



Persistent Identifiers in IIF roundtable 2021-10-26

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What are Persistent Identifiers?

An ID that provides a stable and long-lived link to an object (or information about it)

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WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
?

Actionable

Can be used to access the entity described, or information about it



Globally unique

The identifier string has no global clashes and cannot be reused to describe another entity



Persistent

These properties can be guaranteed long term



through a combination of technology, management and governance.

Why these features specifically?

They allow practical functionality and tools:

- Support citation
- Enable linked data
- Common understanding of functions



Aims and deliverables

The project aims to increase the uptake and use of persistent identifiers (PIDs) for heritage collections to enable PIDs to serve as a foundational infrastructure for drawing together the national collection. It will deliver innovation by adopting a cross-disciplinary and cross-collections approach to the use of an existing technology.

The project will deliver a set of recommendations to guide the selection, implementation and use of PIDs to heritage collections and related entities and concepts, as well as a number of case studies and supporting resources that can be used across the sector as a guide to real-world PID implementation.



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