What I wish I knew before I started...

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Digital records are hugely diverse
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They often don’t come in nice, standard, complete, discrete packages
Ingest accounts for up to 90% of digital repository activity
…and the other 10%...
We can automate the boring stuff
Characterization is one of the most important tasks
...so keep it as simple as possible
It isn’t just (or mainly) about technology
Technology obsolescence isn’t necessarily the biggest threat
The challenges are many and varied
Focus on the benefits
There is no one right way to do digital preservation. The right way is the way that works.
We really need to understand what users want
You don’t have to solve every problem yourself
- collaborate
Being a digital archivist means...
But with extra superpowers
**Digital preservation skills are archival skills**
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As a digital archivist, I get to...
Care for digital treasures
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Preserve them in a state-of-the-art digital repository
Open up access to the world
Work on fascinating new challenges
Create tools and resources to help people
Work with great people from around the world
Develop key skills for the future
Digital archives matter
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Digital archives matter
Digital archivists matter
Thank you!

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