Recent developments in DROID and PRONOM

What happened in 2012?

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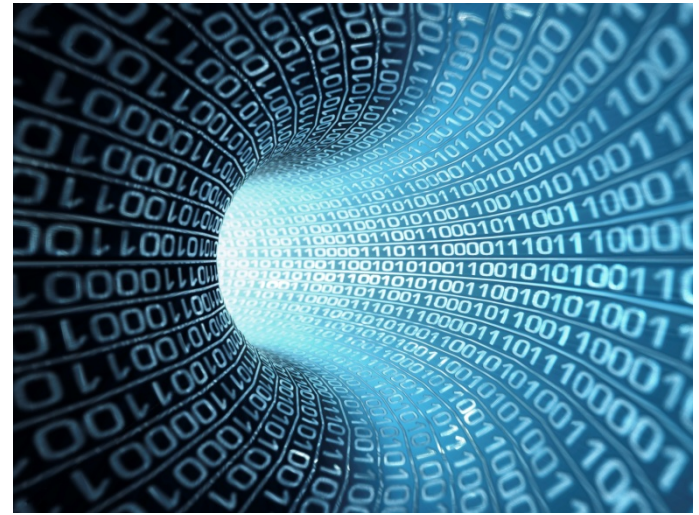
DROID

- DROID 6.1
    - ○ Substantive internal changes
    - ○ 'No profile' mode
    - ○ Greater efficiency

- Transition to Github – facilitating more iterative releases
    - ○ https://github.com/digital-preservation/

- DROID7 wiki – still open and receiving suggestions
    - ○ http://droid7.wikispaces.com/

- Google Groups support forum
    - ○ https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/droid-list

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PRONOM

- 7 new signature file releases

- Bi-monthly release schedule

- Full time File Format Researcher/Signature Developer

- 946 PUIDs (up from 846, January 2012)

- 672 binary signatures (up from 505)

- 48 container signatures (up from 38)

PRONOM Contributors in 2012

- British Library

- Rhizome

- Numen Digital

- Hagley Library and Museum

- The Museum of London

- National Archives and Records Administration (USA)

- National Library of New Zealand

- Georgia Technology Research Institute

- Museum of London

- Geospatial Multistate Access and Preservation Partnership (GeoMAPP)

- Koninklijke Bibliotheek

- Independent contributors

http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/PRONOM/submitinfo.htm

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Future Developments

- Imminent recruitment of new Digital Preservation Analyst Developer

- Linked Data PRONOM (honest!), working with Tessella

- More iterative releases towards DROID 7
    - Short-term priorities: Java 7 compatibility
    - Options for generating SHA256
    - Long term priorities to be assessed once resources in place

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An Announcement…

- DROID download is now directly available from The National Archives website!

- http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/information-management/projects-and-work/droid.htm

- No more dodgy links (Sourceforge)! No more continuity issues (Github)!

- DROID remains free and open source software, under the BSD license

- DROID 6.2 is imminent!

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My session

- Researching and developing file format signatures for PRONOM

- Where to go

- What to look for

- Tools of the trade

- See you there!

Thank you!
Questions?

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