



Web-based Government Information SURVEY B: Project Level

Initiation:

Send introduction to project and request to interview to all proposed subjects by e-mail. For those who agree to be interviewed, ask whether they can share any documentation prior to the meeting with more detailed descriptions of the project than what is readily available on the website.

Question Set:

1. Background and Mission.
 - a. Can you briefly describe your project, focusing on issues such as:
 - i. Funding
 - ii. Partner roles
 - iii. Stakeholder interests
 - iv. Long-range plans?
2. Selection.
 - a. How do you select material (who determines, process, criteria)?
3. Capture.
 - a. Describe the technical aspects of your capture process, focusing on tools that work well for you.
 - b. Describe the target of your capture process (domains, specific formats, etc.)
 - c. Are you missing any content in your capture process due to insufficient technology?
 - d. Open ended—what are your biggest challenges in the capture area.
4. Metadata - Ingestion.
 - a. What are your procedures for creating descriptive metadata (for identification and retrieval purposes) as well as preservation metadata (structural, administrative, and digital access management purposes).
 - b. Describe the level of automation involved..
 - c. What happens to the captured material and associated metadata once both are ready for ingestion?
5. Management - Preservation.

- a. How are you managing the archive?
 - b. How are you preserving the content?
 - c. Do you deselect/withdraw content? Under what circumstances?
 - d. How do you handle different versions of a document?
 - e. What are your most serious challenges in managing the archive?
6. Service and Use:
- a. How is the content accessed by and delivered to the end user?
 - b. Are there any specialized search engines / applications involved?
7. Rights Management – Legal Aspects:
- a. Who has access to the archive?
 - b. Are there any copyright issues regarding your content?
 - c. Are there any confidentiality/privacy issues associated with the content?

Suggested Projects:

Federal Projects:

1. US Department of Agriculture Statistics (digital content)
 - <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/usda.html>
2. Science.Gov (CENDI) (metadata and selective digital content)
 - http://www.dtic.mil/cendi/proj_sci_gov.html
3. GPO OCLC (electronic documents)
 - http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/01pro16.ppt
4. CyberCemetery – University of North Texas (websites)
 - <http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/default.html>
5. Library of Congress Minerva (websites)
 - <http://www.loc.gov/Minerva>
6. Department of State DOSFAN/Univ of Ill, Chicago (digital docs)
 - <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/documents/resources/dosfan.shtml>

State and Local Perspective:

7. Texas state initiatives (electronic documents)
 - <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/lot/electronicdepositorylib.html>
8. Washington state initiatives(digital government records)
 - <http://www.computerworld.com/databasetopics/data/story/0.10801,72096,00.html>
 - Contact: Robert Horton
9. OCLC initiatives with various states (flesh out specifics in Survey A w/ OCLC):
10. UCLA Online Campaign Literature Archive (Los Angeles campaign websites and retrospective digitization of campaign literature)
 - <http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/mgi/campaign/>

International perspective:

11. Pandora (Australia – government and non-gov't digital content)
 - <http://pandora.nla.gov.au/index.html>
12. Our Digital Island (New Zealand – gov't and non gov't websites)
 - <http://odi.statelibrary.tas.gov.au>
13. Kulturaw3 (Sweden – government websites)
 - <http://www.kb.se/kw3>
14. Archipol (Netherlands – political party websites)
 - <http://www.archipol.nl/english/index.html>

Memory Organization:

15. UC Riverside, Infomine (metadata)
 - <http://infomine.ucr.edu>

Profit/non-profit perspectives:

16. Internet Archive (content)
 - <http://www.archive.org>
17. Yahoo (content)
 - <http://www.yahoo.com>
18. Newbank (metadata and content)

- <http://www.newsbank.com>
19. Lexis-Nexis/Reed-Elsevier metadata and content)
- <http://www.reedelsevier.com>
 - Contact: TBD