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Preservation Strategy

- Based on use of data grids to manage technology evolution
- Crawl URLs listed in NSDL central repository
 - Recursively retrieve to a depth of 10
 - Map internal URL links to logical name
 - Aggregate digital entities into containers
 - Archive in HPSS at SDSC, or at another site



Preservation Approach

- Provide mechanisms to:
 - Create archival context for your content
 - Context is preservation metadata (provenance, administrative, descriptive, structural, behavioral)
 - Content is the submitted digital entity
 - Assert authenticity the consistency between the context and the content
- Provide mechanisms to manage:
 - Persistent identifiers
 - Technology evolution (encoding standard, storage repositories, information repositories, access methods)



Persistent Archive Collections

- Build collections based on date crawled
- For each collection, use separate folder to hold digital entities associated with the original URL
 - Typically 100 digital entities per URL
- What preservation metadata should be provided within the archive?
 - Administrative, descriptive, structural, behavioral



A Few Statistics on NSDL Content

Drawn from the SDSC Crawl (April 03, 4 Links Deep)

received correctly	— 1	,530,206
no data received		51
see other		5
forbidden		311
file not found		38,386
internal server error		946
application error		15
service temp. overloaded		8
WIMS User Error		1
Gone		1
unused		1
redirection w/out location		1
total digital entities error percentage	— 1 —	,569,932 2.53%



Encoding Formats Present in Archive

Digital Entity Type	Number of files
html	331557
gif	157891
jpg	136445
xml	21528
txt	17433
pdf	9369
CSS	4073
doc	862
asp	819
ppt	161
xls	15

CSS - Cascading Style Sheet

ASP - Microsoft Active Server Page

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Current Crawl - to a Depth of 10

- Expect 25 days to complete
 - 93,000 URLs excluding arXiv.org
 - Limited retrieval to a request every 2 seconds
- Retrieved in current crawl
 - 20,023 URLs
 - 2,584,142 digital entities (129 entities per URL)
 - 137.2 Gbytes (53 kBytes per entity)
- Can increase retrieval rate by decreasing time between requests



Technical Questions on Preservation

- What types of preservation are of most interest for your collection?
- What type of authenticity information is needed for your material (dates, versions, audit trails)?
- What types of data formats do you expect to use for the material, that can be viewed and displayed in the future?
- Is your project providing alternate mechanisms to ensure preservation of their material?



Technical Questions on Preservation

- Long-term Host for collection
- Where does your material go at the end of the project?
- Is the NSDL archive of web crawls appropriate for long-term preservation of your material?
- How should the NSDL link to your long-term preservation system to ensure access to the material?
- Should a copy of the crawl reside on your resources?

mySRB Interface to the Persistent Archive





Archive Collection Hierarchy

- NSDL collection
 - List of Time-based snapshots
 - List of URLs
 - List of entities per URL
- /home/nsdl
 - 2003-06-10T13:53:37z/
 - oai:nsdl.org:GROW:70/
 - oai.nsdl.org.GROW.70.html



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