

1. Beagrie, N. and Greenstein, D. (1998). Managing Digital Collections: AHDS Policies, Standards and Practices. Consultation Draft. December 1999.

<http://www.ahds.ac.uk/about/reports-and-policies/index.htm>

Section 2.9.2 Technical Standards, provides a summary of preferred formats recommended by AHDS service providers. Further details are available in individual Guides to Good Practice.

2. DLM Forum (1997). Guidelines on Best Practice for Using Electronic Information.

<http://europa.eu.int/ISPO/dlm/documents/gdlines.pdf>

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No longer available - information at

<http://ec.europa.eu/archives/ISPO/dlm/>

Chapter 5, Short- and long-term preservation of electronic information, offers advice on data storage media (including advice on storage conditions) and file formats. The latter general advice is "Best practice is to decide on a common set of standards from the outset to make it easier to circulate information.

Preferably the same formats should be used for both short-term and long-term preservation". Both storage media and file formats are grouped into families, with examples of the major types in each.

3. Frey, F. (2000). File Formats for Digital Masters.

<http://www.rlg.ac.uk/visguides/visguide5.html>

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One of five guides commissioned by DLF and CLIR and published with RLG. This guide provides steps in how to select file formats for digital masters, selecting those based on a combination of performance and durability.

4. National Library of Australia. (1999). First Steps in Preserving Digital Publications.

<http://www.nla.gov.au/pres/epupam.html>

5. PADI. This is highly recommended as providing comprehensive links to relevant resources. Relevant sections available online include: magnetic media at: <http://www.nla.gov.au/padi/topics/59.html>

optical disks at:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/padi/topics/53.html>

physical formats at:

<http://www.nla.gov.au/padi/topics/52.html>

6. TASI. Framework webpages are highly recommended as a resource and are available

online at:

<http://www.tasi.ac.uk/advice/advice.html>

Includes general advice on selecting file formats for images.

7. van Bogart, John (1995). Magnetic Tape Storage and Handling. Council on Library and Information Resources. (ISBN 1-887334-40-8).

<http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub54>

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