What I wish I knew before I started...

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Digital records are hugely diverse
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Technology obsolescence isn’t necessarily the biggest threat...
...the challenges are many and varied
Focus on the benefits as well as risks
Ingest accounts for up to 90% of digital repository activity.
...and the other 10%...
...so keep it as simple as possible
It isn’t just (or mainly) about technology
There is no one right way to do digital preservation. The right way is the way that works.
Be wary of paper thinking
We really need to understand what users want
You don’t have to solve every problem yourself
- collaborate
Being a digital archivist means...

...being an archivist

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
World Wide Web

The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area hypermedia information retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to a large universe of documents.

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Care for digital treasures
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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