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# Why Digital Preservation? Needs and Challenges



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## ToC

- Long-term Preservation
  - Relevance for (scientific) libraries
  - Heterogeneity
- > Model (?)
- Presentations
- Outlook



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## **Long-term Presevation**

- New forms of production, publication and distribution of scientific information
- Rapid change of technology, different/various ways of preservation
- Trusted repositories needed
  - well defined criteria (policy etc.)
  - certification? (e.g. DINI)
- Guarantee of trusted long-term preservation
- IPR, Digital Rights Management



Digital Preservation consists of processes to ensure that digital resources remain **accessible**, **usable** and **understandable** in the future.

→ To ensure that future software and hardware tools will generate an authentic and integral representation of the object



What is meant by **"long term**"?

→ Definition by Ute Schwens / Hans Liegmann:

 In terms of preserving digital resources, ,long-term' does not mean issuing a guarantee for five or fifty years, rather the responsible development of strategies which can cope with the constant changes brought about by the information market.



## How much information?

- UC Berkeley's School of Information Management and Systems: How much Information?
  - Analyse of year 2002 to <u>estimate</u> the yearly increase of new (digital and analog) information
    - physical/storage media: print, film, magnetic, optical
    - information flows: telephone, radio, TV, Internet

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http://www.sims.berkeley.edu/research/projects/how-much-info-2003/execsum.htm



- 5 exabytes of new information in 2002 (= 0,5 Mio x Print-Collection of LoC)
  - storage media magnetic:

80% increase, of which 92% are stored on hard disc!

- information flow – Internet, only surface (!!):

**170 terabytes** of information (= 17 x LoC)

→ 30 % Increase of digital information per year (so far)



Table 1.2: Worldwide production of original information, if stored digitally, in terabytes circa 2002. Upper estimates assume information is digitally scanned, lower estimates assume digital content has been compressed.

Storage Medium	2002 Terabytes Upper Estimate	2002 Terabytes Lower Estimate	1999-2000 Upper Estimate	1999-2000 Lower Estimate	% Change Upper Estimates
Paper	1,634	327	1,200	240	36%
Film	420,254	76,69	431,690	58,209	-3%
Magnetic	4,999,230	3,416,230	2,779,760	2,073,760	80%
Optical	103	51	81	29	28%
TOTAL:	5,421,221	3,416,281	3,212,731	2,132,238	69%



Source: How much information 2003

Africa	6.31
Asia Pacific	187.24
Europe	190.91
Middle East	5.12
Canada and USA	182.67
Latin America	33.35

Source: Nielsen / NetRatings via CyberAtlas

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Medium	2002 Terabytes
Surface Web	167
Deep Web	91,850
Email (originals)	440,606
Instant messaging	274
TOTAL	532,897

Source: How much information 2003

#### **10 TB = Print-Collection of LoC**



## Relevance

- (Scientific) libraries have to provide long-term access to scientific resources
  - regardless of the format
  - regardless of the document type
  - across all disciplines
- In Germany: DFG (German Research Foundation)
  - SSG libraries have a mandate to provide access to subject-specific scientific objects and to preserve them



## **Heterogeneity: Document-Types**

- Journals and monographs at SUB (ca. 1.5 Mio)
  - retrodigitized material (e.g. Springer)
  - genuin digital material
  - different formats: PDF, TEX, TIFF, etc.
- Web-Documents, Web-Server
- Preprint-Server, Theses, e-Proceedings, etc.
- Primary data
- CD's

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## **Heterogeneity: Format-Types**

- Depends on subject, e.g.
  - Mathematics (TEX, PS, ...)
  - Geography (GIS)
  - ...
- Multimedia, e.g.
  - Animated WWW pages
  - Interactive objects in e-Learning
- Different versions in e.g. PDF, TEX, ...

## Presentation Format + Preservation Format



## **Heterogeneity: General**

- Metadata formats (Dublin Core, MODS, ..)
- Exchange formats (XML, METS, XML/RDF, ...)
- Controlled vocabulary systems (Ontologies, Taxonomies, ...)
- Architecture, Protocolls

