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Digital Preservation: Managing Information for the long-term

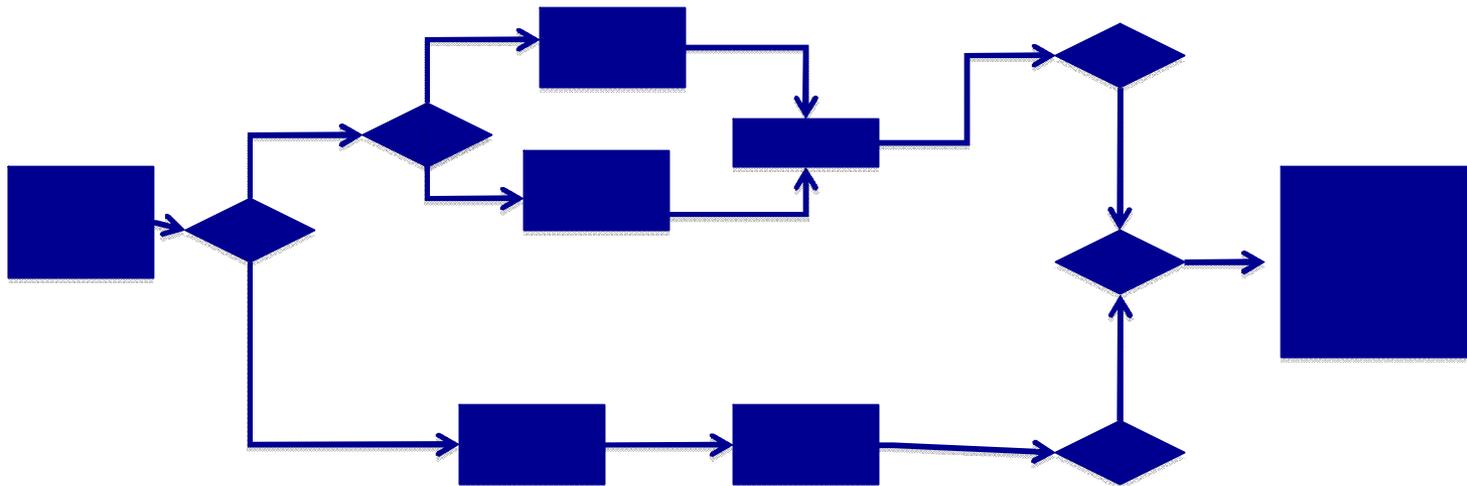
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Digital Preservation: a definition

The set of actions required to maintain digital information in an accessible and authentic form, for as long as required for business purposes and across changing technical environments





Digital Preservation: why is it so important?

- *To ensure the right information is captured for the long-term*
- *To ensure digital information held by local archives is secure*
- *To ensure plans and policies are being developed*
- *To facilitate in the management of information for the future including re-use*



21st Century Archives Policy

Key recommendations:

- “fewer, bigger, better” - increased sustainability within the sector
- strengthened leadership and a responsive, skilled workforce
- co-ordinated response to the growing challenge of managing digital information
- comprehensive online access for archive discovery
- active participation in cultural and learning partnerships

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Digital Preservation Action Plan

- TNA will:
 - ✓ collaborate in raising awareness (e.g. road shows)
 - ✓ lead and support the draft 21st Century Archives Policy
 - ✓ advice, influence, advocacy
 - ✓ help build relationships
 - ✓ provide tools and guidance

Tools, techniques, advice



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Under 'Knowing what you've got', preservation tools provided by The National Archives, such as:

- ✓ **DROID** - a file format identification
- ✓ **PRONOM** is a registry of file format information to assist preservation planning
- ✓ Other types of tools, guidance from us, DPC, SoA and others.....



Education sector partnerships

- *New partnerships = new ways of working together*
- Exemplars of “fewer, bigger, better”: new partnerships between academic and archives sectors?
- Research feeds practice
- Case study: Hull University innovation with an institutional repository
- Cultural and heritage partnerships create digital assets for the future as well as a learning experience for participants



21st Century Archives Policy Consultation

- How does the government policy relate to your archive service?
- What can and should The National Archives do to embed this policy into our core work?
- What should be on our action plan?
- Please give us your views and feedback at

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