

Tackling File Characterization & Analysis with Archivematica

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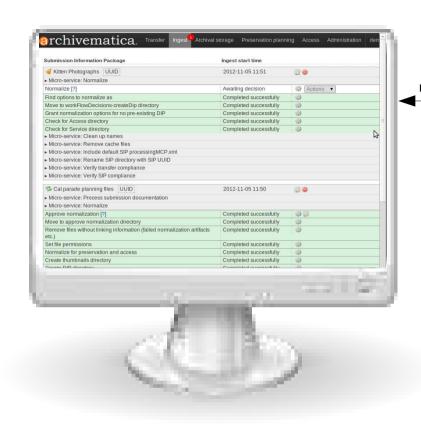


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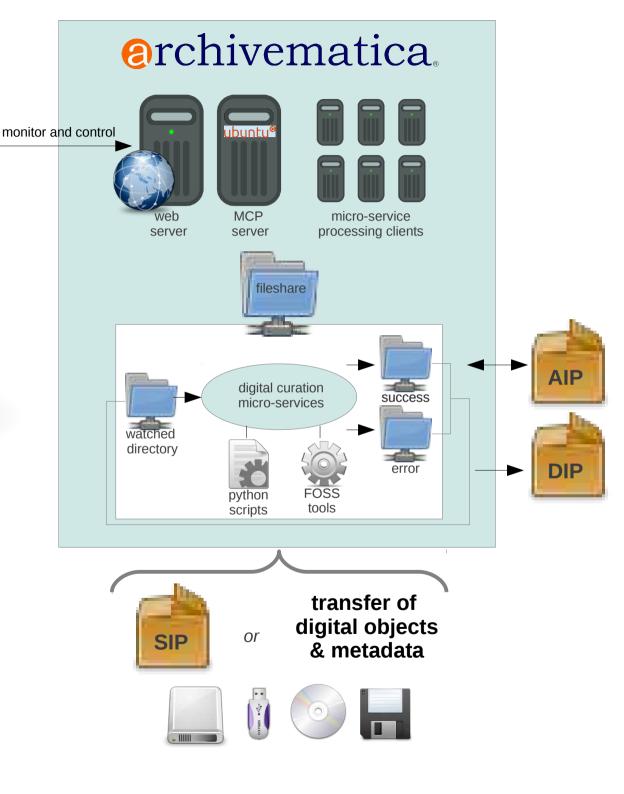








web-based dashboard



Preservation planning

- A two-pronged approach:
 - Normalization on ingest
 - Preservation of the original file to support future strategies such as emulation
- Normalization relies on format policies based on an analysis of the significant characteristics of file formats
 - A format policy indicates the actions, tools and settings to apply to a file of a particular file format (e.g. normalization to preservation and/or access format)





Archivematica format policies

- Criteria for selecting default formats:
 - Non-proprietary
 - Freely available specifications
 - Widely used/endorsed by major repositories
 - No compression/lossless video compression
 - Tools available to write and render the format
- Format policies will change as community standards, practices and tools evolve.



Media type	File formats	Preservation format(s)	Access format(s)	Normalization tool
Audio	AC3, AIFF, MP3, WAV, WMA	WAVE (LPCM)	МР3	FFmpeg
Email	PST	мвох	мвох	readpst
Email	Maildir**	Original format	мвох	md2mb.py
Office Open XML	DOCX, PPTX, XLSX	Original format	PDF for PPTX	OpenOffice
Plain text	TXT	Original format	Original format	None
Portable Document Format	PDF	PDF/A	Original format	Ghostscript
Presentation files	PPT	Original format	PDF	OpenOffice
Raster images	BMP, GIF, JPG, JP2*, PCT, PNG*, PSD, TIFF, TGA	Uncompressed TIFF	JPEG	ImageMagick
Raw camera files/Digital Negative format**	3FR, ARW, CR2, CRW, DCR, DNG, ERF, KDC, MRW, NEF, ORF, PEF, RAF, RAW, X3F	Original format	JPEG	ImageMagick/UFRaw
Spreadsheets	XLS	Original format	Original format	None
Vector images	AI, EPS, SVG	SVG	PDF	Inkscape
Video	AVI, FLV, MOV, MPEG-1, MPEG-2, MPEG-4, SWF, WMV	FFV1/LPCM in MKV	MPEG-1	FFmpeg
Word processing files	DOC, WPD, RTF	ODF (WPD and RTF) Original format (DOC)	PDF	OpenOffice

