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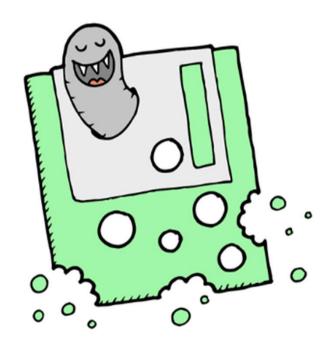
## Data as the new oil: Big Data, Big Science Too?

Needs refining and enhancing ... but Frictionless Abundant Ubiquitous Inexhaustible

## ...Digital Preservation Claxon...



## Digital preservation makes bleak reading



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## What's the problem?

Media failure Virus or malware

Media obsolescence Poor documentation

Software failure Poor rights management

Software obsolescence Lost encryption key

Inaccessible file format Poor version control

Format migration errors Inadvertent deletion

Loss of media Malicious deletion

Disaster Poor file-naming

Broken dependency Corruption

Failure of systems integration Link rot

Data Theft ...

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## **Also Lived Experience?**



## CORPORATE ABANDONMENT IS AS BIG A THREAT TO THE DIGITAL ESTATE AS OBSOLESCENCE

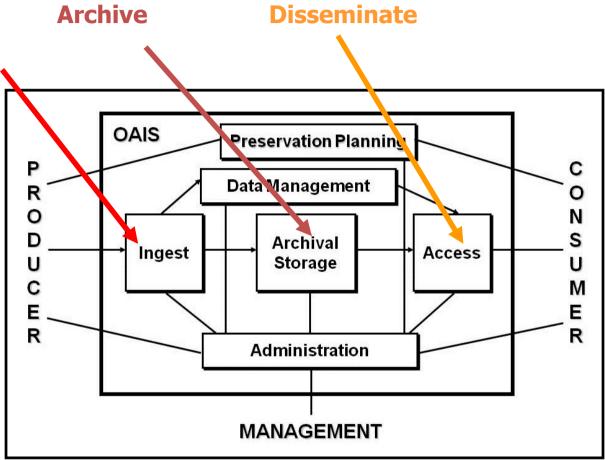
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## How hard can it be?



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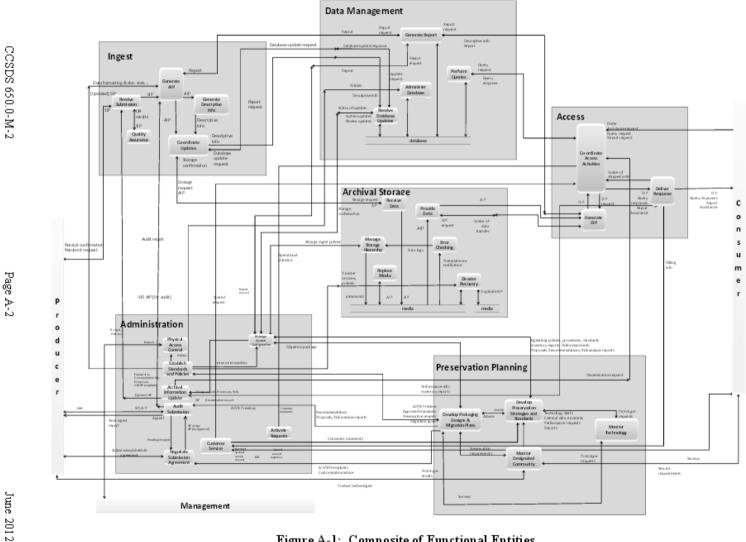


Figure A-1: Composite of Functional Entities



## This is what success will look like: Simple; invisible; intensely clever; user-focussed



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What we have learned at the DPC

Real Problems: Real Actions

- 1. Time is money: timing is everything
- 2. What is data? What is processes?



## How much does a repository cost Here's two I prepared earlier ...



Setup: Tens of thousands?



Setup: Tens of millions?





## Digital preservation expensive ..?

## No: it's an unfunded mandate

### Do we know the

- value of data?
- costs of data?
- costs of inaction?



