MoReq2: A European Contribution to the Preservation of Electronic Records

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- Scope: electronic records management systems
- MoReq2
- Recognition of “components”
- Migration
- Automated rendition
- Import and export features
- Preservation metadata
- XML schema
There are many kinds of electronic records

In principle, any of them could be managed using an electronic document and records management system (EDRMS)

In practice, not all of them are
Kinds of electronic records

- Case Records
- Non-Case Records

Structured Records
Unstructured Records

Records managed in business applications

All this is in scope of EDRM as a discipline

Records typically managed by EDRM systems
Records typically managed using EDRMSs

- **Unstructured**
  - Mainly non-case records
  - Some case records

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  - Records managed in business applications

- **Non-Case Records**
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MoReq2, MoReq2

- MoReq = **Model Requirements** for the management of electronic records

- Conceptually similar to US DoD 5015.2 (but “conceptually” is the only sort of similarity)
MoReq

- March 2001
- Invented by DLM Forum
- Funded by EC
- Developed by Cornwell
- Translated by many
- Orphaned by all
Redesigned (and re-invigorated) after MoReq

Conceived and launched MoReq2 project in 2006

MoReq2 published in early 2008

MoReq2 SPECIFICATION
MoReq2 project was supported by:

Also later joiners: Capgemini, Civica, Fujitsu, EDRM Solutions, ErgoGroup, FreeSoft, Getronics, Lockheed Martin, Morse...
MoReq2 is influential in and beyond Europe

- MoReq was used around the world, incl. in USA
- Many MoReq2 translations started
- Conferences, seminars, from Bogotá to Moscow
- Interest outside Europe – for example
  - Russian translation published
  - Korean translation nearly complete
  - Worldwide press coverage
随着世界信息化程度的加深，电子文件管理日益成熟。从世界范围看，在ISO15489成为文档管理的第一个国际标准之后，ISO23081、ISO22310、ISO26122、ISO26012等国际标准也相继出台或正在制定中。这些国际标准的制定，表明了文档管理，尤其是电子文件的管理，正逐渐步入规范化、标准化的发展轨道。

在国际大趋势的影响下，鉴于文档管理的个性化特征，目前若干国家和地区纷纷开始制定本国或本地区的电子文件管理标准，以期解决文件管理中一些操作层面共性与个性相互协调的问题，电子文件管理系统功能需求的设计便是其中最为关键的一环。除了大家熟知的美国ERA项目外，欧盟的《电子文件管理通用需求》（ModelRequirementsfortheManagementofElectronicRecords，以下简称MoReq）也具有代表性。2008年2月该需求出台。

为了使MoReq适应欧盟各国新阶段文件管理的需求，更加贴近于现阶段和未来一段时期电子文件管理的实践，2006年2月，欧盟正式启动MoReq的修订程序，并发布了MoReq2《范围报告》（ScopingReport）。

该报告指出，MoReq2的目标是适用于每一个欧盟成员国，这就要求它所提供的模型具有一定的灵活性，能够在不同的环境中均能够保证电子文件质量。根据此目标，MoReq2内容的重点在于：(1)制定可信的电子文件管理基准模型（Thebasemoduleconstitutestheminimumnecessarytoprovidecredibleelectronicrecordsmanagement），为不同环境下的应用系统提供基本需求框架，包括利用控制、文件保管期限和处置、输出和移交、保管及元数据。

(2)建立集成化信息系统。仅限于关注电子管理系统是不够的，很多系统（如内容管理系统、知识管理系统、文
MoReq2 and DoD 5015.2

- Difficult to compare
- Any detailed reconciliation will be highly subjective (and so of limited value)
- MoReq2 has much broader functional scope
- There are incompatible requirements (including for preservation)
MoReq2 includes “basic” preservation features

- Physical environment
- Monitoring of error rates
- Comparison of copies
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Components

- Individual “files” (in the IT sense not the RM sense) that make up a record
- Well understood in preservation work
- Not well understood in other records management specifications
MoReq2 entity-relationship model

Key:

| 1 | Exactly one | 0 - 1 | Zero or one | 0 - * | Zero or more | 1 - * | One or more | (Exclusive OR) |

Diagram showing the relationships between:
- Classification Scheme
- Retention & Disposition Schedule
- Document Type
- Record Type
- Document
- Record
- Volume
- Sub-file
- File
- Class
- IS MADE UP OF
- APPLIES TO
- MAY CONTAIN
- MAY BE DIVIDED INTO
- HAS
- IS STORED IN
- IS FORMED OF
- CONTAINS
Components

Record

1

↓ IS MADE
UP OF

1 - *

1 - * Component
Components: example

NARA web page is made up of:

- 1 HTML file
- 3 GIF files
- 2 JPEG files
- 7 JS files
- 12 CSS files
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Current orthodoxy holds that migration of information from existing formats to preferred preservation formats may play an important part in active preservation measures.

Possible examples:
- .wp5 to PDF/A
- .odg to JPEG
Complex relationships

Example:

NARA web page
- HTML file
- 3 GIF files
- 2 JPEG files
- 7 JS files
- 12 CSS files

or

NARA web page
- HTML file
- 5 JPEG files
- 7 JS files
- 12 CSS files

or

NARA web page
- PDF/A file
MoReq2 migration features

- Report on files formats
- Migrate records in selected file formats
- Migrate components in selected file formats
- Capture of reason for migration
- Retention of pre- and post-migration formats
- OAIS DIP compatibility
- Maintenance of record integrity
  - Metadata
  - Links
Migration of compound records can result in the need to change record contents

For example in a web page

- Change `<img src="/news/images/group.gif"/>`
- To `<img src="/news/images/group.jpeg"/>`

This is slightly controversial
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Automated rendition

- Requires that system be able to migrate records upon capture to a specified preservation file format
- A natural extension of the above
- Allows a Records Manager or other Information Manager to build a collection of records that are preservable from the outset
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Where digital preservation matters, it is almost certain that preservation period will exceed the lifetime of the EDRM system.

Therefore the EDRM system will need to export the records:
- to another EDRM system, or
- to a digital preservation system.

MoReq2 includes requirements for such export.
Import/export features

- Deals with not just records, but also the hierarchy of aggregations
- Requirements for protocol to notify success or failure of a transfer
- Requirements to deal with incomplete or inconsistent metadata
- Requirements to deal with naming and numbering clashes
One example (from many) of a conflict

Company A

1

1.10

1.20

2

2.10

Etc.

Company B

1

1.10

1.15

Etc.
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MoReq2 includes a comprehensive metadata model

- Tightly defined to support interoperability (as opposed to 5015.2, which is not)
- ISO 23081-compliant
- Metadata defined for records and all aggregations
- Also for retention and disposition schedules, disposal holds, users, user groups and roles
- Not tested
- May contain errors
Preservation metadata

Preservation-related metadata elements for components:

- M131: Description.abstract.reason_for_rendition
- M130: Identity.system_identifier_rendition
- M150: Relation.has_rendition
- M151: Relation.is_rendition_of
- M128: Use.technical_environment.file_format
- M133: Use.technical_environment.file_format_original
- M129: Use.technical_environment.file_format_version
- M142: Use.technical_environment.file_format_version_original
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XML schema

- Supports import and export
- Includes records and aggregations (files, classes etc.)
- Not tested
MoReq2 is a standard specification for an EDRM office application

It is already, and will continue to be, very influential

MoReq2 does not define a preservation system

MoReq2 adds preservation features to EDRM

Adoption of preservation features in other “front-end” systems is surely an important step for the future
Questions?

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