

The Use of the Producer-Archive Workflow Network (PAWN) in Support of Customized Archival Practice

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Abstract

It is recognized that the long-term preservation of data is a process that must begin before the data is ingested into an archival system and must of course be continued throughout the lifetime of the data. In many cases, the workflow that data must follow will depend on the particular relationship between the producers and the archive, the type of data and the expectation of the users (consumers of the data); furthermore data may require different destinations within an archival system, or even ingestion into multiple archival systems. In this paper, we describe the ability of the Producer-Archive Workflow Network (PAWN) to support multiple archival workflows while providing a common infrastructure for ingesting data targeted for long term preservation.