocat LOCTYPE="OTHER" OTHERLOCTYPE= "TRANSFORM-URT"</pre>
xlink:href="file://usr/local/heritrix/jobs/Test07/arcs/IAH-20050203191213-00000-
euterpe.bobst.nyu.edu.arc.qz"></METS:FLocat>
               <METS:file ID="FID2" MIMETYPE="text/plain" ADMID="ADM01">
                  <METS:FLocat LOCTYPE="OTHER" OTHERTYPE="TRANSFORM-URI"</pre>
xlink:href="file://usr/local/heritrix/jobs/Test07/arcs/IAH-20050203191213-00000-
euterpe.bobst.nyu.edu.arc"></METS:FLocat>
               <METS:file ID="FID3" MIMETYPE=" text/html" ADMID="ADM1">
                  <METS:FLocat LOCTYPE="URL" xlink:href="www.apgawomen.org/"></METS:FLocat>
               </METS:file>
               [ other website members / files here ]
             </METS:file>
       </METS:file>
   </METS:fileGrp>
</METS:fileSec>
```

METS StructMap01: Transform Object

```
<METS:structMap ID="SM01" TYPE="logical-transformation">
  <METS:div DMDID="DM01" TYPE="web site" ID="page1" LABEL="www.apgawomen.org/">
      <METS:fptr>
             <METS:par>
               <METS:area BEGIN="1725" BETYPE="BYTE" FILEID="FID1"></METS:area>
               <METS:area BEGIN="6571" BETYPE="BYTE" FILEID="FID1"></METS:area>
               <METS:area BEGIN="2670" BETYPE="BYTE" FILEID="FID1"></METS:area>
               <METS:area BEGIN="17561" BETYPE="BYTE" FILEID="FID1"></METS:area>
            </METS:par>
      </METS:fptr>
      <METS:div TYPE="hyperlink" ID="LINK1" LABEL="home">
         <METS:fptr>
                <METS:area BEGIN="000" BETYPE="BYTE" FILEID="FID3"></METS:area>
            </METS:fptr>
      </METS:div>
   </METS:div>
</METS:structMap>
```

METS StructMap02 Unzipped Website Object

```
<METS:structMap ID="SM02" TYPE="logical">
        <METS:div DMDID="DM01" TYPE="web site" ID="page18" LABEL="www.apgawomen.org/">
           <METS:fptr>
                  <METS:par>
                     <METS:area FILEID="FID3"></METS:area>
                         <METS:area FILEID="FID1036"></METS:area>
                         <METS:area FILEID="FID1043"></METS:area>
                         <METS:area FILEID="FID1075"></METS:area>
                  </METS:par>
               </METS:fptr>
               <METS:div TYPE="hyperlink" ID="LINK1" LABEL="home">
                  <METS:fptr>
      <METS:area BEGIN="000" BETYPE="BYTE" END="111" FILEID="FID3"></METS:area>
                  </METS:fptr>
                </METS:div>
   </METS:div>
</METS:structMap>
```

DSpace Desiderata: Ingest

- Load Scripts (Website SIP Client):
 - Script to visit files in load directory and write contents page for ItemImport
 - Script to automate dublin_core.xml
 - Script to "correct" hyperlinks in HTML
 - All pages siblings below root with ../ path
 - · Disable mailtos, cgis, etc.
 - Archive or correct links to external pages
- Functionality to automate nomination of primary bitstream
- METS Import
 - Finer-grained metadata possible

DSpace Desiderata: Archival Storage

- Functionality to manage version control issues
 - Successive snapshots of same site
 - Migration of bitstreams
- Facilitate cross-collection item linking

DSpace Desiderata: Metadata

- Ability to apply (and discover) more metadata at bitstream level
 - Controlled descriptive information for HTML, PDF, etc.
 - Extend dublin_core.xml SIP to bitstream level?
 - Develop METS SIP?

