iPRES 2021 Lightning Talk Proposal

Title: Developing a Flexible Skills Framework for Digital Preservation

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Abstract:

It is widely accepted that skilled staff are the most importance resource an organization can have when aiming for digital preservation success. But what skills do those staff members need to have? Past projects have addressed this issue, including DigCurV and DigCCurr, but the outputs are around a decade old and no longer represent the current landscape of quickly advancing digital preservation practice. The roles defined by existing frameworks are also relatively fixed and did not necessarily align well with the realities of the diverse staffing structures and individual roles at organizations around the world.

With many of the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC)'s members identifying difficulties with pursuing a structured approach to skills development, the DPC is working to develop a new skills framework aligned to their popular DPC Rapid Assessment Model. The new framework will represent current good practice and offer more flexibility for users by offering different "views" of skills. The framework will also be accompanied by additional supporting resources including a skills audit toolkit.

This lightning talk will report on current progress with the development of the framework and an overview of next steps.