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SUL Web Archiving Before and Beyond the CDL WAS Transition

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in the Wake of the CDL WAS Transition](#)

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overview

- **Stanford Web Archiving**
- **CDL WAS** transitioning
- **A more collaborative future**



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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of the Stanford Dish, a large parabolic radio telescope. The dish's surface is a complex, dense grid of metal struts and cross-braces, creating a spherical dome shape. The structure is painted a light blue or grey, with some visible rust on the upper sections. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. A semi-transparent yellow banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "STANFORD WEB ARCHIVING" in bold black letters.

STANFORD WEB ARCHIVING

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web archiving activities

- **LOCKSS**

1999 – present

- **WebBase**

2001 – 2012

- **Archive-It**

2007 – present

- **CDL WAS**

2008 – 2015



Middle East Politics collection

- **duration:** 2008 – 2015
- **size:** ~10 TB
- **count:** 185 websites
- **contents:** blogs, political orgs, NGOs



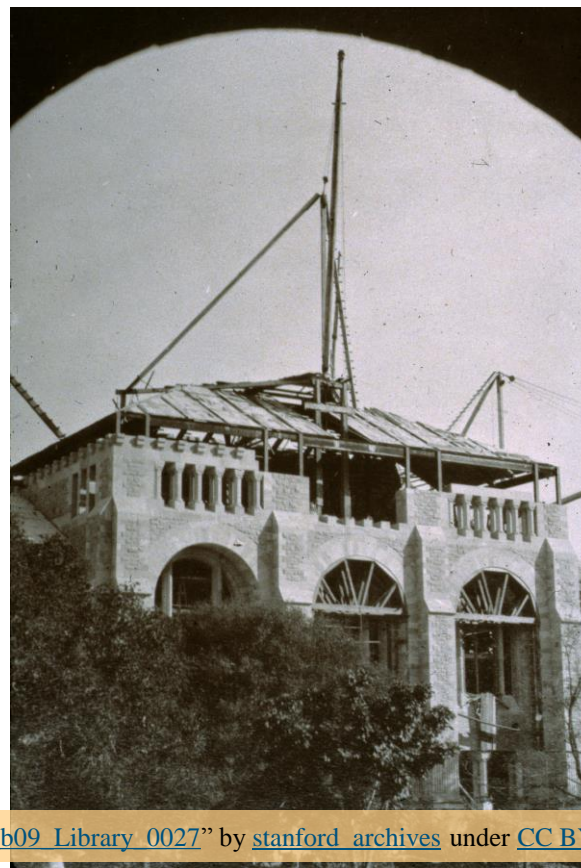
African Politics collection

- **duration:** 2008 – 2015
- **size:** ~15 TB
- **count:** 199 websites
- **contents:** campaigns, news, political parties



