A Model for Integrating the Publication and Preservation of Journal Articles

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The deficit in journal preservation

Publishers increasingly host journals online instead of selling copies to libraries. How can libraries ensure preservation?

- Legal deposit requirement in national copyright law
- Acquire the right to keep a copy of issues from the period of subscription even after canceling a subscription
- LOCKSS and CLOCKSS: web crawling
- KB/Elsevier agreement and Portico: publisher delivers all content to the archive

What if libraries instead operated the very system used to publish journals?

Library-based publishing

In North America, 43 out of 144 academic libraries responding to a survey in 2010 were offering publishing services to their university, usually on one of the following platforms:

- Open Journal Systems (OJS): an open-source all-in-one solution
- DSpace: open-source software for institutional repositories
- Digital Commons: a hosted platform from bepress

With these platforms libraries cannot control software used to create files (usually PDFs) and therefore can only do bitwise preservation.

Beyond bitstream preservation

In institutional repositories, OJS, and most other systems currently in use:

- Bitstream preservation leaves content at risk of format obsolescence.
- Data can be migrated to newer formats, but what if files are not well-formed in the first place?
- Even if you have valid files in a preservationquality format (e.g., PDF/A), you can't reformat for a non-paginated display or easily use with a screen reader or for data mining.

HathiTrust

- a partnership of research libraries around the world
- a shared digital repository certified to be preservation-quality
- over 10 million digitized volumes (nearly 500 terabytes of data)



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Why use HathiTrust?

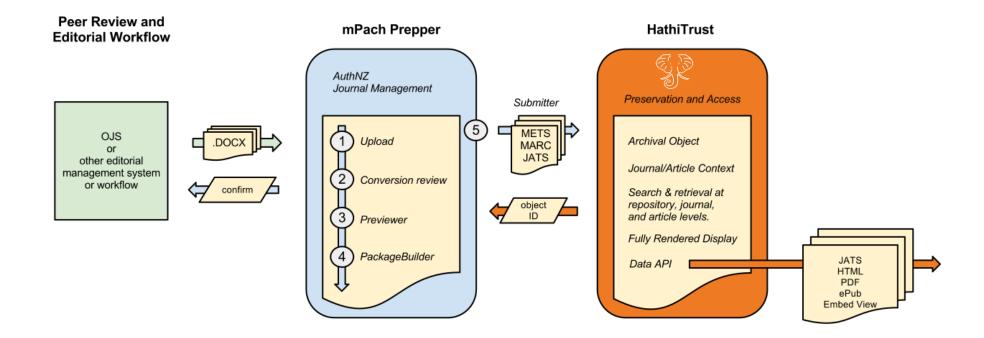
- HathiTrust already archives and provides access to digitized library collections, so this shared digital repository is a natural place to archive and provide access to journal literature to ensure its long-term preservation and discoverability.
- We can build a system for publishing journals in which archiving happens as a byproduct of publication rather than after the fact.

Preservation-quality formats for born-digital journal articles in HathiTrust

- JATS (formerly the NLM DTDs) is an application of ANSI/NISO Z39.96–2012 for encoding journal articles in XML.
- TIFF or JPEG 2000 for images, checked for validity before publication. (Only bitwise preservation for multimedia objects and supplementary material at this time.)
- METS for structural and preservation metadata.

The University of Michigan Library is building a system for publishing journals and archiving them in HathiTrust in these formats.





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