Audio and Video Repositories at Scale

Indiana University's Media Digitization and Preservation Initiative

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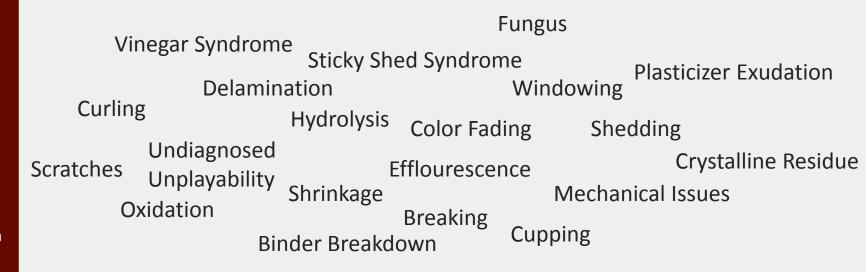
(for physical time-based media objects)



Degradation

All analog and physical digital media objects actively degrading

some catastrophically









Obsolescence

- Media formats
- Equipment (playback machines, test devices)
- Repair parts
- Playback expertise
- Repair expertise
- Tools
- Supplies



How long do we have?

 Short time window in which to migrate or lose forever

10-15 years?



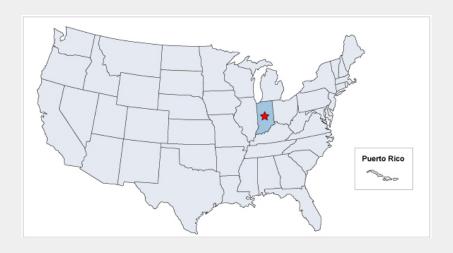
Indiana University

State university Founded in 1820

8 campuses

110,000 students

18,000 faculty and staff







Indiana University Bloomington

Flagship IU campus
Major research university
Strong arts and humanities focus
46,000 students
8500 faculty and staff







IU Repository and Digital Library Environment

- Started with audio, 1992
- Repository infrastructure:
 - Fedora, Hydra, Dspace
- Strong collaboration between Libraries and University IT Services
- Strong enterprise and research storage infrastructure



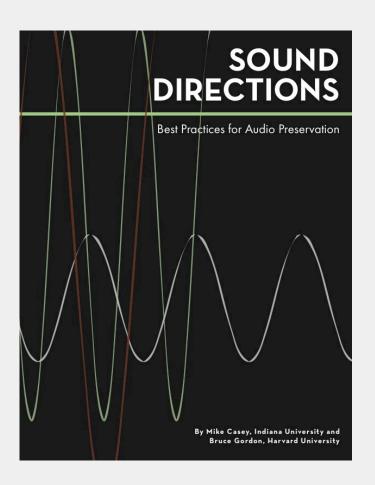
Context: IU Collections

- School of Music
- Archives of Traditional Music
- Kinsey Institute
- Moving Image Archive
- Lilly Library
- University Archives
- Athletics
- International collections





Sound Directions, 2007

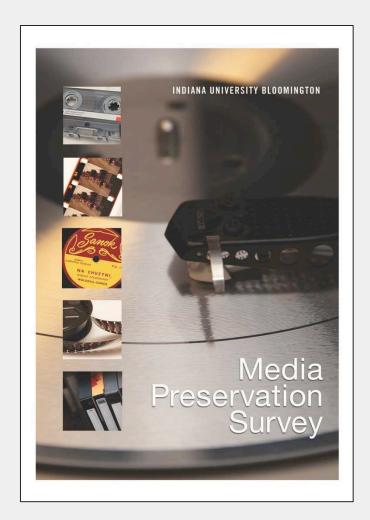


IU, Harvard

Best practices for audio preservation digitization and storage



Media Preservation Survey, 2008



Findings:

- 569,000 items
- Unique and valuable collections
- 51 physical formats
- 80 units at IUB

Recommendations:

- Digitize within 15-20 years
- Form task force to plan



Meeting the Challenge Report, 2012



Recommendations:

- Create center to digitize 300K rare or unique objects within 15 years
- Audio, video for preservation
- Film for access



Media Digitization and Preservation Initiative (MDPI), 2013

- Announced by President McRobbie in October 2013
- Goal: Digitize, preserve, provide access to rare and unique audio and video by 2020 – all IU campuses
- Expect to start in 2014





Public-Private Partnership

Memnon Archiving Services Brussels, Belgium







Digitization and Preservation Phases

Pre-Digitization

Inventory
Catalog
Prioritize
Batch & Queue

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Digitization

Memnon

Massive parallel digitization

IU Operation

Digitization of selected unique and highly vulnerable formats

Quality control

Discovery and Access

Metadata
Rights Issues
Technical aspects

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Metadata
Technical
infrastructure
Ongoing monitoring
and migration

Digital
Preservation and
Storage



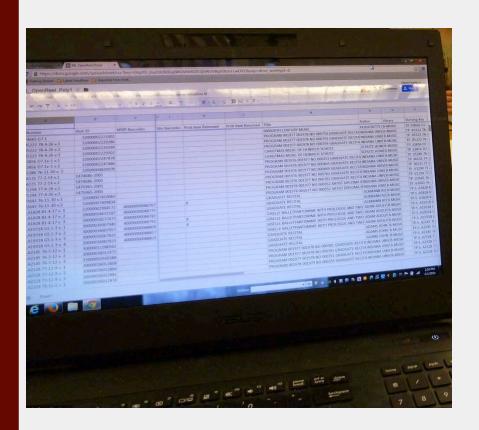
Bins, Boxes, Barcodes, Batches







Workflow for Picking and Packing







Batches: Format Based













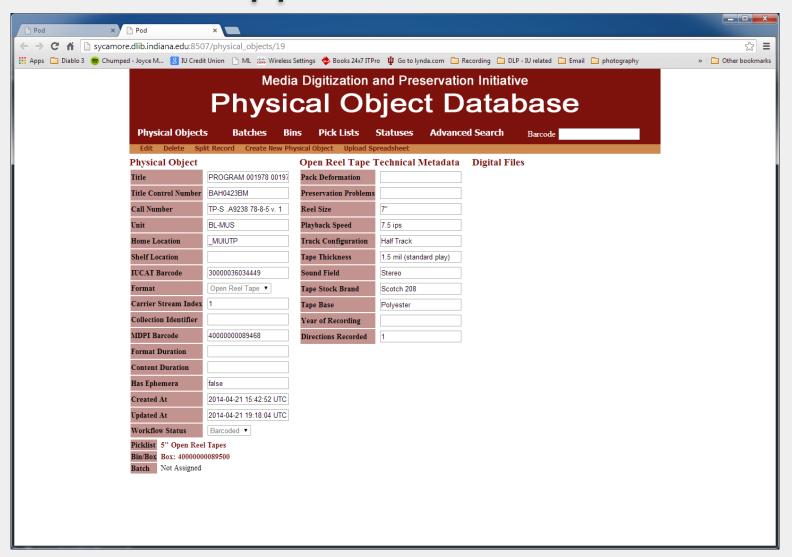








Workflow Support: The POD



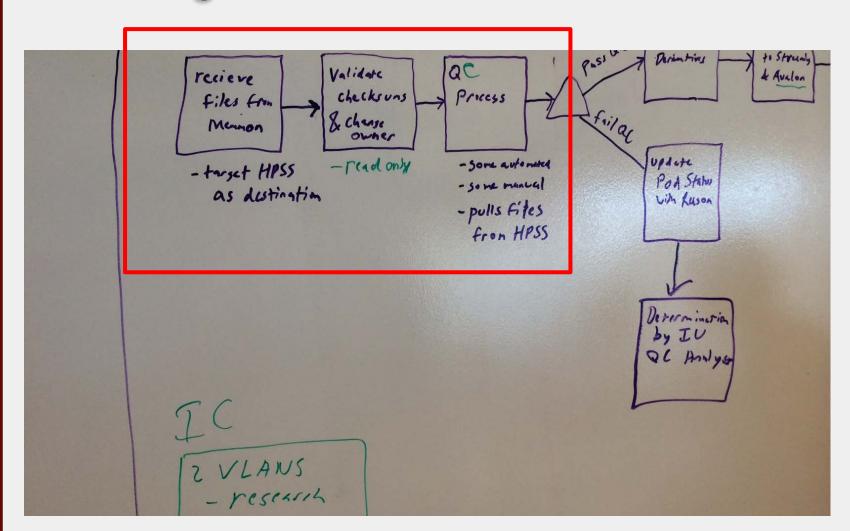


High Volume

- 1500+ objects per week
- Peak of ~12 TB per day of digitization
- Total storage requirement: 9 PB

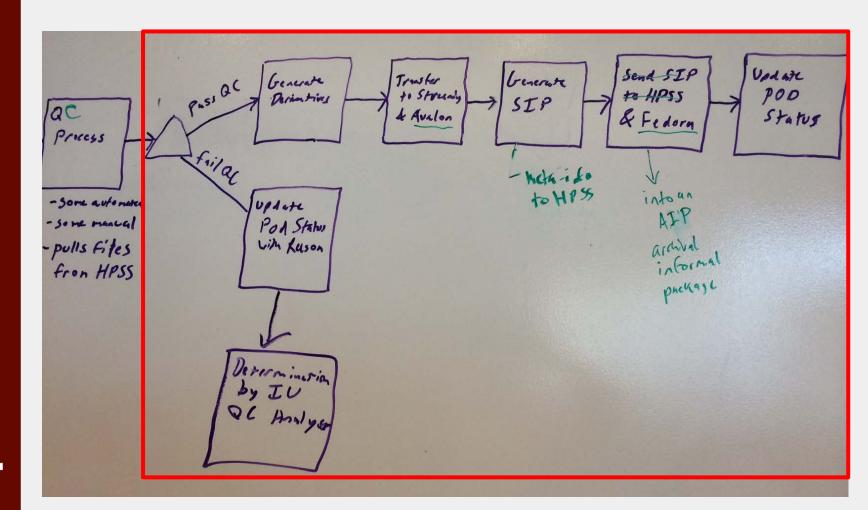


Post-Digitization Workflow





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Metadata for Preservation and Access

Descriptive

- From MARC when available
- EAD finding aids, local inventories

Technical