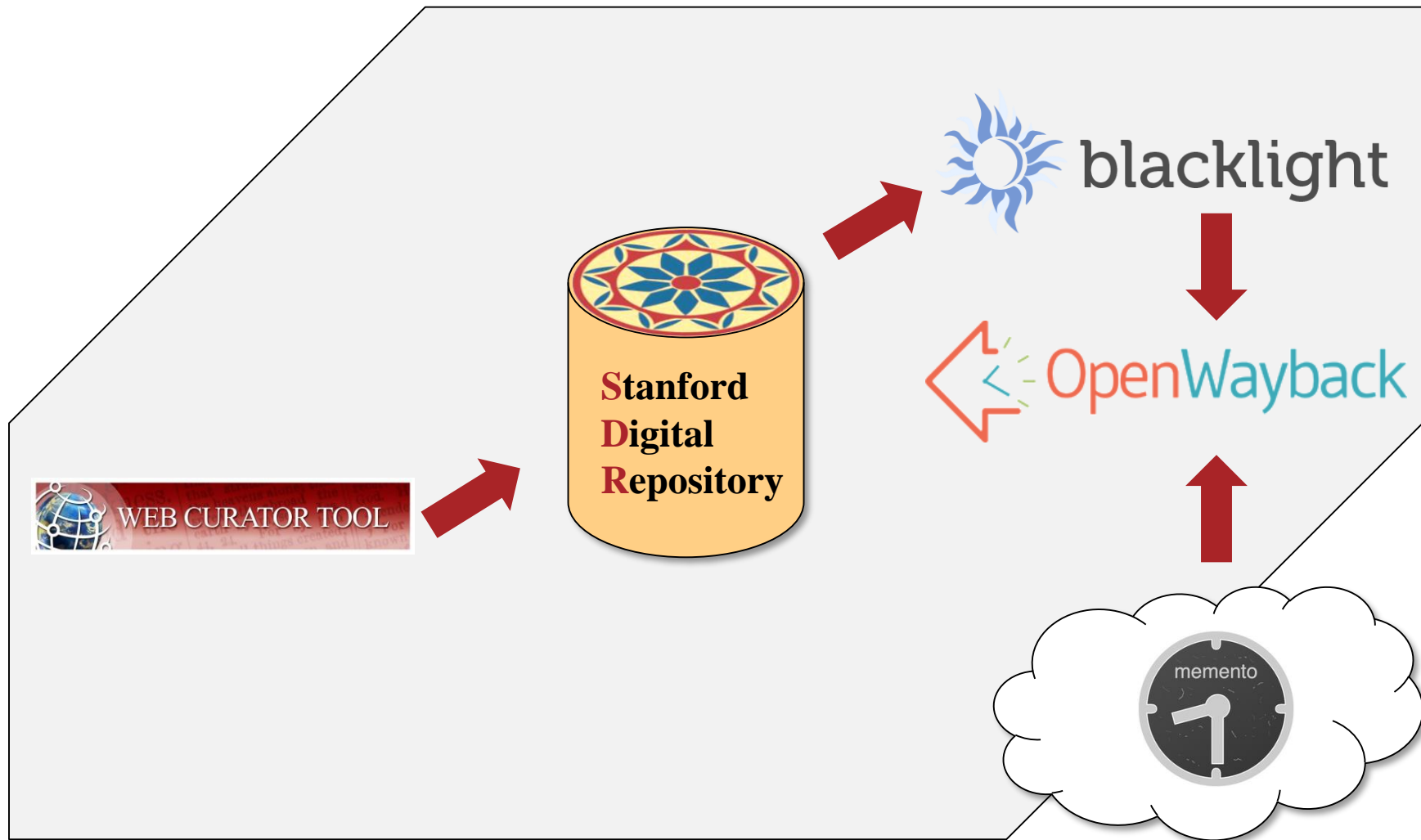
Digital Library Buildout 2

- identify needs
- secure funding
- programmatize
 - staffing
 - use cases
 - policy
 - collection development
 - service model
 - technical architecture

