Successful Digital Repositories: Selecting an Institutional Repository Model

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Part 1

Why Repositories?

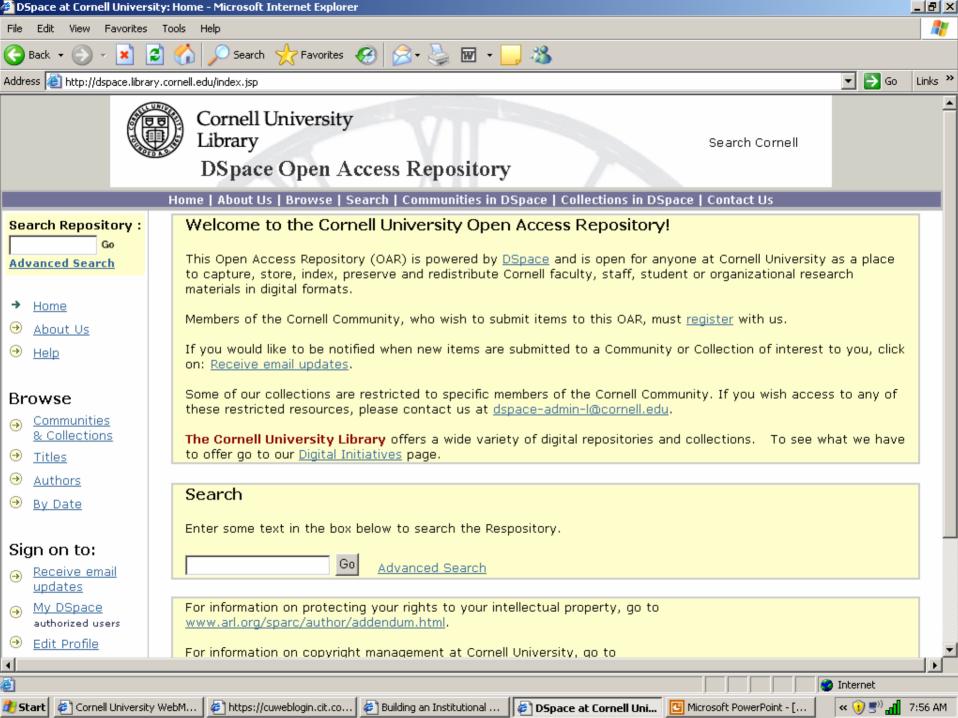
- Offer content management services
 - Submission, acquisition, ingest
 - Rights management
 - Discovery and access
 - Archiving
 - Record keeping and reporting
- Support e-learning

