### Digital Preservation Case Study: Community Action via UK LOCKSS Alliance

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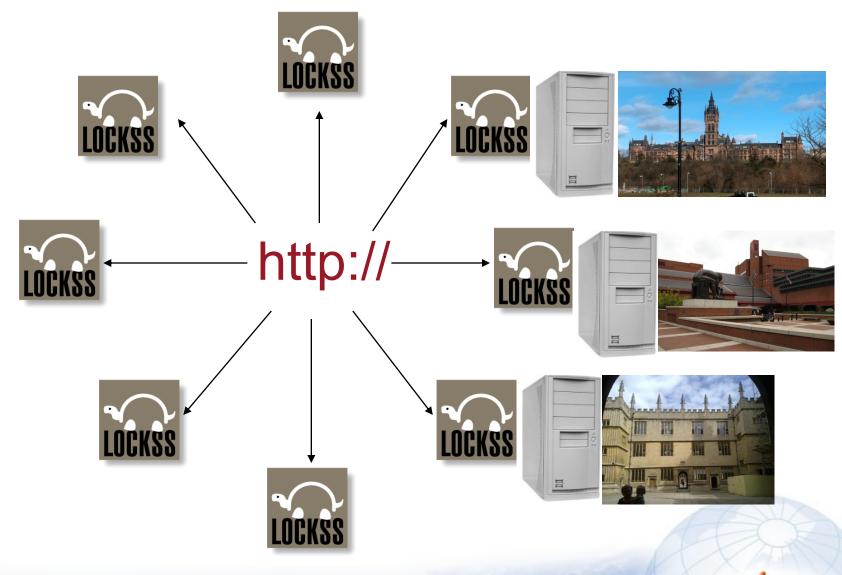
### Threats to Digital Material

- Can we still access the subscribed journals if we stop paying subscription (postcancellation access)?
- What happens if a publisher discontinues a journal?
- What happens if a publisher goes bust?
- Will we still be able to view current formats in the long term?





### A LOCKSS Box is a Digital Bookshelf











#### Preserving Web Published Content

...journals, books, blogs, web sites, scanned files, audio, video animations, social science datasets, moving images, still images, software, sound, text, e-thesis & dissertations, images, government documents...





### 400+ Participating Publishers

#### **RSC**Publishing



















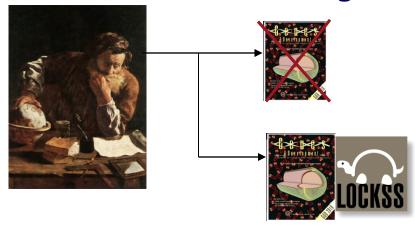






#### **Continuing Access**

Access in short term and long term



- Continuing access following cancellation
- Access is not dependent upon continuing membership





#### **UK LOCKSS Alliance**

#### The UK LOCKSS Alliance

Today's Scholarly Content, Secured For Tomorrow



- The UK LOCKSS Alliance is a co-operative organization whose goal is to ensure continuing access to scholarly work in ways that are sustainable over the long term.
- LOCKSS allows libraries to be involved in the development of journal preservation infrastructure and collections.
  - EDINA offers underlying technical support and coordination





#### Motivations to participate

- A library task is to manage risk in order to ensure long term preservation and access.
  - What approach best suits your needs?
- Why participate in preservation initiatives?
  - Cost savings: post-cancellation access
  - Form of insurance for high value e-only subscriptions
- Participation in journal archiving initiatives is still relatively low
  - Need different initiatives?
  - Other benefits or different articulation?
  - Is it the cost?
  - Are people waiting for others to lead; a tipping point?





#### What did we do before?

# Print collections are an **effective decentralized** preservation system

- Many copies of most things
- Scattered around the world
  - Held under different legal regimes
  - Held under different administrative regimes
- Distributed responsibility reduces risk of accidental loss





### Why do systems fail?

- Media failure
- Hardware failure
- Software failure
- Network failure
- Format obsolescence
- Natural disaster

- Economic failure
- Organization failure
- Operator error
- External attack
- Insider attack





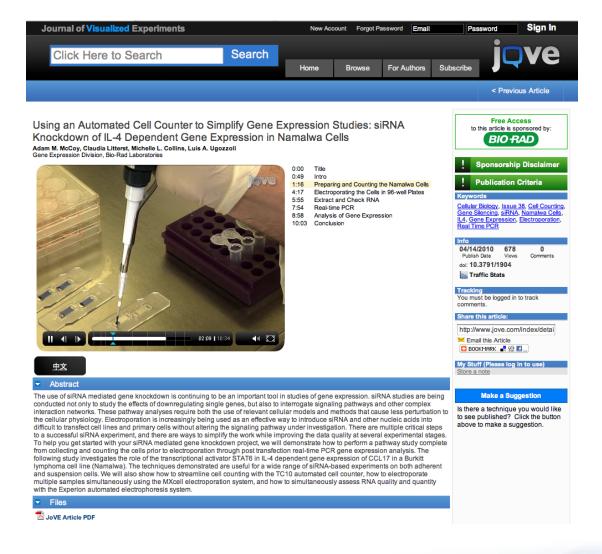
#### How LOCKSS Works

LOCKSS: Modern technology meets the decentralization and local control model of print collections.





