

Preserving the Web: Extending the Digital Curation Mission

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Abstract

In partnership with the University of California libraries, the California Digital Library (CDL) established the digital preservation program in 2002. The UC Libraries' Digital Preservation Repository (DPR), launched in 2004, serves the stewardship mission of the UC libraries by providing a single shared solution for the preservation, management, and controlled dissemination of digital collections that support research, teaching, and learning. The repository provides a set of self-service interfaces that the libraries use to deposit and manage digital objects, relieving individual libraries of the burden of creating and maintaining custom digital repositories. The services and storage are based at the CDL.

At the end of 2004, as part of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP), CDL began planning to extend the DPR to accommodate content collected from the Web. The overall goal has been to develop web archiving tools for libraries to capture, curate, and preserve collections of web-based government and political information.

Trisha Cruse will provide an overview of CDL's efforts to extend the repository to preserve Web content. She will discuss the program's goals, partnerships, and collaborative development plan. Kirsten Neilsen, CDL's Manager of Preservation Services, will address what is meant by "Web archiving," why it is important, and what digital curators need to think about as they continue their historic mission of collection building and preservation in a web-published world.