https://www.archivematica.org/wiki/Format_policies





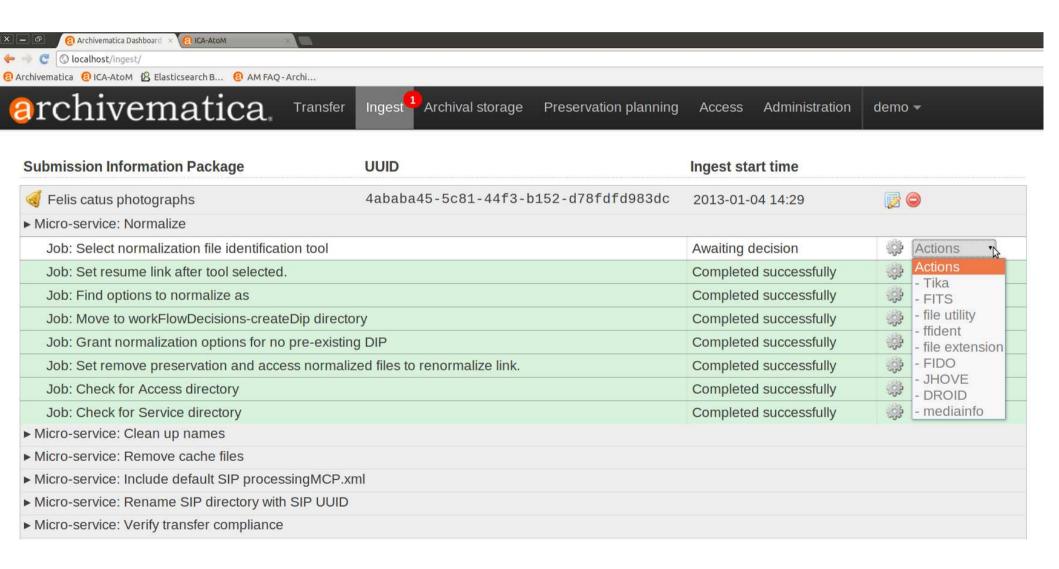
JUST SOLVE THE PROBLEM

24-hour CurateCamp/OPF worldwide file id hackathon

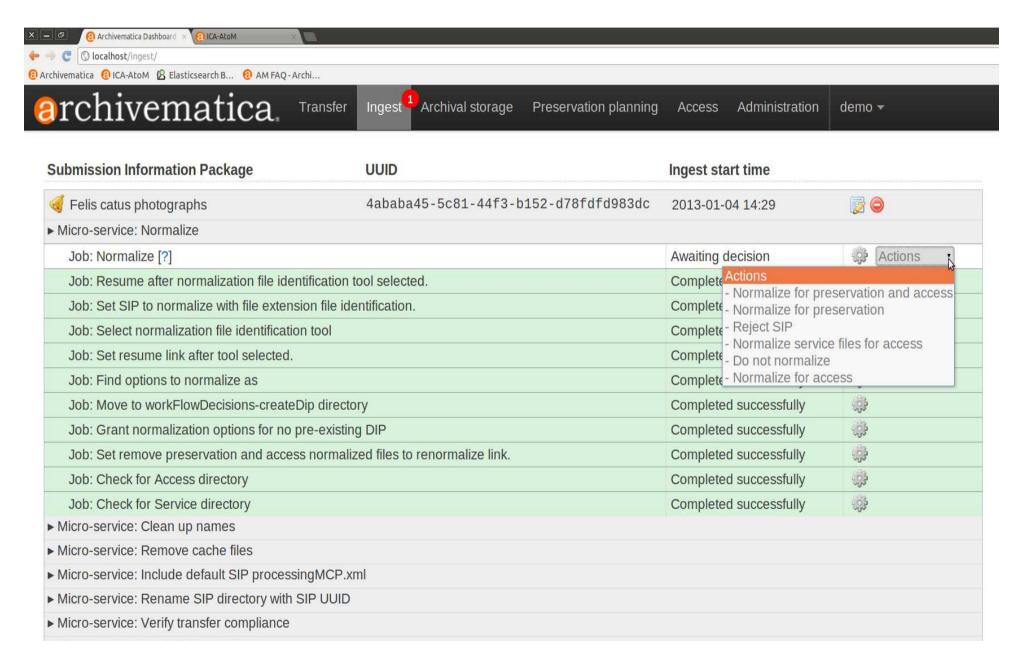
- participants from every time zone
- rapid, iterative testing
- OpenFITS (github fork)
- Open Planets Format Corpus (github)



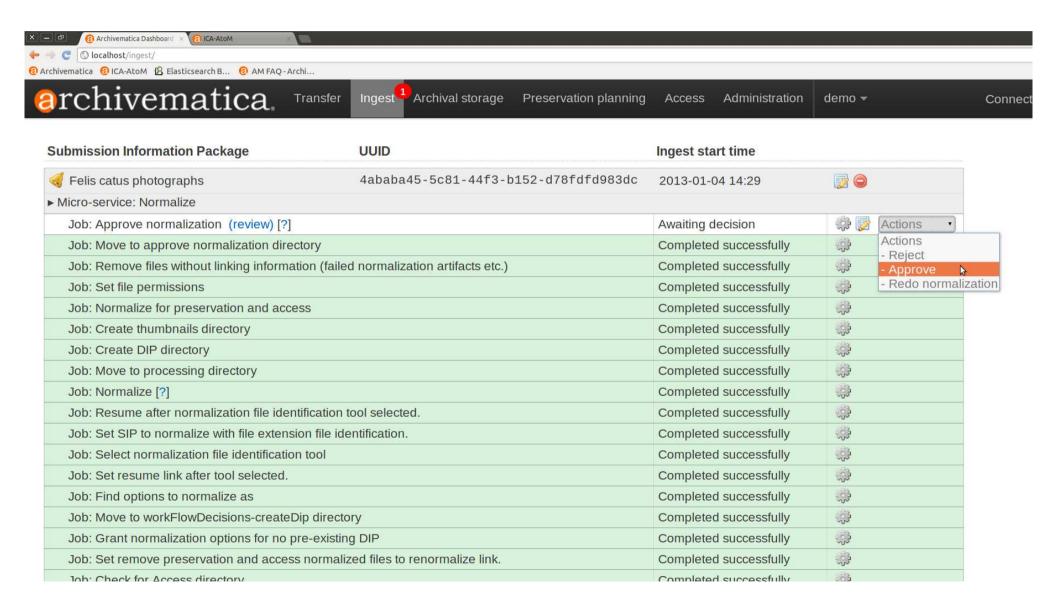
Choose normalization tool



Select normalization type



Review normalization results



Format Policy Registry - FPR

- To share and test format choices and tool commands for normalization
 - ie "format policies"
- To support the community-wide evolution of best practices
- Hosted at archivematica.org/FPR with local dashboard customization and updates



Format Policy Registry - FPR

- Allow users to choose:
 - normalization tool
 - preservation and/or access format
 - file properties (eg resolution, bitrate)
 - to use local tool/process outside of the system
- Allow users to add new format policies



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