...money turns out to be the major problem facing the future of our digital heritage. (Rosenthal 2012)

**Data creation:** 

Approx 60% per annum

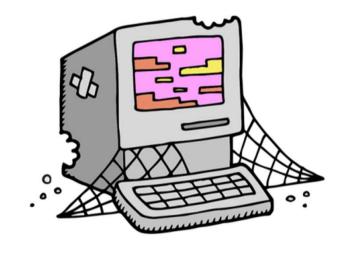
Storage capacities: Approx 40% per annum

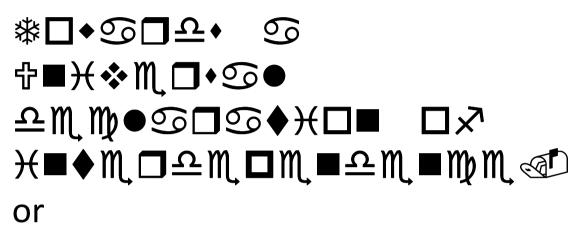


IT Budgets: Approx 2% per annum

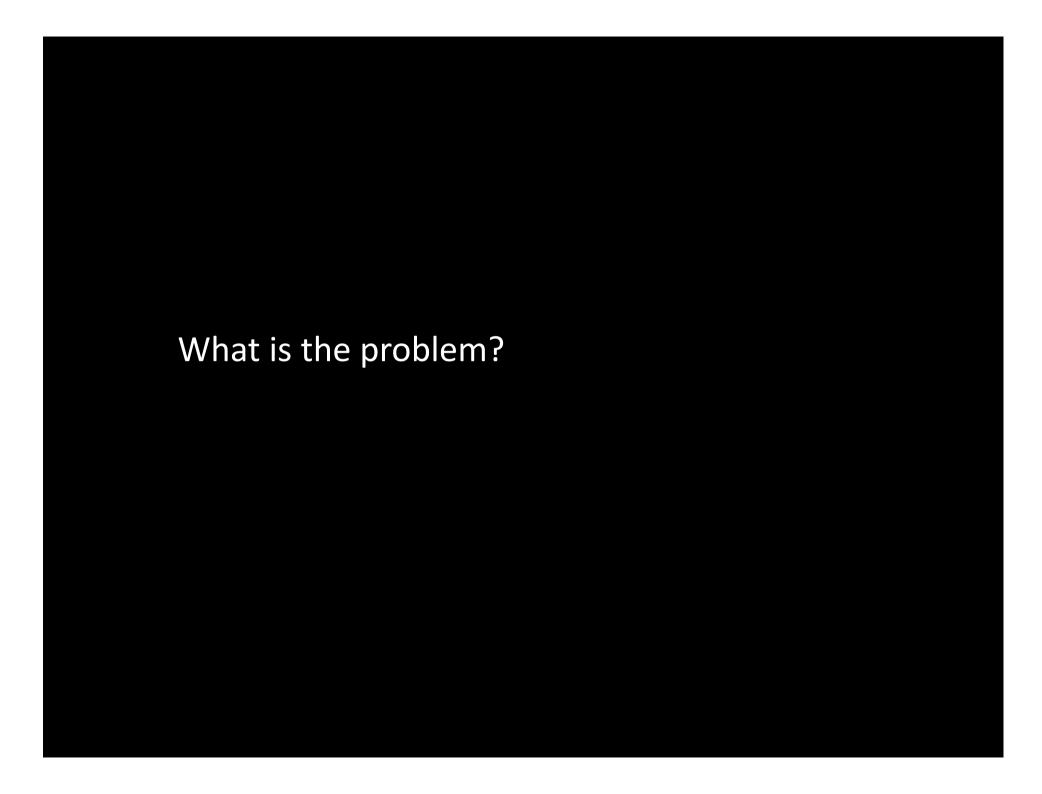


## 2. What is Data?

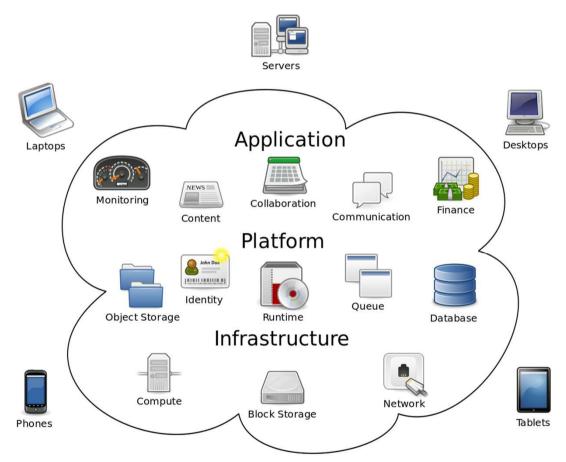




Towards a universal declaration of interdependence.



