LI FE 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)
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
1. Literature Review
2. Economic Lifecycle Model
3. Generic Preservation Model
4. Case Studies
5. International Conference
LIFE\textsuperscript{1} Case Studies

\textbf{ejournals}

Web Archiving

VDEP
The LI FE Model v1.1

- Creation or Purchase
- Acquisition
- Ingest
- Metadata Creation
- Bit-stream Preservation
- Content Preservation
- Access
LI FE² Case Studies

Institutional Repositories

Primary Data

Digitised Newspapers
LI FE² deliverables

► Economic Evaluation of LI FE¹

► Revision of the LI FE Model
  ■ Version 1.1 (October 2007)
  ■ Version 2 (Summer 2008)

► Updated Preservation Model (Summer 2008)

► Final report

► End of project conference
Benefits of LI FE

► 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
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