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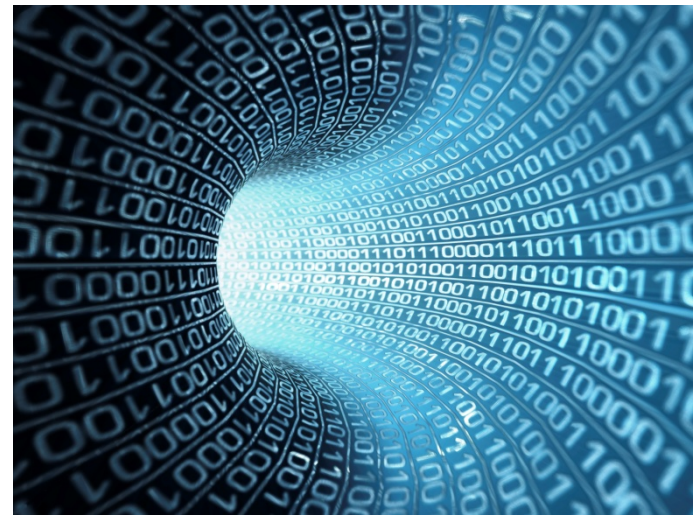
Recent developments in DROID and PRONOM

What happened in 2012?

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DROID



- DROID 6.1
 - Substantive internal changes
 - ‘No profile’ mode
 - Greater efficiency
- Transition to Github – facilitating more iterative releases
 - <https://github.com/digital-preservation/>
- DROID7 wiki – still open and receiving suggestions
 - <http://droid7.wikispaces.com/>
- Google Groups support forum
 - <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/droid-list>

PRONOM

- 7 new signature file releases
- Bi-monthly release schedule
- Full time File Format Researcher/Signature Developer
- 946 PUIDs (up from 846, January 2012)
- 672 binary signatures (up from 505)
- 48 container signatures (up from 38)



PRONOM Contributors in 2012

- British Library
- Rhizome
- Numen Digital
- Hagley Library and Museum
- The Museum of London
- National Archives and Records Administration (USA)
- National Library of New Zealand
- Georgia Technology Research Institute
- Museum of London
- Geospatial Multistate Access and Preservation Partnership (GeoMAPP)
- Koninklijke Bibliotheek
- Independent contributors

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/PRONOM/submitinfo.htm>



Future Developments

- Imminent recruitment of new Digital Preservation Analyst Developer
- Linked Data PRONOM (honest!), working with Tessella
- More iterative releases towards DROID 7
 - Short-term priorities: Java 7 compatibility
 - Options for generating SHA256
 - Long term priorities to be assessed once resources in place



An Announcement...

- DROID download is now directly available from The National Archives website!
- <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/projects-and-work/droid.htm>
- No more dodgy links (Sourceforge)! No more continuity issues (Github)!
- DROID remains free and open source software, under the BSD license
- DROID 6.2 is imminent!



My session

- Researching and developing file format signatures for PRONOM
- Where to go
- What to look for
- Tools of the trade
- See you there!



Thank you!
Questions?