

Crowd-solving the file format problem

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- Understand the problem
- Examine the data
- Work out requirements
- Find solutions
 - Information, experience, research, best practice
 - Software tools
- Implement
- Evaluate
- **All of these tasks can be aided and enhanced by collaborative working and result sharing**

- Atlas of Digital Damages
- OPF Format Corpus
- Datasets, Issues and Solutions
- Learning from practitioners needs - and then meeting them (poster)
- Format Risks
- Research challenges
- Tools

<http://wiki.opf-labs.org/display/KB/DPC+Bring+out+your+dead+%28files%29>

- Which files are useful to share?
 - Files, any files
 - Unusual formats
 - Files that exhibit specific characteristics
 - Broken, obsolete, or otherwise dead files
 - One constraint: must be CC0
- Why is this useful?
 - Helps others understand and address your challenges
 - Supports file format identification development
 - Supports broader tool development and testing

- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Pool information, don't spread it around
- Use existing infrastructure, don't start from scratch
- Neutral locations are great
- Share, be open, share not so good results as well as good results
- Love CC

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Thanks for listening!

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