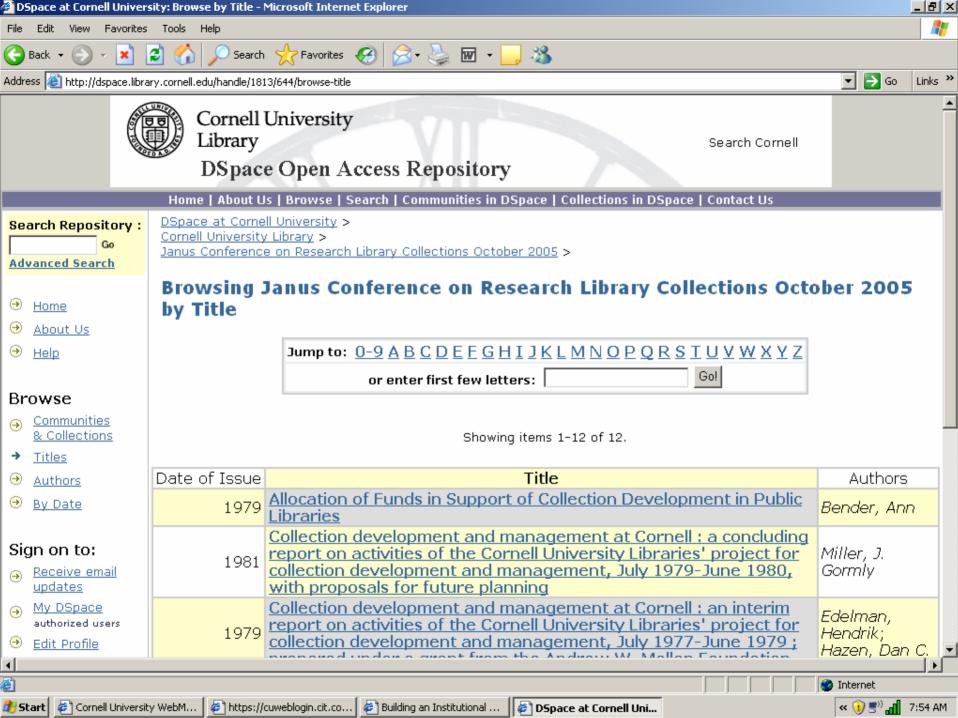
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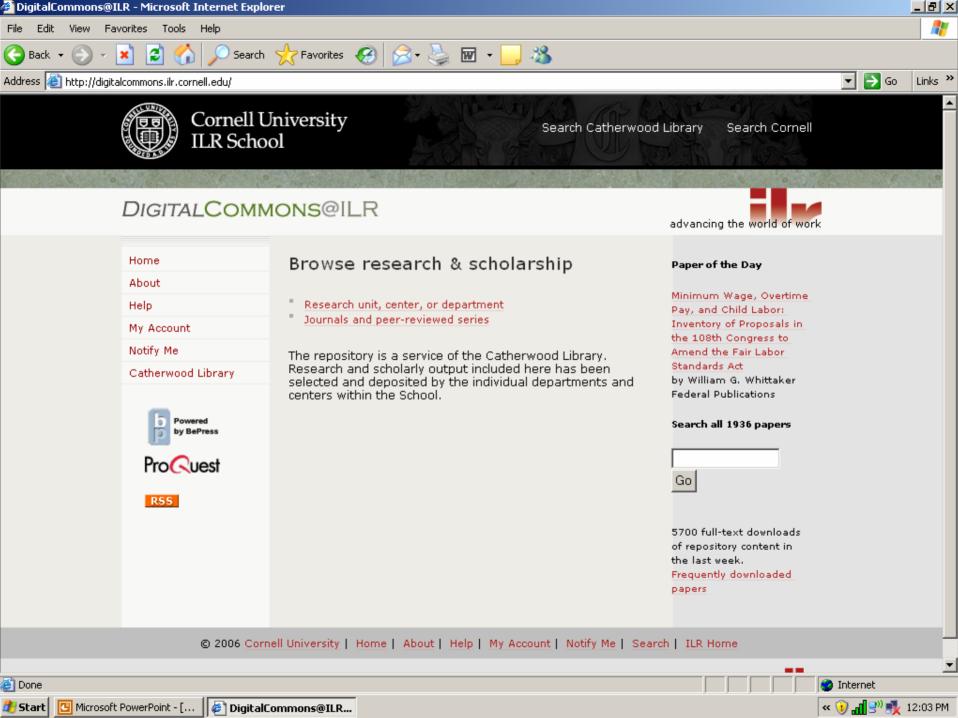
- Provide e-publishing services
- Facilitate the discovery of institutional digital assets
- Preserve digital materials for the long term
- Encourage open access to scholarly research
 - Lower journal prices
- Showcase the institution's scholarly assets