## **Cloud Computing**



Cloud computing is the delivery of computing as a service rather than a product

What's the problem?



## What's the problem?

- •Digital data (images, documents etc) have value
- They create opportunities
- ...but...
- Access depends on software hardware and people
- Technology and people change
- ...therefore...
- Constantly emerging barriers to reuse
- So, constantly emerging barriers to opportunities

My point: data loss is not the problem ...

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## Safer Smarter

## Healthier

Wealthier

Greener Fairer



Digital preservation not just about technology: not just about 'data':

not just about 'permanent acce':

it's ab people opportunity

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One single proposal:

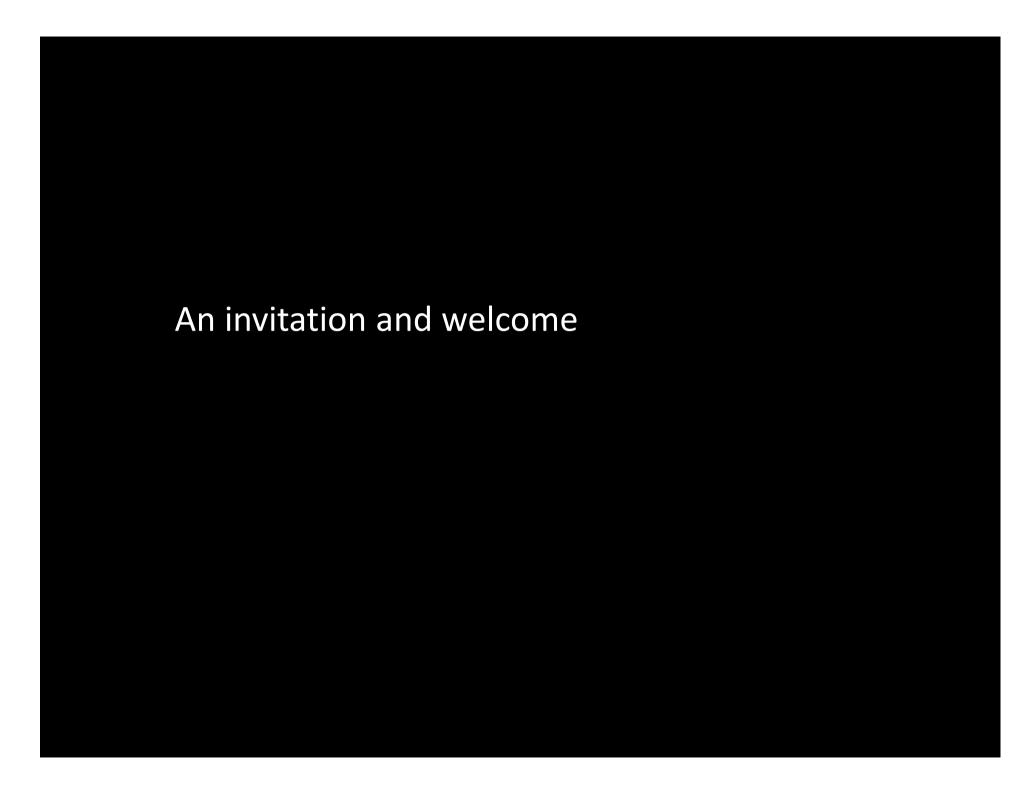
NB: the problem is hard but fixable



So .... stop everything else you are doing.

## Let's work together on this

or the promise of big data is at risk





## **The Digital Preservation Coalition**



...a secure digital legacy...





## We do 6 things ...

- Advocacy
- Community engagement
- Workforce development
- Capacity Building
- Good Practice and Standards
- Management and governance





## Advocacy ...

- BitList
- Digital Preservation Awards
- Advocacy Tools
- Advocacy Support





## **Community Engagement...**

- Networking
- Webinars
- Blog
- Unconference
- Email List
- World Digital Preservation Day (29<sup>th</sup> November 2018)





## **Workforce Development ...**

- DP Handbook
- Getting Started and Making Progress
- Leadership Programme Grants
- Labour Market Intelligence
- Curriculum Development





## **Capacity Building ...**

- Technology Watch Reports
- Briefing Days
- Digital Preservation Anonymous
- Research Projects





## **Good Practice and Standards**

- OAIS Review
- Understanding member needs
- Talking to vendors
- Certification and accreditation





## **Good Governance...**

- Member owned and member led
- Transparent
- Accountable
- Responsive















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**National Records of** Scotland































































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