Google Workspace vs. Digital Preservation

Does it have to be this hard? Preserving content from Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace

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Overview

- Context setting
- Challenge 1: Preserving Google
- Challenge 2: Speed of change
- Challenge 3: Google Data Cap
- Opportunities
Context
University Vision:

“We will deliver life-enhancing research, innovation and education that not only transforms the lives of our graduates, but shapes the world we live in. We believe the best way to achieve this is by fostering an ambitious, inclusive, collaborative community.”
Challenge 1: Preserving Google
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Google Workspace is a web application

- Data exists only with the cloud applications
  - No “file format”
  - No checksums
- Migration
- Metadata
- Authenticity
- Ownership of files/folders
Challenge 2: Speed of change
Challenge 2

Google Podcasts
Google

Google Jamboard is winding down

Google Jamboard will no longer be available as of December 31, 2024 across Web, iOS, Android, and Google Meet devices. Your Jam data will be available for you to export or migrate to one of our whiteboard partners, like Miro, Mural, and Miro, until that date.
Challenge 3: Google Data Cap
Opportunities!
Opportunity 1: To collaborate

Digital Preservation Strategy (Delivery Plan 2023-2027):

- Collaborate with key stakeholders and engage with expertise held within the University to support digital preservation activities
Opportunity 2: Test migration options
Opportunity 3: To Learn

Selected Reading List:

Jenny Mitchem: How can we preserve Google Documents? 2017

Thank you!

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