## Standardisation!

## Interoperability!



## **Strategy**

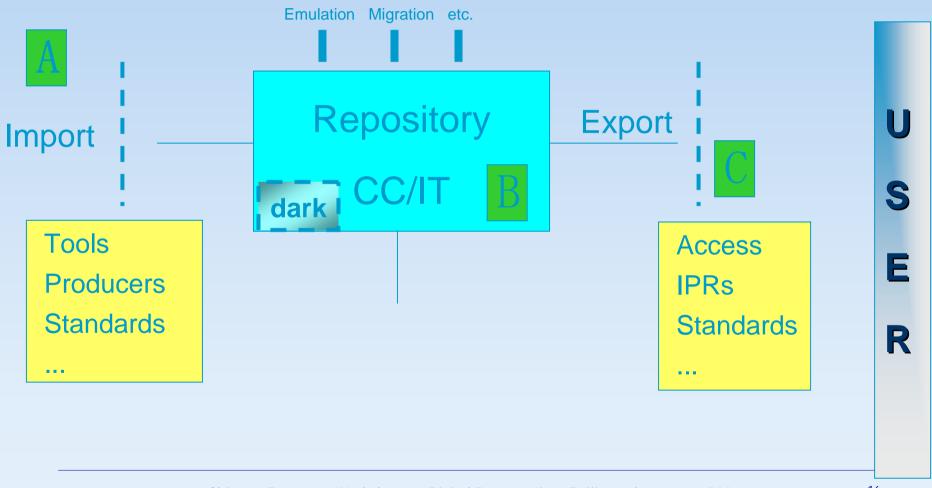
- Preservation policy
- Cooperation: international/national
- Cooperation: cross-domain
- Redundance of digital repositories explicitly desired
- Cooperative management/administration of distributed digital archives/repositories

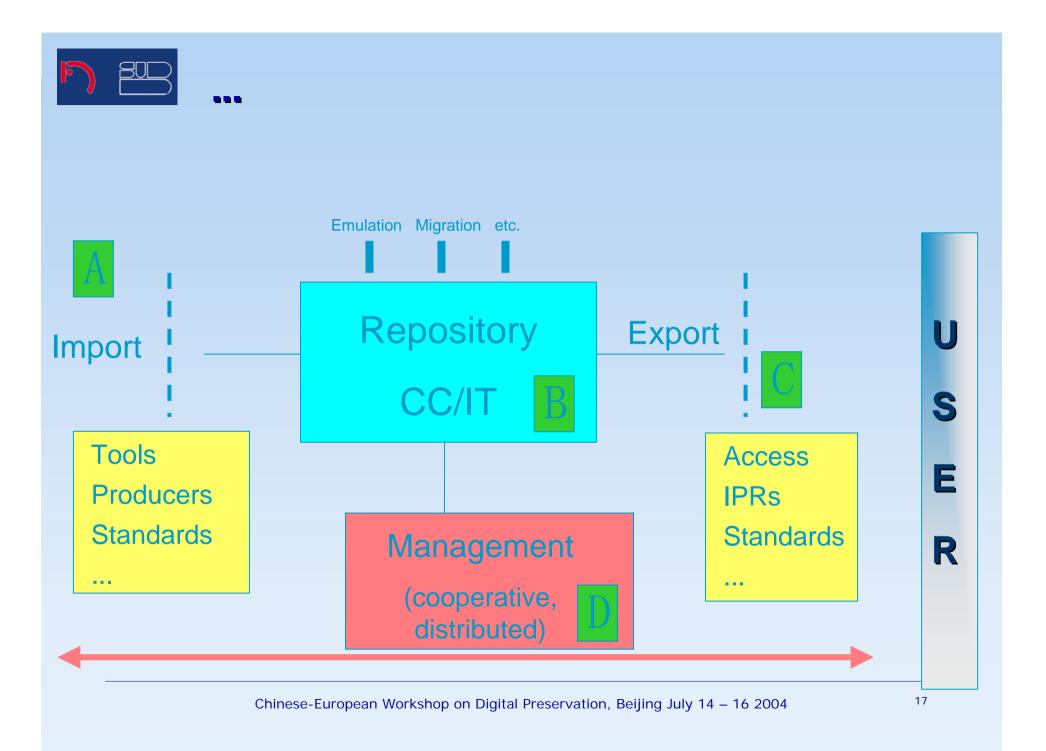


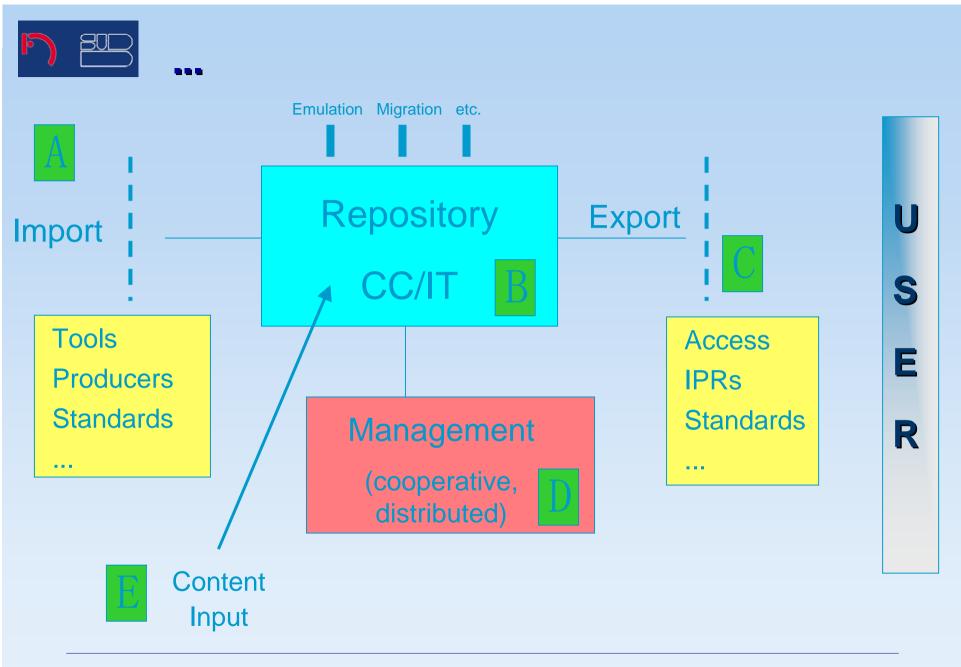
Coordinated cooperation needed between:

- Producer of digital objects (e.g. scientist)
- Provider (e.g. library)
- Distributor (e.g. publisher, hosts of db)
- International standards (e.g. DC, OAI, OAIS, METS), interoperability

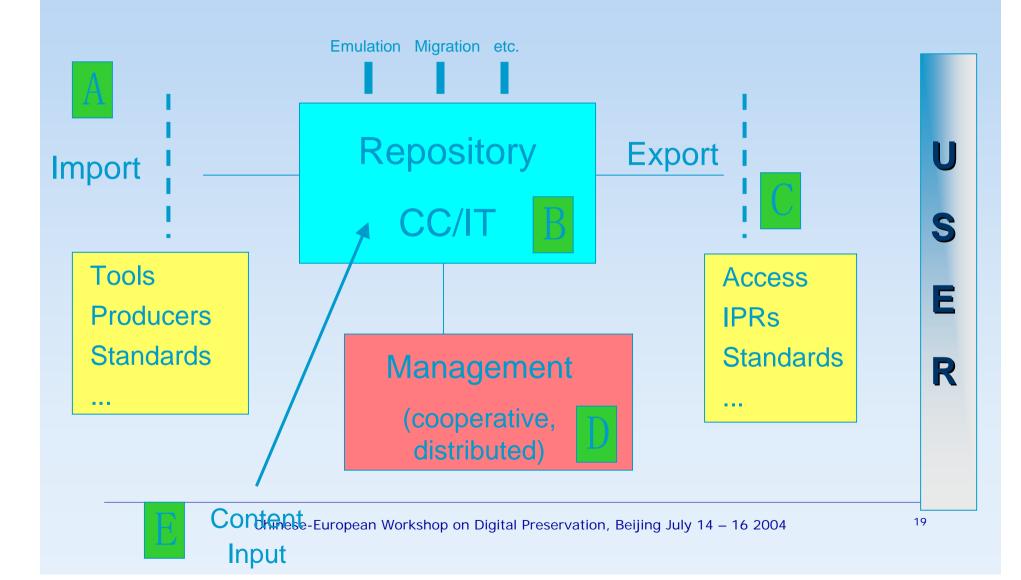








## PRESERVATION POLICY





## **Presentations**

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- A: Import + E: Content Input
  - Preservation of Image Documents + Case Study René
  - Preservation of E-Journals and E-Prints Neil
  - Preservation of Scientific E-Journals: Case Study *Hilde*
  - Preservation of Scientific Data in Natural Sciences Thomas
  - Preservation of Scientific Data in the Humanities *René*
  - Preservation of Web Information at the NL China, Case Study Zhigeng



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## B: Repository, Archival Storage System

- Different approaches to Digital Preservation (Migration, Emulation)
  *Hilde*
- Metadata for Preservation Michael
- File Format Characteristics and Significant Properties Andreas A.
- The OAIS Reference Model, Current Implementations of the OAIS *Michael*
- Trusted Digital Repositories, Certification *Reinhard & Heike*



## > C: Export

- Are there already some experiences?

### D: Management

- Legal Aspects of Digital Preservation *Neil*
- File Format Registries Andreas A.
- Persistent Identifier *Reinhard*
- Metadata Registries *Heike*



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### Preservation Policies

- Preservation strategies of the NL Netherlands *Hilde*
- Using Utility Analysis to Evaluate and Compare Preservation Strategies *Andreas R.*
- Preservation Strategy for Third-Party Materials of the Chinese Science Digital Library (CSDL) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) *Xiaolin*
- Preservation Planning, Institutional Strategies and Policies *Thomas*



## Outlook

Common minimal set of preservation metadata

- International
- Standardized
- Cross-domain
- Distributed management of digital archives, repositories
  - Nobody is able to preserve everything
  - Trusted repositories, certification (registry?)
  - Public preservation policies, strategies (registry?)



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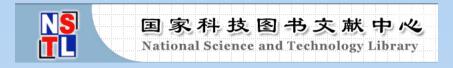
#### Long-term objective: Interoperability

- Architecture, metadata, exchange format, protocol,
- But also:

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- Granularity of digital object?
- Collection Level Description
- Digital Rights Management
- Terminology
- Sensitisation (e.g. EU)
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#### International Cooperation, Conferences, Initiatives







#### Thank you very much for your attention



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