



This composite document comprises five parts:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding between Hydra's originating Steering Group members, signed by senior staff at the three universities and at MediaShelf LLC.
2. The first amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the then members of the Steering Group. This document has the effect of changing all references to Hydra into references to Samvera.
3. The second amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the then members of the Steering Group. This document reflects changes in Samvera's governance structure with respect to the Steering Group.
4. For information, a version of the Memorandum of Understanding which implements the amendments described in (2) and (3).
5. A blank Letter of Agreement to be signed by new Samvera Partners as part of the formal Partnership agreement.



## Hydra Project

### Collaboration and Partnership Memorandum of Understanding Hydra Originating Steering Group Members – March 26, 2012

#### I. Project Background

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#### II. Intellectual Property Licensing and Ownership

In keeping with the long-term vision of Hydra as a robust and distributed open source product, Hydra Partners and code contributors adopt and are governed by the following principles:

1. Code contributors (“Contributors”) warrant that their work created for the Hydra project does not infringe on the legal rights of any person or entity, including but not limited to intellectual property rights. This warranty includes ensuring that Contributors have properly addressed any institutional rights of their “home” or employing institutions, and that they have properly treated any third party software that has been incorporated, including any open source software.
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3. All code contributed and accepted to the project will be distributed as open source software, licensed under an Apache 2.0 license (or an appropriate Apache or Open Source Initiative (OSI) approved license *sequellae* that is designated by the Hydra Steering Group). Contributors must agree to and sign the applicable (individual and/or corporate) licensing agreement before contributing any code.
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### III. Project Membership and Governance

#### 1. Hydra Steering Group:

The following entities, each of which is a signatory to this founding Memorandum of Understanding, constitute the originating “Hydra Steering Group:”

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Communications to the entire Hydra Steering Group can be addressed to: [hydra-steering@googlegroups.com](mailto:hydra-steering@googlegroups.com). See also <http://projecthydra.org>.

The Hydra Steering Group is a small coordinating body of the originating Hydra partner institutions that will steer the technical and community development of Hydra. The Hydra Steering Group is not obligated to adopt additional members. Its members have demonstrated a significant commitment and made corresponding investments in the success and growth of Hydra not only for themselves, but as a collaboration and vital open source effort. Hydra Partners (described more fully in Section 2, below) that have demonstrated commitment to Hydra, made significant investments in the community and effort, and that would make positive contributions to the Steering Group may be nominated to join the Steering Group by a member of the Steering Group. To officially join the Steering Group, institutions must be voted in by a majority of all Steering Group Members. Decisions in the Steering Group are



made by consensus, with each institution receiving a single vote; in the event that consensus cannot be reached, decisions will revert to majority rule. The Steering Group is charged with coming up with processes for making decisions at Steering Group meetings, Partner meetings, and for day-to-day operational matters. Steering Group members can resign at any time with notification to the other members of the Steering Group. Steering Group members can be removed by a majority vote of the other members.

Responsibilities of Hydra Steering Group members include:

- Appoint individuals who have institutional authority to act on behalf of that member institution/entity
- Collaboratively roadmap the project's technology & community development
- Coordinate resources
- Provide governance of the "technology core"
- Decide what becomes official Hydra components
- Help maintain official Hydra components
- Manage the licensing of Hydra code components
- Maintain and grow the community
- Serve as evangelists & seed / support the development of "User Groups"
- Maintain the official Hydra website
- Provision and support the project infrastructure
- Organize and plan Hydra meetings
- Update the governance structure of the project
- Formally admit new Hydra Partners
- Formally accept new Steering Group members
- Manage the Hydra brand
- Represent the Hydra Project to funding agencies and (possible) commercial partners

## 2. Hydra Partners.

Hydra Partners are institutions, corporations, individuals, or other groups that have committed to contributing to the Hydra community and wish to become fully participating Hydra Partners. They not only use the Hydra technical framework, but also add to it in at least one of many ways, including: code, analysis, design, support, funding, or other resources. Hydra Partners collectively advance the project and the community for the benefit of all participants. Partners get to attend Hydra Partner meetings, provide input on the community and technical direction, and represent Hydra to the broader community. Candidates can join Hydra Partners by being nominated by an existing partner to the Steering Group, and being voted in by the Steering Group. Hydra Partners can be voted out by a majority of the Steering Group members. Partner participation is a privilege not a right. New Hydra partners must execute the Partner agreement to be countersigned by a designated representative of the Hydra Steering Group.



What are the responsibilities of Hydra partners? Any or all of the following, or the like, as deemed by the Steering Group as valid contributions:

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Date



## FIRST AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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**WHEREAS**, the Hydra Steering Group, then consisting of The Leland Stanford Junior University, the University of Virginia, the University of Hull and MediaShelf, LLC, entered into the Hydra Project Partner Collaboration and Partnership Memorandum of Understanding dated March 26, 2012 (“Memorandum of Understanding” or “MOU”), and

**WHEREAS**, the Samvera Steering Group, which is the current steering committee for the “Samvera Community” formerly known as the Hydra Project, wishes to rename the “Hydra Project” as the “Samvera Community” and in all other respects, to replace “Hydra” with “Samvera” on a going forward basis;