- File and original object characteristics
- Checksums

Process History

Digitization and preservation process

Structural

Support relationships between and navigation within objects



IU Scholarly Data Archive (SDA)

- Central storage resource for IU since 1999
- Data replicated between Indianapolis and Bloomington
- Implemented using IBM HPSS software
- 40PB IBM TS1140 based capacity
- Available from desktop, web, high speed transfer protocols
- Currently holds ~6PB of data in 36 million files



Access Technology

- Discovery
 - IUCAT, Archives Online (EAD Finding Aids), other environments?
- Delivery
 - Key requirements: usability, reusability, access control, performance
 - Avalon Media System 3V3 0 1



MEDIA SYSTEM

Long-Term Preservation Technology

- 12 petabytes+ to be preserved
- Local storage
 - **UITS Scholarly Data Archive**
 - Fedora 4 repository layer
- Out-of-region storage
 - APTrust, DPN
 - Data swap agreements











MDPI Assets and Opportunities

- Collaborative planning process
 - Libraries, UITS, archives, faculty
- Research storage and IT resources
 - 40 petabyte mirrored HSM system
 - Experience with data-intensive workflows
 - High-performance networks
- Expertise in digitization, repositories, access systems
 - Variations, Avalon Media System
- Potential for external services



MDPI Challenges

- Dealing with rights issues at scale
- Descriptive metadata and discovery
- Quality control strategies for mass digitization
- Strategies for born-digital media
- Out-of-region preservation storage
- Approach for film



Stay Tuned...

mdpi.iu.edu

avalonmediasystem.org

