# ArchivesSpace
# Digital Objects Module Discussion

December 14, 2022

# Welcome

- **During the discussion, please raise your hand, unmute when called upon, and speak to the group.** This discussion could get complex and it will be difficult if people only use the chat.
    - If you cannot or are not comfortable speaking in front of this group, the survey distributed previously will be open until the end of the week.

- **Remember that the ArchivesSpace Code of Conduct applies to all ArchivesSpace events.**
    - Be respectful in your interactions with each other and members of the program team.
    - Be considerate of others' time and experience.
    - Do not monopolize the discussion.
    - The ArchivesSpace Code of Conduct is available at https://archivesspace.org/archivesspace-code-of-conduct

# Welcome

- We want to hear your experiences, but please keep in mind
    - ArchivesSpace is used by thousands of people around the world, with many different experiences and in many contexts.
    - ArchivesSpace can never be all things to all people, but the goal is to make it work well for the people who support and need it.

- Thank you to those who responded to the pre-discussion survey.  Some responses to this survey are included in the discussion slides.  If you have not yet responded, you can still complete the survey by following the link provided in the registration for this event.

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# Background Information

- Digital objects module feedback has varied over the years
- Feedback, commentary, tickets submitted often in conflict with each other and with the original community-approved plan for ArchivesSpace
- Want to get a better handle on what path(s) forward best reflect the will of the community

- But remember, focusing ArchivesSpace on what it can do well and is not handled elsewhere in the information management landscape is a core principle of ArchivesSpace; the application not being a digital asset management system is unlikely to change unless resources or circumstances change dramatically

# Background Information

- ○ There were 53 total responses (48 fully completed) to the survey.
- ○ Some responses were from individuals at the same organization.
- ○ About 75% were from institutions that have been using ArchivesSpace for 3 years or more.
- ○ About 75% were from people who have been using it 3 years or more.
- ○ Over 80% of respondents are currently using the Digital Objects module. Almost all who were not using it currently plan to in less than a year.

**Poll: Are you using the Digital Objects Module at your organization?**

# Discussion Question

**Survey: How well does the Digital Objects module meet your needs?**

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Completely | 4.76% | 2 |
| Mostly | 47.62% | 20 |
| Somewhat | 47.62% | 20 |
| Not at all | 0.00% | 0 |
| TOTAL | | 42 |

# Discussion Question

## Survey: What do you most like about the module?

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Being able to manage the description for physical and digital objects within the same system | 21.05% | 8 |
| Being able to link digital object description to accessions/resources/archival objects as instances | 21.05% | 8 |
| Being able to add links to digital files wherever they are stored | 26.32% | 10 |
| Being able to view some types of files in the staff and public interfaces | 2.63% | 1 |
| Being able to export digital object metadata in different standards-compliant formats | 0.00% | 0 |
| Having an integration available for my digital asset/content/repository/preservation system of choice | 13.16% | 5 |
| Being able to import digital object information in a spreadsheet | 13.16% | 5 |
| Being able to import digital object information from an EAD | 0.00% | 0 |
| Other (please specify)                                 Responses | 2.63% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 38 |

# Discussion Question

## Survey: What is the biggest pain point for you?

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|---|---|
| Having to create the description for each digital object from scratch rather than repurposing the description for its linked accession/resource/archival object | 23.68% | 9 |
| Not being able to do more description in bulk | 7.89% | 3 |
| Only being able to see some types of files in the public interface | 0.00% | 0 |
| Process for displaying and linking files so that they appear in the public interface is not intuitive | 10.53% | 4 |
| Not being able to choose which file I want to display in the public interface when there are multiple file versions for a digital object | 0.00% | 0 |
| It's hard for users to see digital objects in the context of their linked accession/resource/archival object in the public interface | 18.42% | 7 |
| No built-in IIIF viewer | 2.63% | 1 |
| No or limited integration with my preferred system for managing digital object metadata. | 7.89% | 3 |
| No pain points - I'm happy with it the way it is | 5.26% | 2 |
| Other (please specify)                                        Responses | 23.68% | 9 |
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# Discussion Question

## Survey: How would these possible changes to the module impact your work?

| | THIS WOULD POSITIVELY IMPACT MY PREFERRED WORKFLOW | THIS WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT MY PREFERRED WORKFLOW | I WOULD NOT USE THIS | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Repurpose metadata from a linked accession/resource/archival object | 97.78% 44 | 2.22% 1 | 0.00% 0 | 45 |
| Digital objects tab or other contextualization for objects linked to an accession/resource/archival object in the public interface | 72.50% 29 | 0.00% 0 | 27.50% 11 | 40 |
| More viewers in the public interface | 73.81% 31 | 0.00% 0 | 26.19% 11 | 42 |
| IIIF viewer for the interfaces | 57.14% 24 | 2.38% 1 | 40.48% 17 | 42 |
| Ingest functionality tied to a specific digital content/asset/preservation system like DSpace | 51.16% 22 | 2.33% 1 | 46.51% 20 | 43 |
| More possibilities for creating and/or editing digital objects in bulk | 97.83% 45 | 0.00% 0 | 2.17% 1 | 46 |
| Eliminating standalone digital objects (meaning every digital object would need to be linked to a resource, archival object, or accession record) | 55.00% 22 | 20.00% 8 | 25.00% 10 | 40 |

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# Discussion

**Do these results reflect your experience?**

**If not, what would you like to add or dispute?**

When responding it would be helpful if you would describe your archives and your approach to digital content so that the group understands the context.

# Discussion

Only a little over half of respondents said they use the digital objects section of the user manual, though lack of information or understanding of how to use digital objects in ArchivesSpace was cited by multiple respondents

**If you either don't use the available documentation or feel like you need more, what would you change or add?**

# Next Steps

Considering this discussion, what would you like to see happen next with the Digital Objects module?

# Some Next Steps You Can Take Now

- Review the slides and notes from this discussion when they are added to the ArchivesSpace wiki in the coming days.
- Respond to the digital objects survey if you haven't already (will be open until the end of this week).
- Comment on open JIRA tickets or submit a new feature request.
  - Development Prioritization sub-team may want to use information from all these sources to consider tickets that have not yet been prioritized, or reconsider some that have.
- Test and comment on tickets with a status of Ready for Testing - once work is done it's available to test on https://test.archivesspace.org/staff

# Thanks for joining us!

# Feel free to reach out
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