



ArchivesSpace Update

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Archivists' Toolkit/Archon Roundtable

Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting

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Planning Grant Activities: Jun.-Dec. 2009

- Merger agreement between AT and Archon
- Planning grant submitted to The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- Development of high-level requirements
- Discussion and planning webinars



Planning Grant Activities: Jan.-Nov. 2010

- Planning grant awarded January 2010
- Development of draft specifications
- Technical planning and Technical Design Meeting
- Survey regarding implementation and deployment of open source archival management software

Planning Grant Activities: Dec. 2010-Nov. 2011

- Interviews with archives staff performed by Lisa Spiro (consultant)
- Development of sustainability and business model desiderata by Beth Sandore (UIUC), Luc Declerck (UCSD), and David Millman (NYU)



Project Dimensions

- Development of a new, unified software system
- Migration of current AT and Archon installations to new system
- Selection of an organizational home

ArchivesSpace: A New, Unified System

- “Logical merge” of Archivists’ Toolkit and Archon
- Engineered for easier maintenance, administration, and extensibility
- Investigate implementation of multitenancy
- Enable interoperability/increased compatibility with other systems and software
- Released as open source under Educational Community License 2.0 (same license as AT)
- Use existing open source libraries that are under a license compatible with ECL 2.0



Migration from Archivists' Toolkit and Archon

- Support service to facilitate and assist with migration of existing installations of either platform

Criteria for Selection of Organizational Home

- Provide access to both a stand-alone version of software for archives of all types and sizes, and a version for consortia, or large institutions, to host on behalf of their constituencies
- Facilitate ongoing maintenance and enhancements, including community contributions
- Support a governance structure and a fee-based membership structure
- Encourage the development of a healthy ecosystem of partners that provide supporting services for ArchivesSpace

Work Plan (1): 2011

- Organizational, Governance, and Sustainability Planning (April – June 2011)
- Background and logistics (March – September 2011)
- Data Model (April 2011 – October 2011)
- Programming Procurement (May 2011–December 2011)
- Organizational, Governance, and Sustainability Home Finalized (July – December 2011)

Work Plan (2): 2012

- Core Programming (January – May 2012)
- Activate Governance Body (January – June 2012)
- Archives Functional Programming (April – October 2012)
- Identify and Select Operational Support Plan (July 2012 – January 2013)
- Import/Export/Reports (August – November 2012)

Work Plan (3): 2012-2013

- Build Management and Usability Testing (March 2012 – February 2013)
- Develop Marketing, Communication, and Outreach Plan (June 2012 – February 2013)
- Beta Testing and Rollout (November 2012 – February 2013)
- User & System Documentation (June 2012 – February 2013)
- Support Migration of Existing AT/Archon Installations (June 2012 – February 2013)

Project Team (1)

- Steering Committee: Luc Declerck, David Millman, Beth Sandore
- Technical Architect: Mark Matienzo
- Development Manager: Katherine Kott
- Archivists: Chris Prom, Scott Schwartz, Brad Westbrook
- Senior Software Developer: Joe Pawletko

Project Team (2)

- Build/Release Management Team: Brian Tingle, Adrian Turner
- Migration Facilitators: Nathan Stevens (AT), TBA (Archon)
- End-User and Systems Documentation Specialist: Annie Ross
- Developer: TBA (RFP to be issued)
- Consultants
- And YOU!

Opportunities for Community Participation

- ArchivesSpace Google Group
 - <http://groups.google.com/group/archivespace/>
- Participation in technical review process
- Participation in technical planning/integration process



Thank You!

<http://archivespace.org/>

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