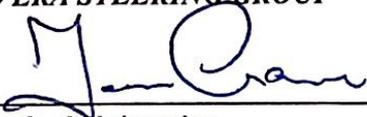
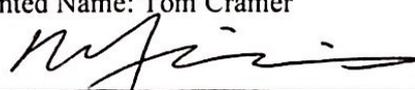
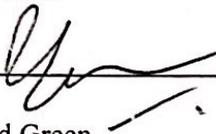
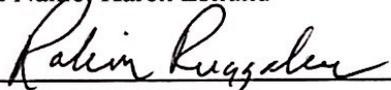
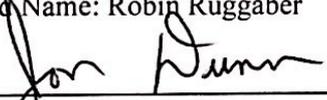
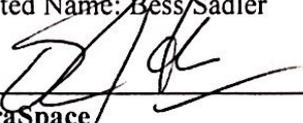
**WHEREAS**, as result of the foregoing recital, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement solely and expressly as stated herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Page 1, Title, entitled “Hydra Project” is amended by deleting the words “Hydra Project” and replacing these with “Samvera Community”; and deleting the line “Hydra Originating Steering Group Members – March 26, 2012”.
2. Section I, first paragraph, replace the words “As symbolized by its name” with “As symbolized by its original name, Hydra,”.
3. Page 1-5, *seriatim*, all instances of “Hydra Project” shall be deleted and replaced with “Samvera Community”.
4. Page 1-5, *seriatim*, all remaining instances of “Hydra” shall be deleted and replaced with “Samvera”.
5. Section III(1), delete reference to “[hydra-steering@googlegroups.com](mailto:hydra-steering@googlegroups.com)” and “<http://projecthydra.org>” and replace with “[samvera-steering@googlegroups.com](mailto:samvera-steering@googlegroups.com)” and “<https://samvera.org/>”.
6. Section III(2), delete the bullet point “Hydra head development” and replace with “Samvera application development”.
7. In all other respects, the MOU remains in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the terms set forth in the MOU and the Amendment, this Amendment shall prevail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Amendment to be executed as of Partner's signature date below:

**SAMVERA STEERING GROUP**

 _____ Stanford University Printed Name: Tom Cramer	Jan 23, 2018 _____ Date
 _____ Stanford University Printed Name: Mike Giarlo	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ University of Hull Printed Name: Chris Awre	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ University of Hull Printed Name: Richard Green	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ Penn State University Printed Name: Karen Estlund	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ University of Virginia Printed Name: Robin Ruggaber	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ Indiana University Printed Name: Jon Dunn	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ Data Curation Experts Printed Name: Mark Bussey	1/23/2018 _____ Date
 _____ Data Curation Experts Printed Name: Bess Sadler	13 Feb 2018 _____ Date
 _____ DuraSpace Printed Name: Debra Hanken Kurtz	1/23/2018 _____ Date

## SECOND AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Second Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (“**Amendment**”), is effective as of February 1, 2019 (“**Amendment Effective Date**”), is made and entered into by and between the current members of the Samvera Steering Group which are as follows: Emory University, the University of Hull, Indiana University, the Leland Stanford Junior University, the University of London, the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and the University of Virginia (together referred to as the “Parties”).

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**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Strike Section III(1) in its entirety and replace with the following:

1. Samvera Steering Group:

At the time of this Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding, the following entities currently constitute the “Samvera Steering Group:”

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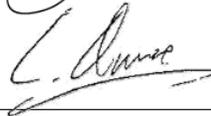
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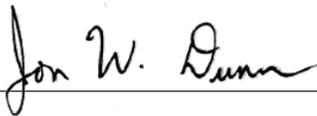
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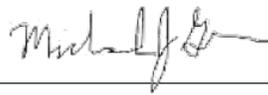
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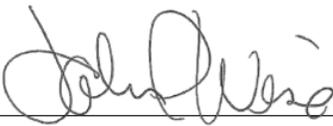
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# Attachment A

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*Existing Software/Code Governed by Section II 3*

*Hydra-head*

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*Jettywrapper*



## Samvera Community Partner Letter of Agreement

For the purposes of this Partner Letter of Agreement “Samvera Community” or “Samvera” shall mean the inter-institutional collaboration to build a common, open source framework for multi-function, multi-purpose, repository-powered applications referenced herein. Samvera's ultimate objective is to produce a community-sourced, sustainable application framework that provides rich and robust repository-powered solutions as an integrated part of an overall digital content management architecture.

The **Samvera Community Collaboration and Partnership Memorandum of Understanding, as amended from time to time** (hereinafter “Samvera MOU”) which is attached to this letter agreement and incorporated herein by reference describes the project background, intellectual property licensing and ownership, project membership and governance, the responsibilities of the Samvera Steering Group members (a current list of which can be found at <https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/samvera/Samvera+Steering+Group+membership>) and the responsibilities of Samvera Partners. As provided in the MOU:

*Samvera Partners are institutions, corporations, individuals, or other groups that have committed to contributing to the Samvera community and wish to become fully participating Samvera Partners. They not only use the Samvera technical framework, but also add to it in at least one of many ways, including: code, analysis, design, support, funding, or other resources. Samvera Partners collectively advance the project and the community for the benefit of all participants. Partners get to attend Samvera Partner meetings, provide input on the community and technical direction, and represent Samvera to the broader community. Candidates can join Samvera Partners by being nominated by an existing partner to the Steering Group, and being voted in by the Samvera Steering Group. Samvera Partners can be voted out by a majority of the Samvera Steering Group members. Partner participation is a privilege not a right. New Samvera partners must execute the relevant Partner agreement to be countersigned by a designated representative of the Samvera Steering Group.*

By executing this Partner Letter of Agreement, the entity named below indicates its wish to join the Samvera Community as a Samvera Partner and further confirms that it has reviewed, understands and agrees with the terms outlined in the Samvera MOU. The applicant has been nominated by an existing Samvera Steering Group Member.

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Entity	Authorized Signature	Date
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Authorized Signer's Printed Name	Title
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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ (Steering Group Member)

Application Accepted by the Samvera Steering Group: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No     Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Samvera Steering Group Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)