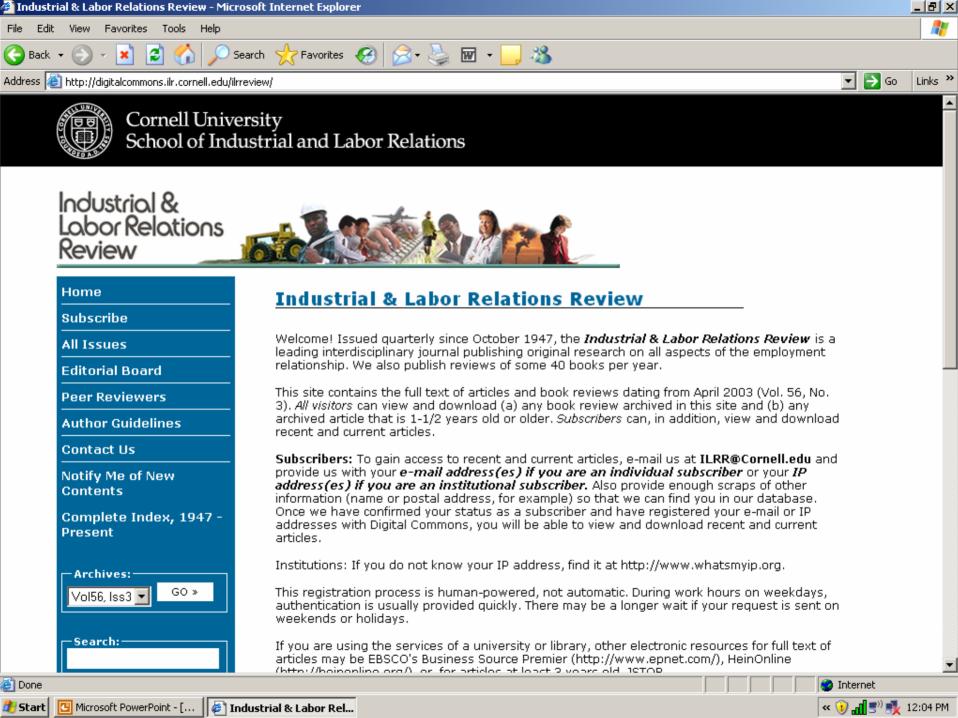
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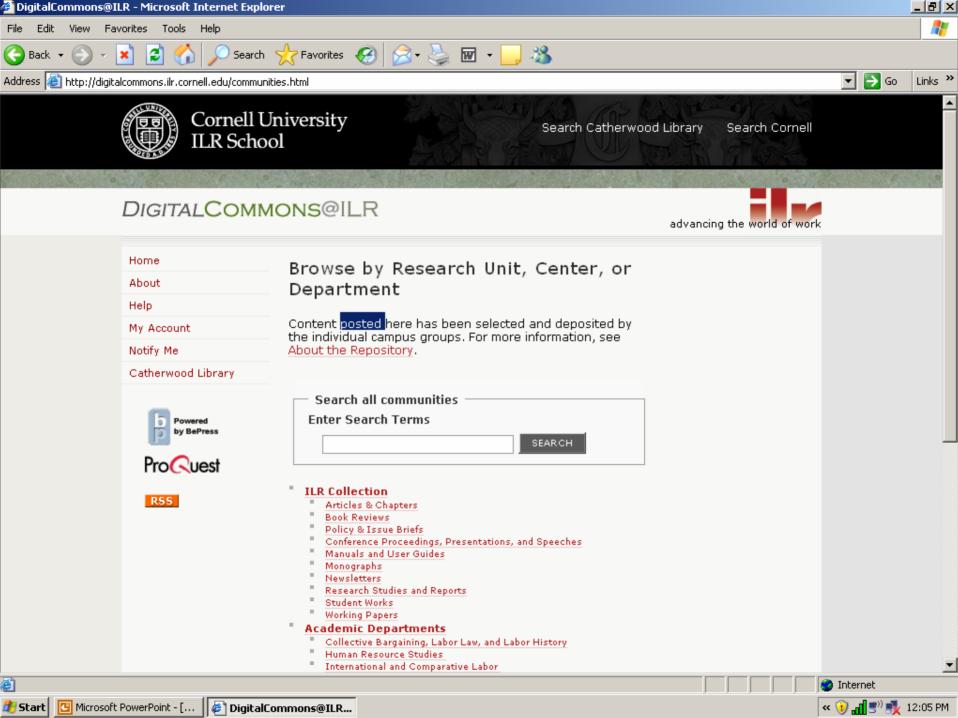
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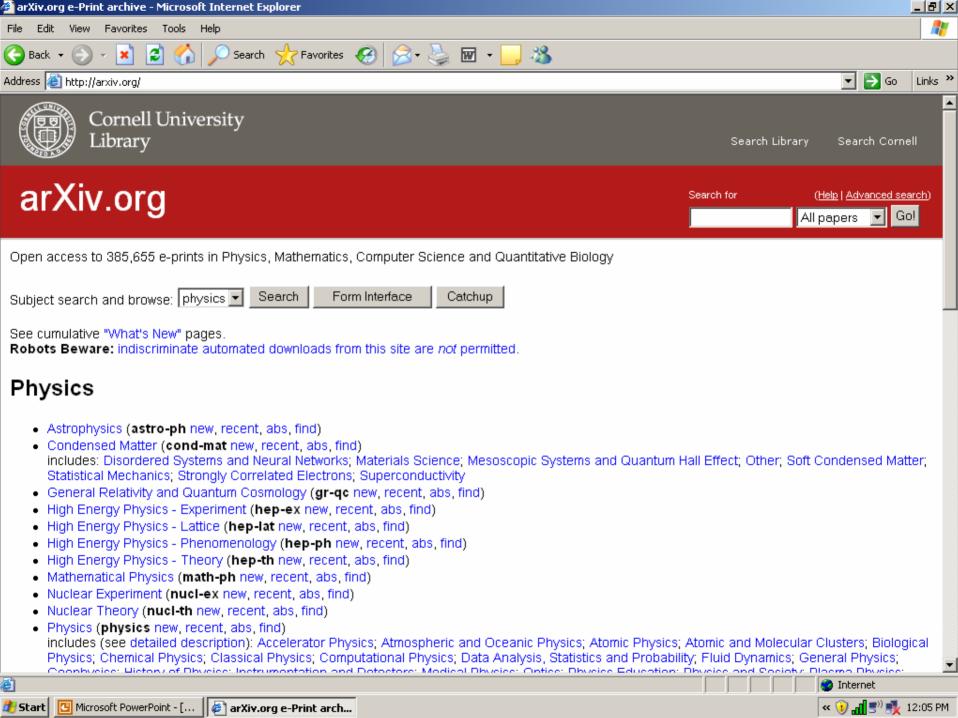












