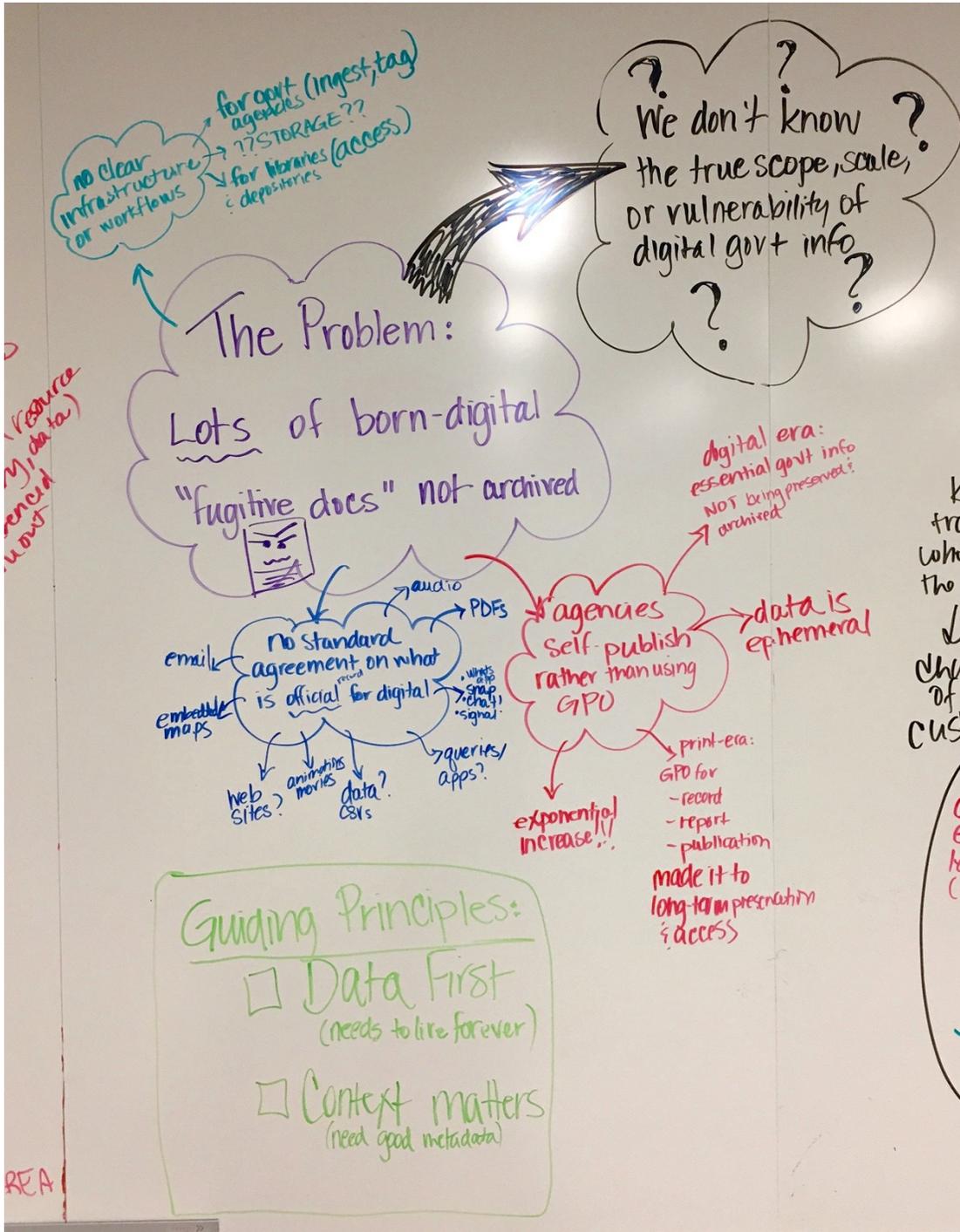


Libraries Network Overview: US Federal Agency Coordination & Key Ideas for Contributors

A modest picture of the problem space:



Key Concepts:

- Let go of perfect. Doing something (now) is better than doing nothing.
- This isn't a complete or final solution. It's addressing a slice of the larger problem.
- We can't tell you exactly how to do this work but we can share practices developed so far. You will need to figure it out for yourself and share what you learn.
- This work will happen in phases. Urgent phase now, more comprehensive phase to come.

Guiding Principles:

- *Data First:* The data needs to live forever so think about the data first (quality, preservation), then worry about technology
- *Context Matters:* Without good metadata to provide context the data is useless

What does success look like in Phase 1?

1. The US Federal Agency Coordination Spreadsheet is completed as thoroughly as possible and all areas have been claimed & web archived.
2. Ten or more large academic research libraries have held a data refuge event (adhering to the practices around trust and data verification)
3. Data Refuge events are held for other types of government data beyond climate/ environmental data (housing, health, labor, education, etc.)

How do we get to Phase Two?

4. As more librarians engage in the process, a coalition forms and a critical mass of expertise, thought, and energy emerges to address problem space.
5. University researchers, administrators and faculty are engaged about the data upon which they and their communities rely, opportunities to preserve data sets in institutional repositories.
6. Grants and funding support travel and national conversations focused on federal data collections, formats, workflows and long-term operations and sustainability.

Levels of Help Librarians Can Provide in Phase 1

1. Help to complete the US Federal Agency Coordination spreadsheet (Gov Docs, Social Science, Data and GIS librarians) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yIrhFrZkv2Yhdk48W_P5bd-C-jxLtbzJFcm2E5oq-ec/edit#gid=1173042373
2. Commit to and claim URLs to archive using own Archive-It account (in that process will identify "uncrawlables" that are candidates to feed Data Refuge)

3. Commit to and claim "uncrawlables" using documented QA (verification) process-- harvest, verify, save, and share using own repository
4. *Lather, rinse, repeat*

Other concurrent activities to consider to raise awareness, leverage library investments and services:

- o Survey faculty and researchers about the data upon which they and their communities rely
- o Hold panels, symposia, and teach-ins connected to data rescue activities calling attention to the need for data literacy and the role of trust in information
- o Spotlight the role the institutional repository and open access publishing can play in securing data
- o Convene regional meetings and hold webinars for librarians to share practices, successes, outcomes and process/workflow improvements
- o Submit proposals to upcoming conferences for cross-institution panels, posters, and presentations focused on the current status and future needs for government data archiving, preservation, and access

Inventory of Data Refuge Events (ppehlab.org/datarescue-events):

Past

- December 17, 2016 Toronto
- January 13-14, 2017 Philadelphia
- January 17, 2017 Chicago
- January 19, 2017 Indianapolis
- January 20, 2017 Los Angeles
- January 25, 2017 Philadelphia (2)
- January 27-28, 2017 Ann Arbor

Upcoming

- February 1, 2017 Boston
- February 2, 2017 UC Davis
- February 3, 2017 Portland
- February 4, 2017 New York
- February 11, 2017 SF Bay Area
- February 18, 2017 Boston @ MIT
- March 2017 Boston @ Northeastern

Planned

- Atlanta
- Austin
- Boulder
- Chapel Hill
- DC
- Denver
- Haverford
- Miami
- NYC (different event)
- Seattle
- Twin Cities
- Wageningen

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