#### Significant Properties







#### Publishers Give Permission

#### Pain Reviews

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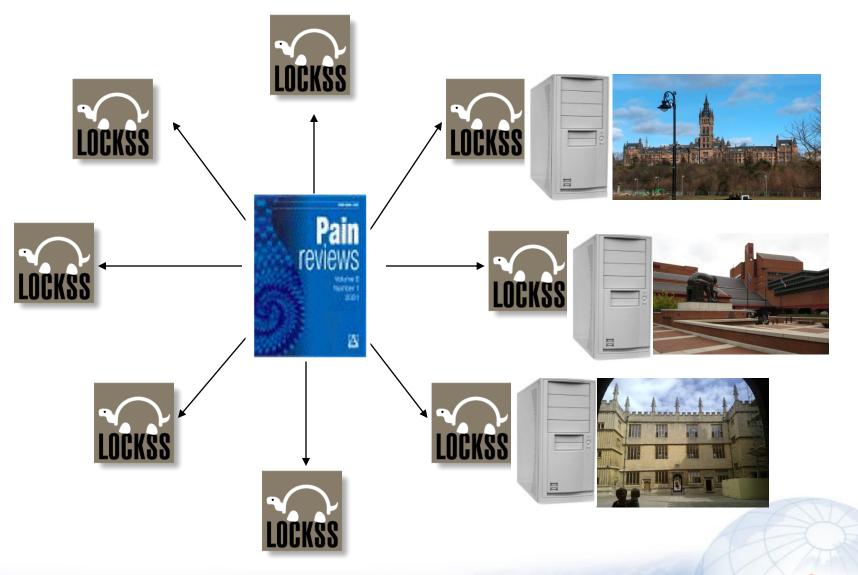








## **Independent Collection**



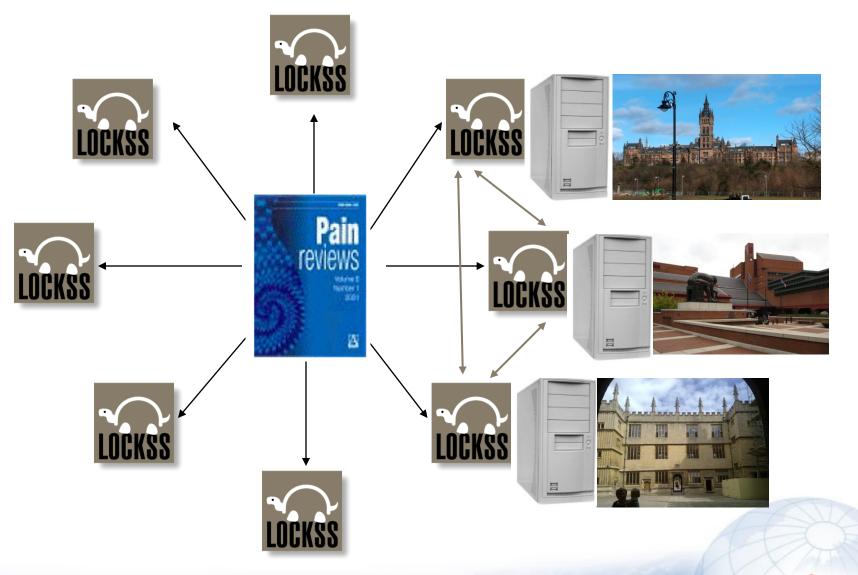








## **Independent Collection**











#### **Governance Activities**

- Finance, Activity and Resources
  - Achieving a sustainable organisation
- Collection Management Policies
  - Methods to determine what content is of priority and at-risk
- Community Outreach
  - Supporting other libraries
  - How to contribute to national policy
- Technical Operation and Development
  - Usage of LOCKSS within institutions





#### Priorities for 2010-2013

- Funding for Community Development Activities (2010 2013)
- Continued identification of at-risk scholarly titles
- Develop well-defined policies and practices
  - And encourage their adoption
- Improve communication between the UKLA members
  - Engagement with the wider community, e.g. via DPC
- Develop active 'self-help' communities to share information
- Engage with other initiatives to encourage joined-up services
  - Benefit from 'Shared Services'





### Principles of LOCKSS: Building Solid Archives

- Assured and licensed access to content
- Appropriate control and custody of content
  - Within UK policy and funding control
- Responsibility spread across the community
  - Built upon a strong organisational foundation
- Shepherded by strong universities with strong libraries





### Where do we go from here?

Thank you for listening

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