Implementing a Repository Model

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- Conduct needs assessment with stakeholders
- Develop a service definition and identify use cases
- Complete a requirements analysis
- Create a service plan
- Outline a governance model

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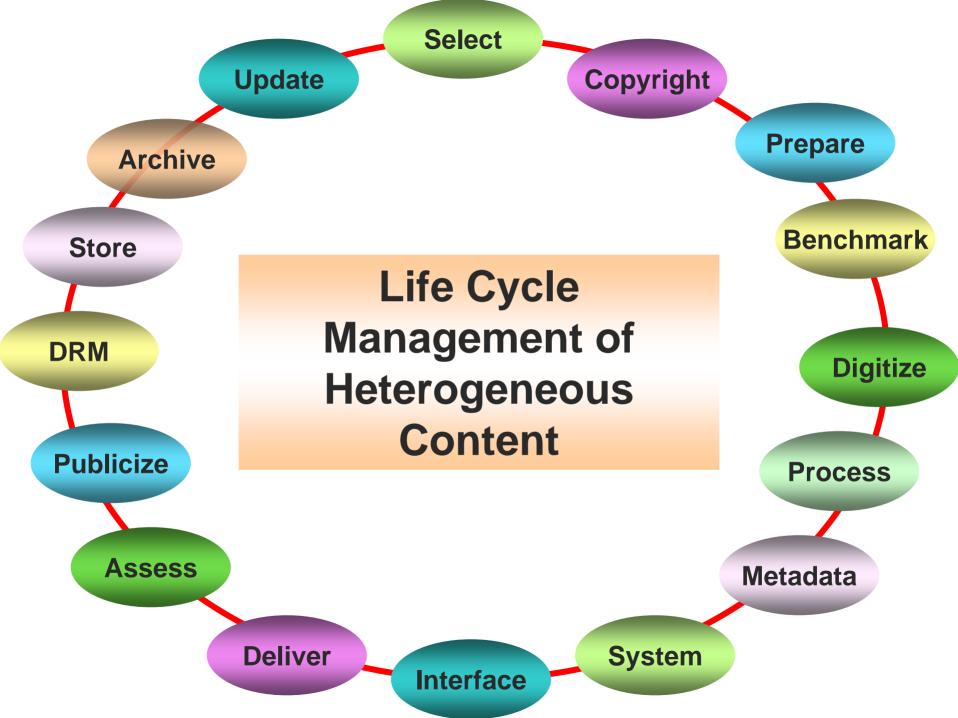
Part 2

- Identify resource requirements and costs
- Choose and install a repository platform
- Draft policies for acquisition, access, and archiving
- Develop a maintenance plan
- Outline a marketing strategy
- Come up with an assessment plan

Factors in Choosing a Repository Model

- Turnkey vs. in-house development
- Business requirements (functionality and features)
 - Bulk ingestion and export
 - Reporting and statistics
- Overall performance
- Scalability
- Cost effectiveness
- Staff skills
- Legacy systems
- Consortia obligations
- Vendor stability and reputation

- Interoperability considerations
 - Support for standards
 - Open systems
- Authentication and authorization
- Archiving requirements
- Content and metadata support
- Usability (staff vs. end-user)
- Resource discovery
- Digital library infrastructure
 - Architecture
 - Systems
 - Hardware and software



We are moving away from thinking about a repository as a 'bucket' into which we pour content. And towards a sense of repository as a set of services on managed objects. Different repository frameworks might provide different services in different configurations.

April 2005 Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog

Current Landscape

- Extremely difficult to evaluate and compare systems
- Essential to couple the repository with outreach, production, and consultancy services
- Ideal to separate key repository functions from services
 - Multiple repositories
 - Web services

At Johns Hopkins, we are promoting the idea that applications should access repositories through an abstract, repository agnostic layer, rather than through custom application to repository integration.

Sayeed Choudhury, Jim Martino April 2005

Suggested Readings

- Creating an Institutional Repository: LEADIRS
 Workbook2004 by Mary R. Barton and Margaret M.
 Waters
 - http://www.dspace.org/implement/leadirs.pdf
- ARL SPEC Kit 292: Institutional Repositories, 2006
- A Technology Analysis of Repositories and Services
 - http://ldp.library.jhu.edu/projects/repository
 - Australian Research Repositories Online to the World
 - http://arrow.edu.au/