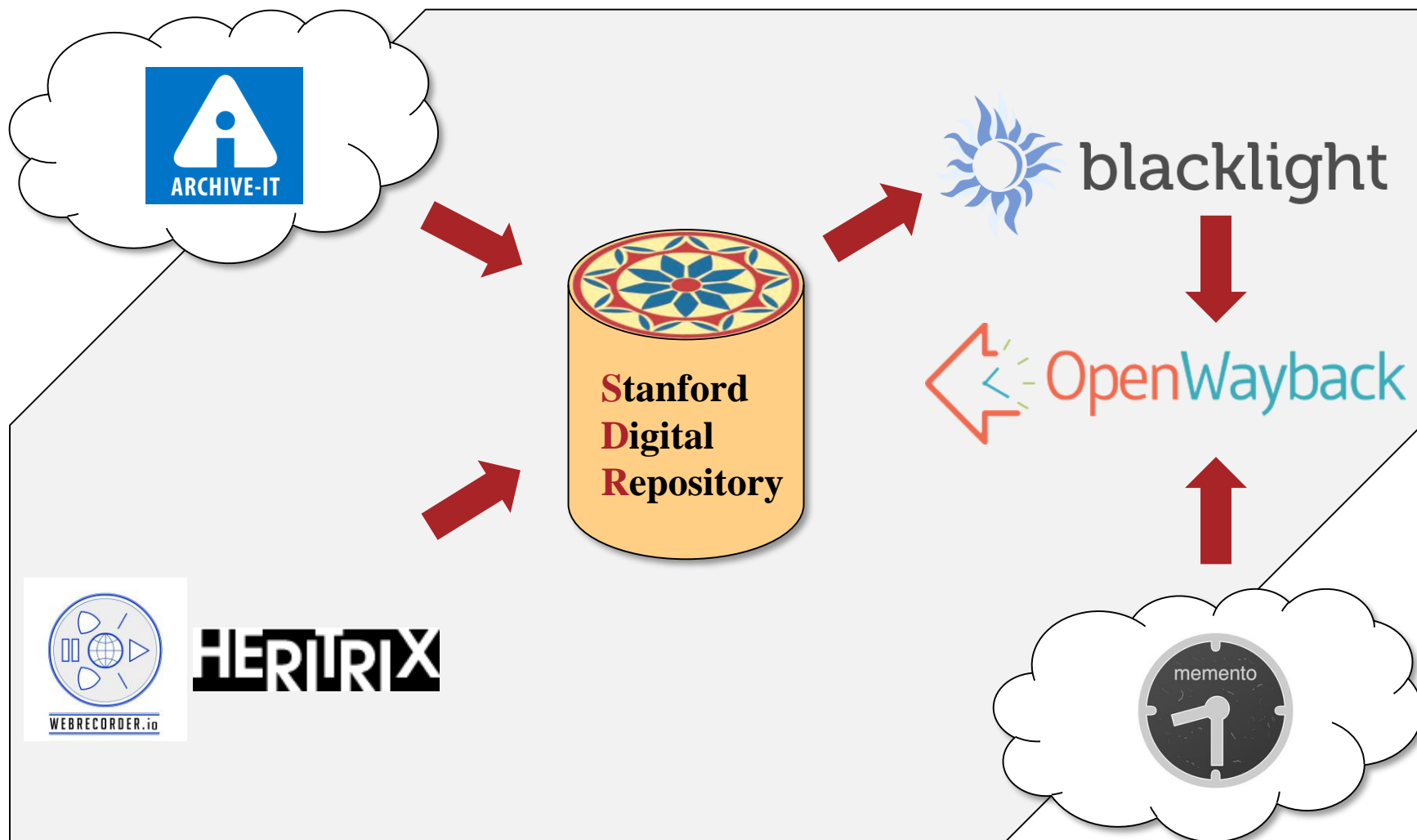


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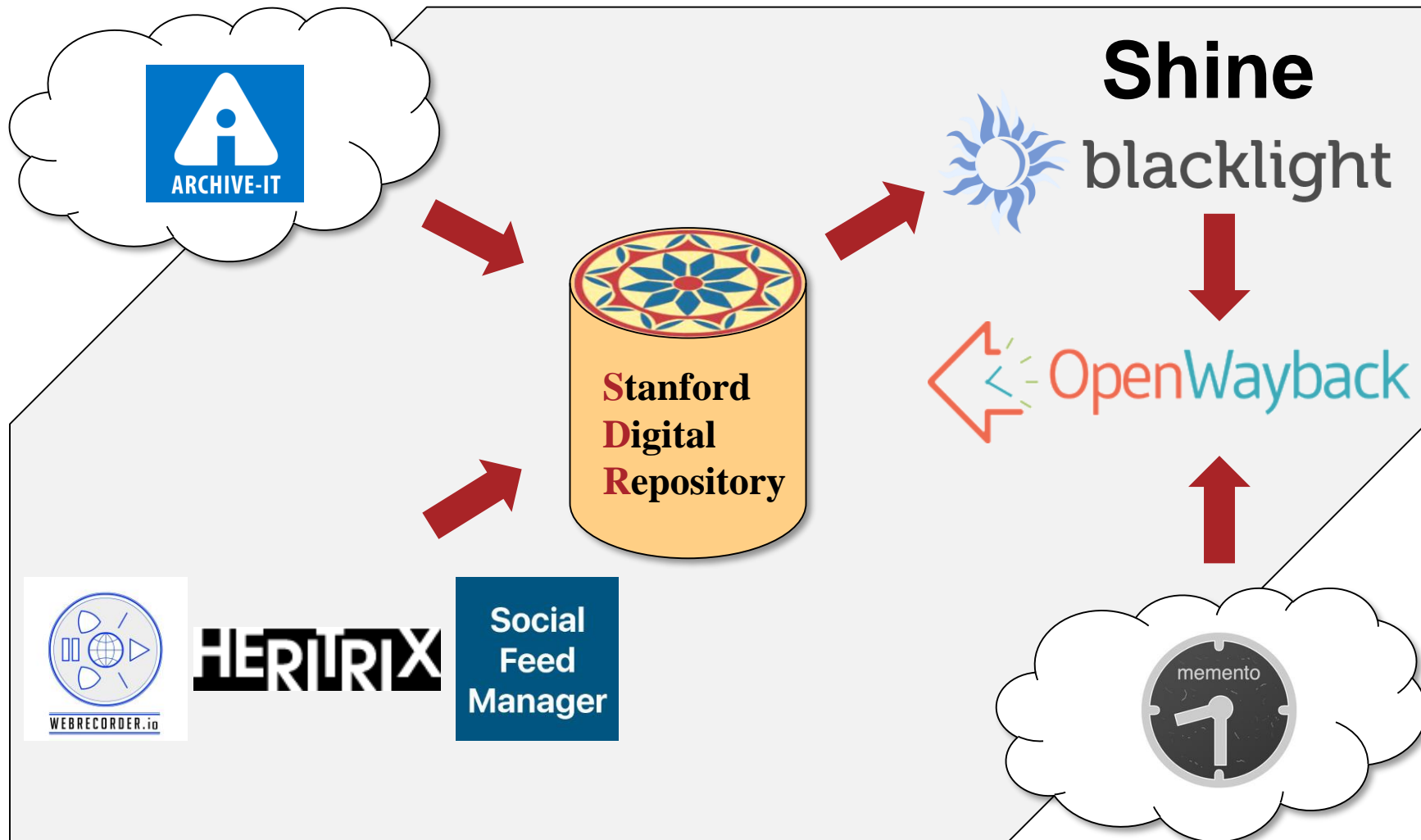
original architecture plan (local)



