ArchivesSpace
Building a Next-Generation Archives Management Tool
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What is ArchivesSpace?

- A project funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for building a “next-generation” archives management tool

- A community effort, led by the libraries of New York University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the University of California, San Diego

- A “logical merge” of Archivists’ Toolkit and Archon
What is driving ArchivesSpace?

- Need for more scalable solution
- Need for improved digital object management
- Opportunity to consolidate platforms
- Need for sustainable open source software support model
How will ArchivesSpace meet these needs?

• Design and develop a new, unified system using a flexible technology framework

• Better definition of digital objects in data model

• Include functionality of both Archivists’ Toolkit and Archon

• Identify “organizational home”
ArchivesSpace: A New, Unified System

- Combine best-of-breed features from AT and Archon
- Engineered for easier maintenance, administration, and extensibility
- Address needs of consortial deployments
- Enable interoperability/increased compatibility with other systems and software
- Released as open source under Educational Community License, version 2.0
- Use existing open source libraries that are under a license compatible with ECL 2.0
Criteria for Organizational Home Selection

• Provide access to both a stand-alone version of software for archives of all types and sizes, and a version for consortia, or large institutions, to host on behalf of their constituencies

• Facilitate ongoing maintenance and enhancements, including community contributions

• Support a governance structure and a fee-based membership structure

• Encourage the development of a healthy ecosystem of partners that provide supporting services for ArchivesSpace
When will this next-generation tool be ready?

• Currently solidifying requirements, selecting software development vendor, and identifying “organizational home”

• Development scheduled to begin in January 2012

• Current support for archival workflows is provided by Archivists’ Toolkit and Archon

• Migration paths from each existing tool included in project plan
Work Plan (1): 2011

• Organizational, Governance, and Sustainability Planning (April – June 2011)

• Background and logistics (March – September 2011)

• Data Model (April 2011 – October 2011)

• Programming Procurement (May 2011 – December 2011)

• Organizational, Governance, and Sustainability Home Finalized (July – December 2011)
Work Plan (2): 2012

- Core Programming (January – May 2012)
- Activate Governance Body (January – June 2012)
- Archives Functional Programming (April – October 2012)
- Identify and Select Operational Support Plan (July 2012 – January 2013)
- Import/Export/Reports (August – November 2012)
Work Plan (3): 2012-2013

• Build Management and Usability Testing (March 2012 – February 2013)

• Develop Marketing, Communication, and Outreach Plan (June 2012 – February 2013)

• Beta Testing and Rollout (November 2012 – February 2013)

• User & System Documentation (June 2012 – February 2013)

• Support Migration of Existing Archivists’ Toolkit/Archon Installations (June 2012 – February 2013)
Project Team (1)

- Steering Committee: Luc Declerck, David Millman, Beth Sandore
- Technical Architect: Mark Matienzo
- Development Manager: Katherine Kott
- Archivists: Chris Prom, Scott Schwartz, Brad Westbrook
- Senior Software Developer: Joe Pawletko
Project Team (2)

- Build/Release Management Team: Brian Tingle, Adrian Turner
- Migration Facilitators: Nathan Stevens (AT), TBA (Archon)
- End-User and Systems Documentation Specialist: Annie Ross
- Developer: TBA (RFP has been issued, vendor responses submitted, evaluation is underway)
- Consultants
- And YOU!
For more information and to participate

• ArchivesSpace website
  • http://www.archivesspace.org/

• ArchivesSpace Google Group
  • http://groups.google.com/group/archivesspace/
Thank You!

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