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Significant properties are essential characteristics of a digital object which must be preserved over time for the digital object to remain accessible and meaningful. Proper understanding of the significant properties of digital objects is critical to establish best practices and helps answer the fundamental question related to digital preservation: *what to preserve?*

The importance of significant properties has been highlighted by a number of notable digital preservation initiatives in recent years. These include a range of projects funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) and the European Union, in which work has been undertaken to investigate the factors affecting decisions on significant properties, to establish generic models for determining them, to develop tools and services for describing and extracting them, or simply to understand complex digital object types, using the concept of significant properties as a starting point.

JISC, the British Library and the Digital Preservation Coalition (DPC) are organising a joint workshop on 7th April at the British Library Conference Centre. The intention is to bring together the relevant projects and report on progress to date.

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Welcome and introduction



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Comments/summary



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Discussion



Frances Boyle (DPC)

Closing Remarks

Key to acronyms:

JISC	Joint Information Systems Committee
NAA	National Archives of Australia
CeRch	Centre for e-Research , King's College London (incorporating the Arts & Hu
OBU	Oxford Brookes University
SSL	System Simulation Ltd.
STFC	Science and Technologies Facilities Council
ULCC	University of London Computing Centre
PLANETS	Preservation and Long Term Access Through Networked Services
TBC	To be confirmed
DCC	Digital Curation Centre
UNC	University of North Carolina
DPC	Digital Preservation Coalition

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