

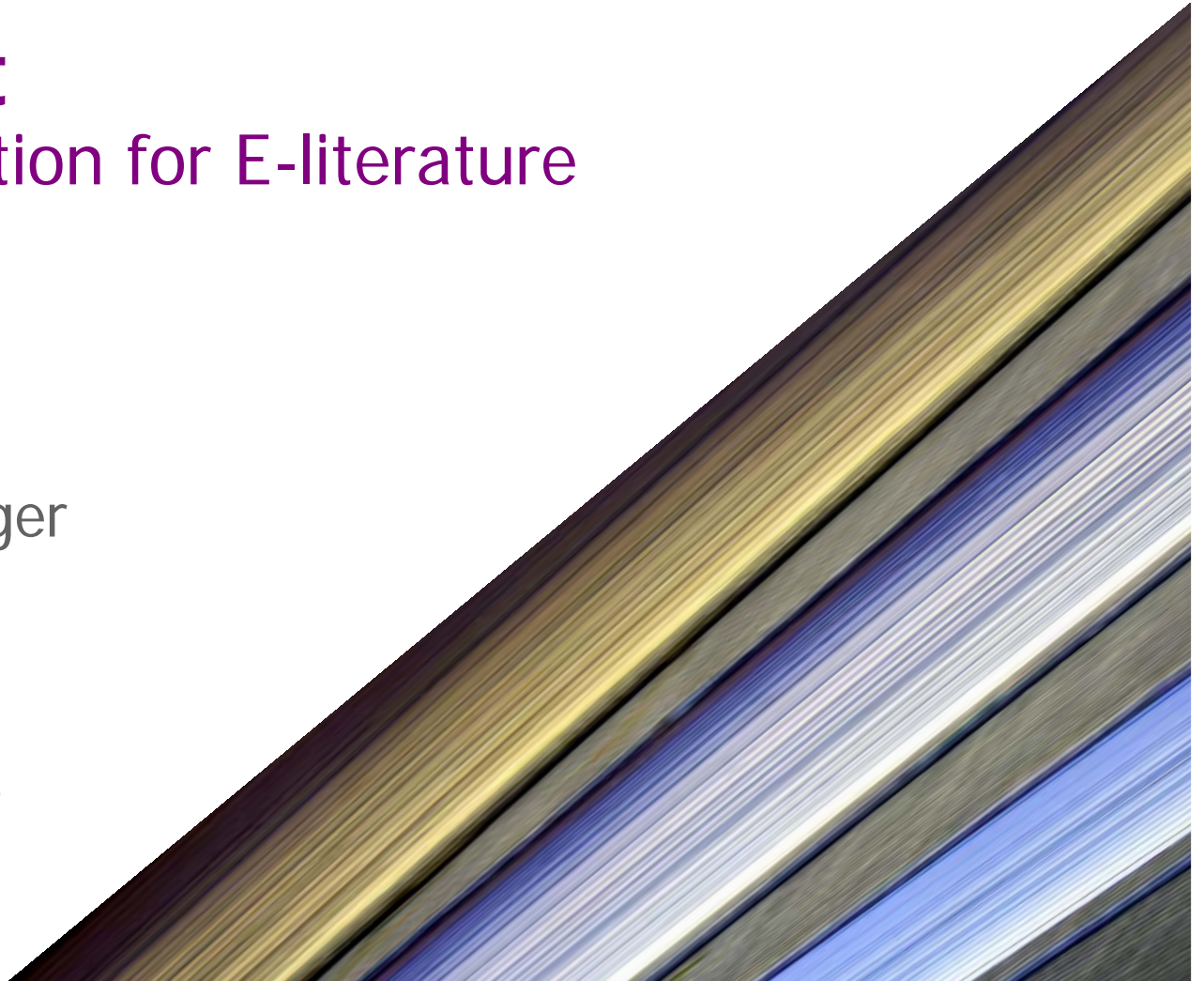


LIFE Project

Lifecycle Information for E-literature

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Overview

- ▶ What is the LIFE Project?
- ▶ LIFE¹
- ▶ LIFE²
- ▶ Further Information





Lifecycle Information for E-literature

Project phases:

- ▶ LIFE¹ (12 months)
- ▶ LIFE² (18 months)

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LIFE starts to answer the question:

What is the long term cost
of preserving digital material?



Why use lifecycle costing?

- ▶ Enables evaluation of all the financial commitments for an item in a collection
- ▶ Important for digital collections, where many costs are largely unknown





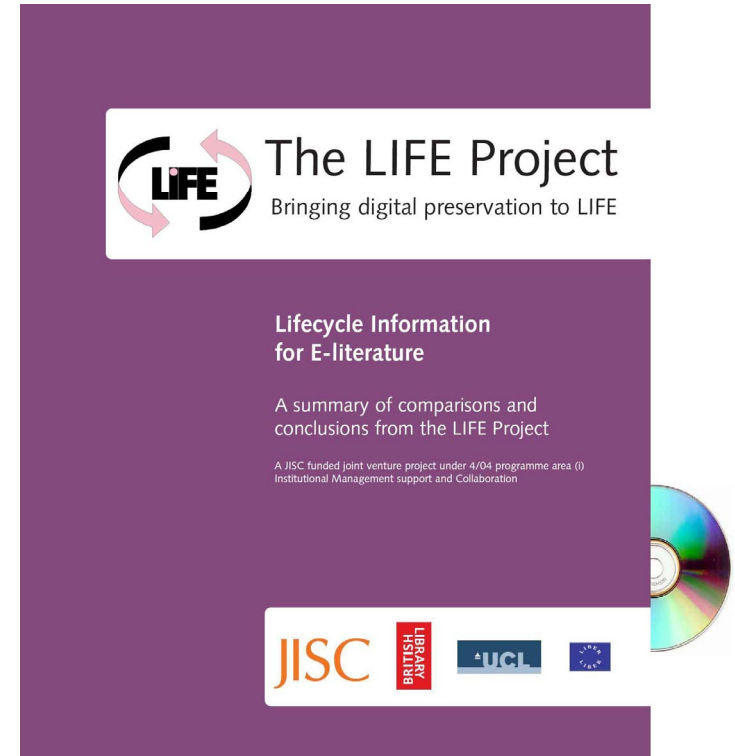
Aims

- ▶ Better understanding of the digital lifecycle
- ▶ Plan and prepare for digital preservation activities
- ▶ Evaluate and improve efforts
- ▶ Compare analogue and digital



LIFE¹ project

1. Literature Review
2. Economic Lifecycle Model
3. Generic Preservation Model
4. Case Studies
5. International Conference





LIFE¹ Case Studies

eJournals

Web Archiving

VDEP



LIFE¹ → LIFE²



The LIFE Model v1.1





LIFE² Case Studies

Institutional Repositories

Primary Data

Digitised Newspapers





LIFE² deliverables

- ▶ Economic Evaluation of LIFE¹
- ▶ Revision of the LIFE Model
 - Version 1.1 (October 2007)
 - Version 2 (Summer 2008)
- ▶ Updated Preservation Model (Summer 2008)
- ▶ Final report
- ▶ End of project conference



Benefits of LIFE

- ▶ Assess the financial commitment for acquiring or creating new digital materials
- ▶ More effective planning for preservation activities
- ▶ Comparison of digital lifecycles across collections
- ▶ Evaluation and optimisation of existing digital lifecycles
- ▶ Predictive future cost of digital preservation



LIFE Website & Blog



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