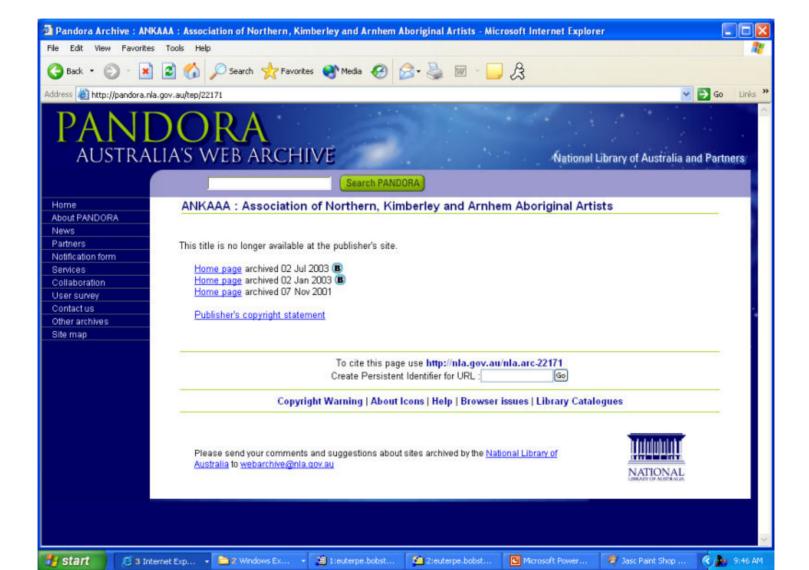
METS AIP

- First of all, a structMap (or two)
- Manage transform objects' (.arc, .gz) relationship to data objects (zipped files)
- Reflect complexity of hyperlinked object
 - structLink cross-reference to structMap

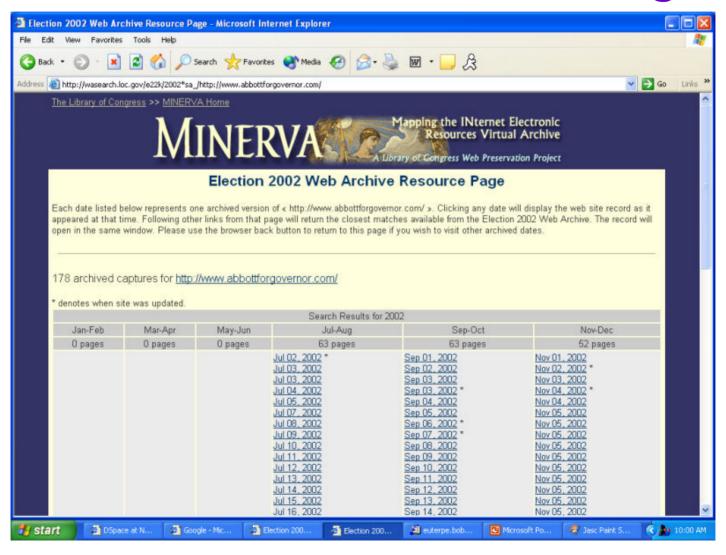
DSpace Desiderata: Access

- Display search results at bitstream level
 - for HTML, PDF, MSWord, etc
- Manage navigation of different versions of same site
 - Title Entry Page (NLA PANDAS)
 - IA Resource Page (Wayback, MINERVA)
 - Timeline (NWA Toolset)

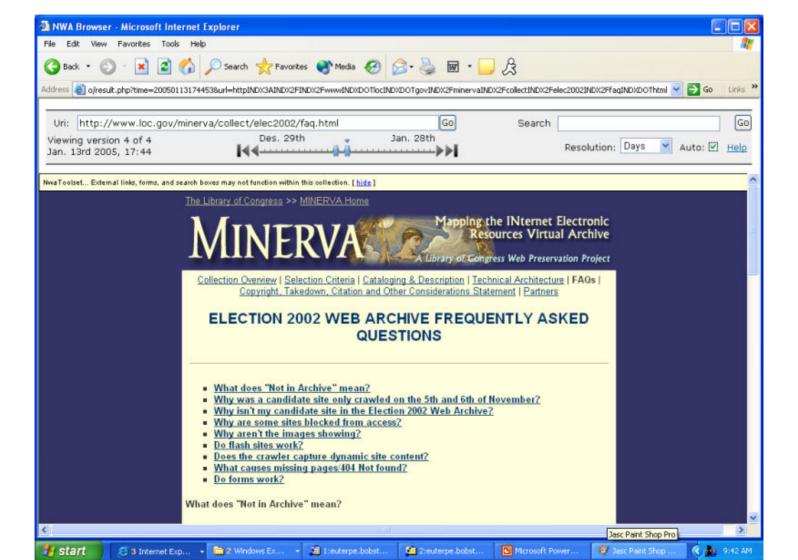
PANDAS TEP Interface



IA /MINERVA Resource Page



NWA Toolset Timeline Access



DSpace < > Heritrix

- Use METS for supplemental management of transform vs unzipped object
- Interface with Heritrix API
 - To write SIPs from the .arc
 - For possible creation of mirrors
 - MirrorWriterProcessor
 - For Wayback functionality
 - ArcReader

For More Information

- leslie@nyu.edu
- http://dlibdev.nyu.edu/demo/DLF2005.
 html
- DPPWAR/ NYU DSpace Testbed
 - http://dlibdev.nyu.edu/dspace/handle/1234 56789/1

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