actual architecture (hybrid)



planned architecture (hybrid)





CDL WAS TRANSITIONING

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challenges

quality assurance

- backlog
- purge soft 404s

data accessioning

- ingest congestion
- non-working workflows

data transfer

- data volume
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description + discovery

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A MORE COLLABORATIVE FUTURE

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share collection content

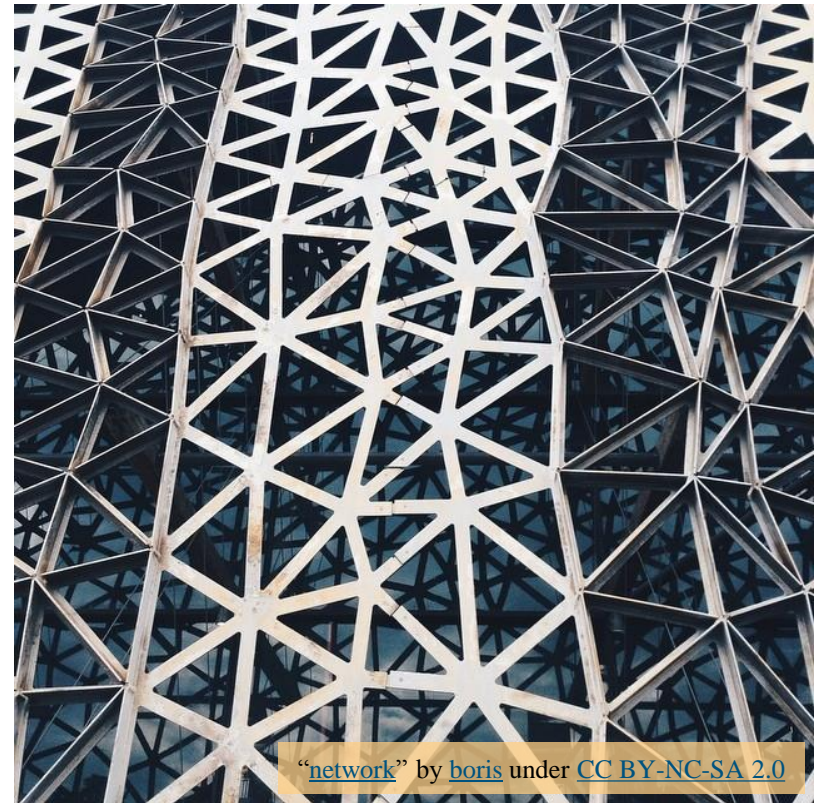
- **advantages**
 - larger, unified collection(s)
 - distributed preservation
- **challenges**
 - missing/mixed provenance
 - institutional ownership
 - ad hoc data transfer
 - redundant effort
- **opportunity**: data transfer APIs ([WASAPI](#))

collaborative collecting

- **advantages**
 - distribute curation costs
 - more comprehensive collection
- **challenges**
 - curatorial roles
 - cost sharing
 - institutional ownership
- **opportunity**: collaborative collecting interface (Cobweb, UNT Nomination Tool)

distributed services

- **changing landscape**
 - CDL transition
 - Archive-It predominance
 - Harvard environmental scan
- community interest in **APIs**
- **SUL** (web archiving + LOCKSS) **needs**



let's combine forces



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