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ArchivesSpace and Finding Aid Discovery Platform Discussion

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Agenda

- **Overview of the Finding Aid Discovery Platform Survey**
  - Purpose
  - Questions
- **Results**
  - Overall
  - Custom
  - Demographics
- **General Discussion**

Survey Purpose

- UGA deciding what platform to use
  - ArchivesSpace PUI, ArcLight, what else?
- Are there any custom solutions better suited for our needs?
- Maintenance and customizations → Sustainability
  - How prevalent are maintenance plans for discovery platforms?
  - Are people customizing the ArchivesSpace PUI in major ways?

Survey Questions

- 3 main questions:
  - What platform?
  - Customizations?
  - Maintenance plan?
- For custom solutions not ArcLight or XTF
  - Development in-house, vendor, something else?
  - If vendor, who?
  - Open-source?
  - Link to code if open-source?
- Demographic Questions:
  - Your institution/organization?
  - How many finding aids?
  - How many full time employees?

<u>Results</u>

- 43 respondents in total
- 67% use ArchivesSpace PUI solely or in some capacity*
- 28% have customized their ArchivesSpace PUI**
- 42% do NOT have a maintenance plan
  - 30% have a plan
  - 26% are unsure***
- 9% reported using aggregators solely or additionally
  - Online Archive of California
  - Virginia Heritage
  - OhioLINK

*29/43 (ArchivesSpace PUI), 14/43 (Other)
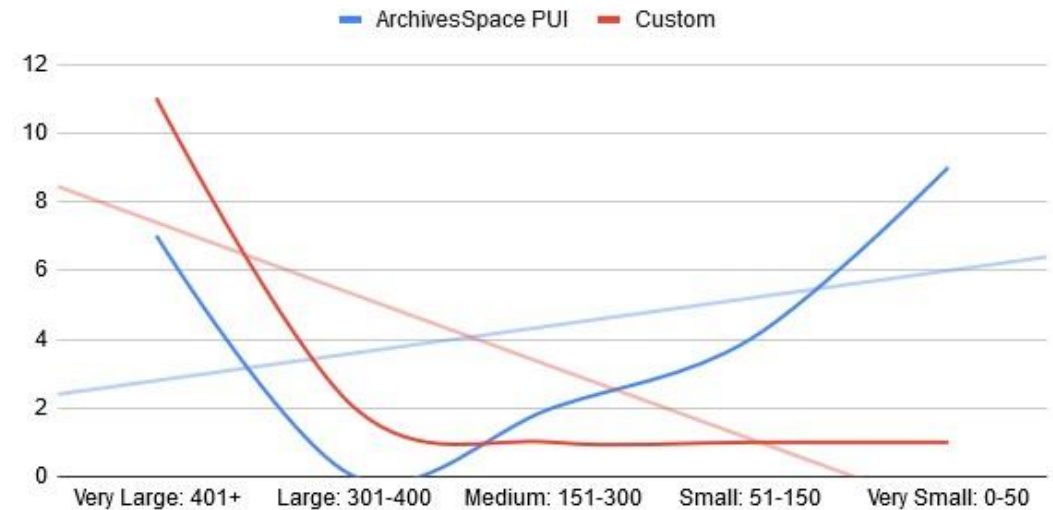**8/29 (Yes), 3/29 (Maybe)
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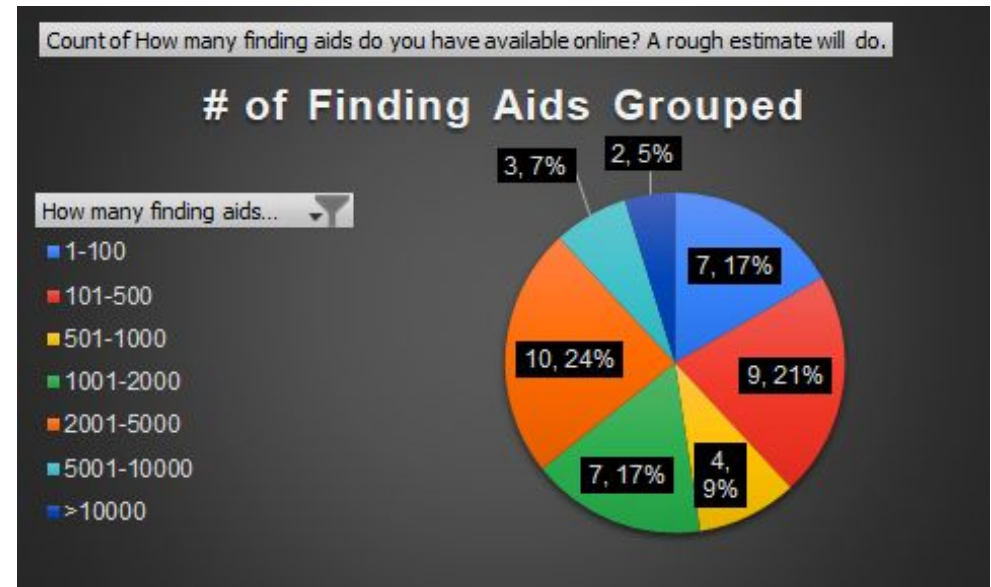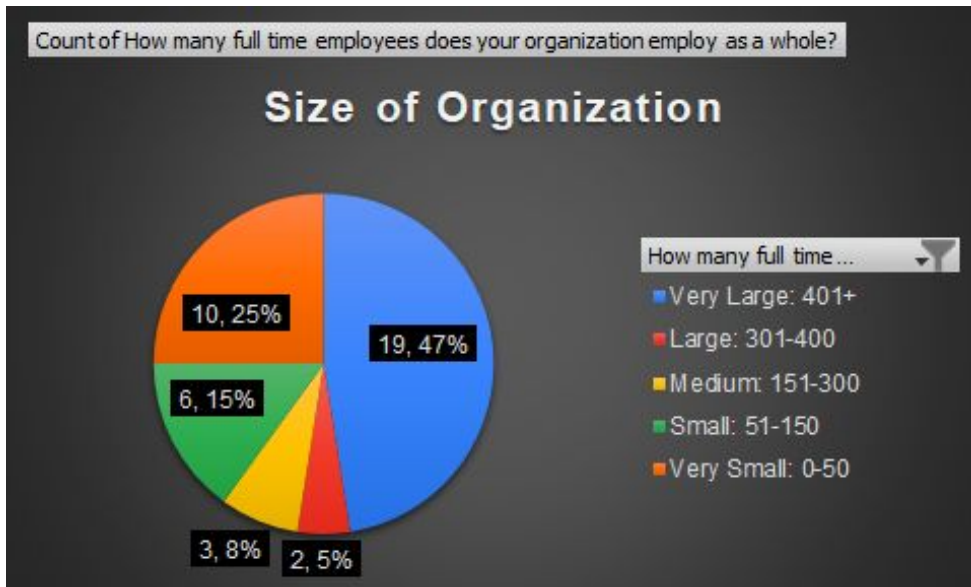
Results - Custom Platforms

- Most popular solutions other than ASpace PUI:
  - ArcLight (3)
  - Ruby on Rails (2)
  - Drupal/Islandora (1)
  - Django API and React (1)
  - DSpace/Digital Collection (1)
  - Apache Solr and Bootstrap (1) *SOVA
- Other solutions:
  - VuFind
- Built:
  - 5 in-house
  - 1 vendor
  - 1 in-house and vendor
  - 6 Very Large, 1 Very Small
- Open Source? 3 (maybe 4) truly open-source with links, 3 ArcLight
  - https://github.com/VAheritage
  - https://www.drupal.org/project/archivesspace
  - http://github.com/RockefellerArchiveCenter/dimes

ArchivesSpace PUI vs. Custom and Customized ASpace PUI

— ArchivesSpace PUI   — Custom

Demographics

- 67% Universities/Colleges
- 23% Institutions
- 10% Public Libraries and Museums

Count of How many full time employees does your organization employ as a whole?

Size of Organization

How many full time ...
- Very Large: 401+
- Large: 301-400
- Medium: 151-300
- Small: 51-150
- Very Small: 0-50

19, 47%
10, 25%
6, 15%
3, 8%
2, 5%

Count of How many finding aids do you have available online? A rough estimate will do.

# of Finding Aids Grouped

How many finding aids...
- 1-100
- 101-500
- 501-1000
- 1001-2000
- 2001-5000
- 5001-10000
- >10000

3, 7%
2, 5%
7, 17%
9, 21%
4, 9%
7, 17%
10, 24%

<u>Discussion</u>

- Why did you choose the ArchivesSpace PUI?
  - Are there things about the ArchivesSpace PUI that smaller institutions want to change, but don't have the technical support to change it?
  - What kinds of plugins or customizations have you added to your ArchivesSpace PUI?

- Why do institutions choose to create a custom solution?
  - What are the PUI dealbreakers? Why not use it?

- What incentives can we give to larger institutions to help develop the PUI?

- For those that have maintenance plans, what do they look like?
  - Why do some institutions not have a maintenance plan for their discovery platform?

Thank You

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