





Enterprise Repositories and Federated Archives:

The MetaArchive Approach to Distributed Digital Preservation

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Briefing on MetaArchive Cooperative

http://www.metaarchive.org

Project Summary:

- Eight partner institutions:
 - Emory Georgia Tech Florida State Library of Congress
 - Virginia Tech Auburn Louisville Univ. of Hull (UK)
- Collaborate w/ LC/NDIIPP \$1.2M initial effort to develop cooperative for preservation of digital content, 2004-2009

Goals:

- 1. Distributed preservation network infrastructure (LOCKSS)
- 2. Conspectus of digital content held by the partner sites
- 3. Harvest a body of most critical content to be preserved (4 TB)
- 4. Cooperative charter model for collaboration and sustainability

Networks: 1) Southern Culture, 2) ETDs, 3) Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade



Preservation Network Design Precepts

- 1. Distributed Preservation Infrastructure
- 2. Peer-to-Peer Network Architecture
 - Each node communicates with all other nodes
 - All nodes are joint custodians
- 3. Flexible Organizational Model
- 4. Formal Content Selection Process
- 5. Capability for Migrating Archives
- 6. Dark Archiving Strategy (no public access to MA network content)

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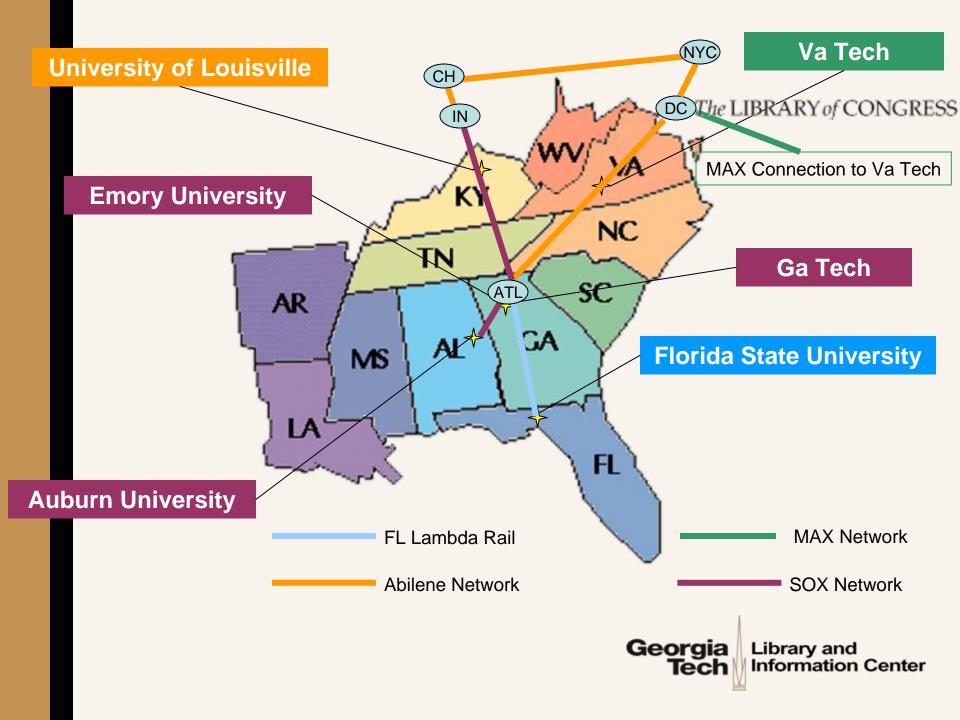
- 7. Low Cost to Deployment
- 8. Self-Sustaining Incentives

Effective digital preservation succeeds by distributing copies of content in secure, distributed locations over time

Advantages of Adapting LOCKSS Software

- Supports "distributed digital replication" approach:
 - Data integrity checks
 - Rigorous security checks
 - Focused web crawls to gather/ingest content
- Advantage: many preservation efforts mix high accessibility online with long-term access (preservation). High accessibility = high costs
- Network content discoverable via metadata search.
 Conspectus will link to live sites designed for access
- Originally designed for minimal expenditures
 - Low barriers to adoption
 - Inexpensive computers / modest systems administration





Current MetaArchive Technology

Server:

- Dell PowerEdge 1850
- 2x 3.0Ghz/1MB Cache, Xeon 800Mhz / 2Gb Memory

SAN: (could easily be Sun or other hardware)

- PetaBox PowerStore PS4000
- AMD Athlon 64 X2 Dual Core Processor 4600+
- 2GB Memory / 4x1TB SATA HD
- Dell/EMC AX100 Array (single processor)
- 2 TB Storage (12x250 7200 RPM Serial ATA)

OS and LOCKSS:

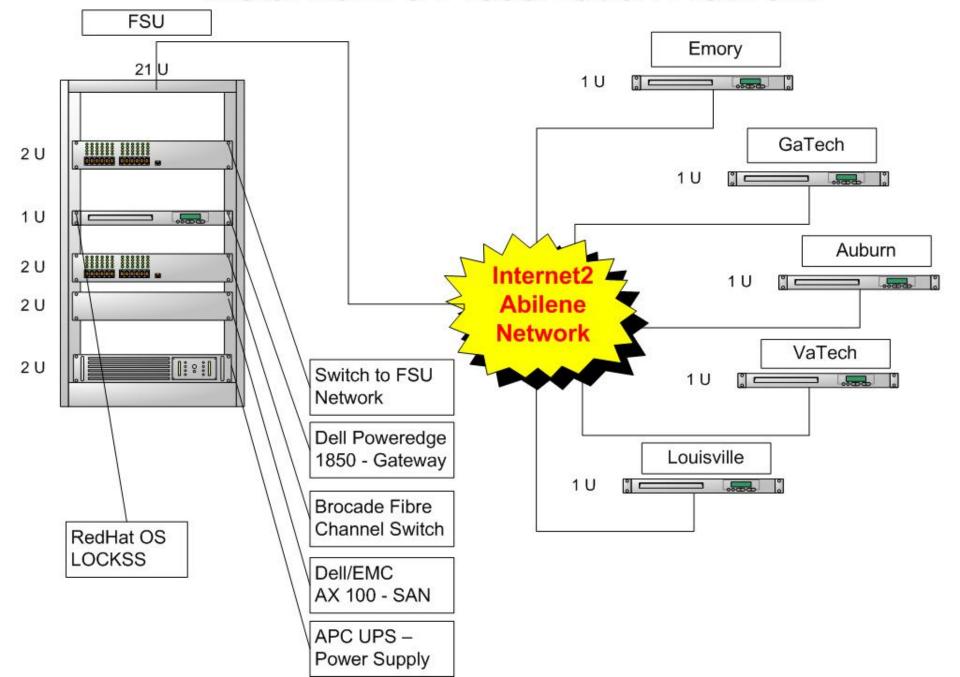
- Red Hat Advanced Server 4 (release 6) / (Fedora Core 8 new node)
- Hw/Sw firewalls, access control lists / LOCKSS daemon 1.29.4

Database Driven Conspectus

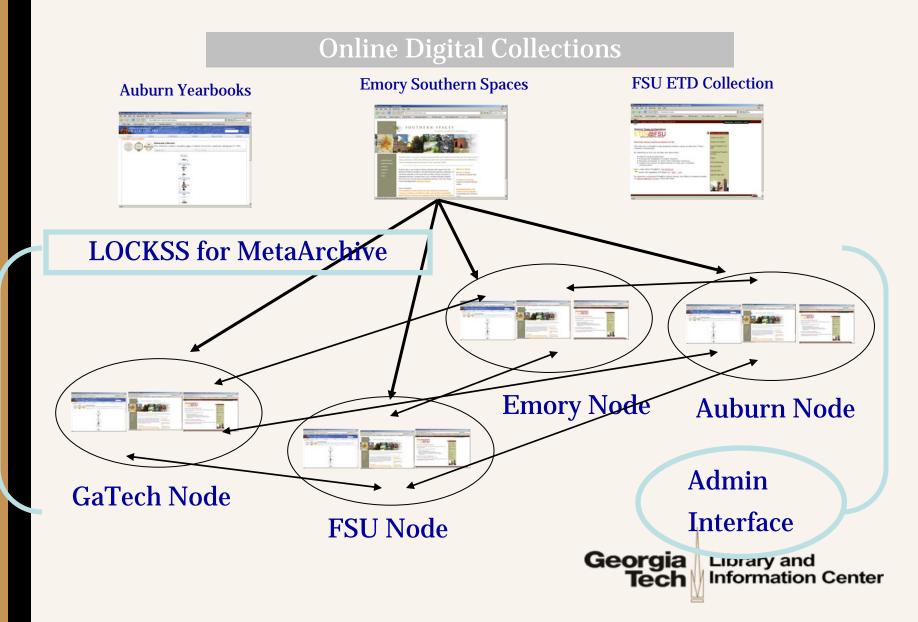
- MySQL/PHP Interface Integrated w/LOCKSS Plugin Directory
- Manages Collections within LOCKSS
- Network Administrative Management Tool

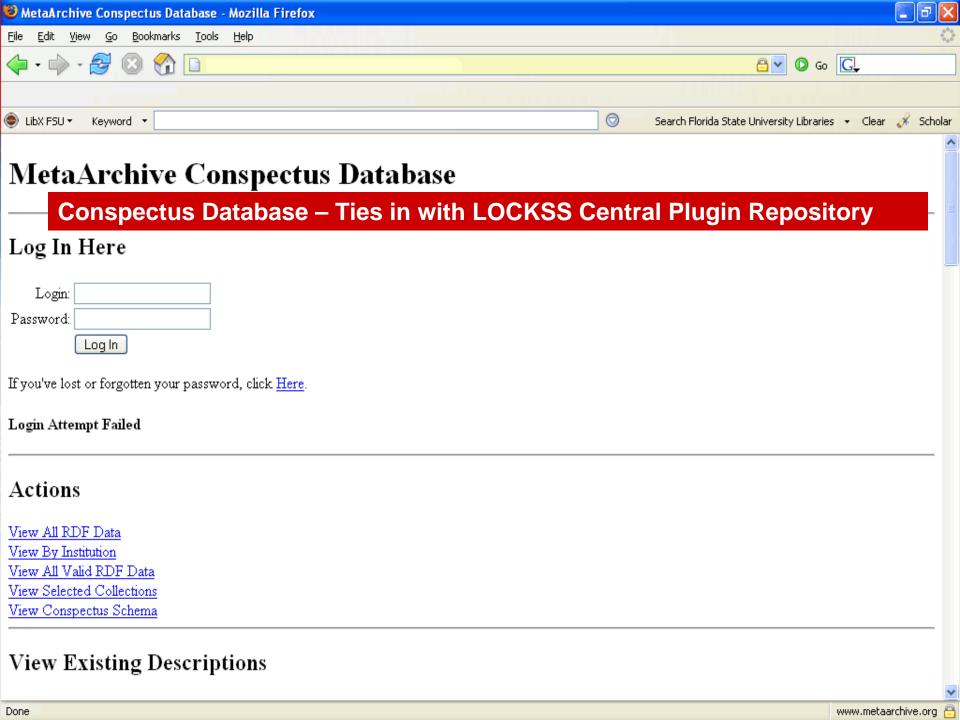
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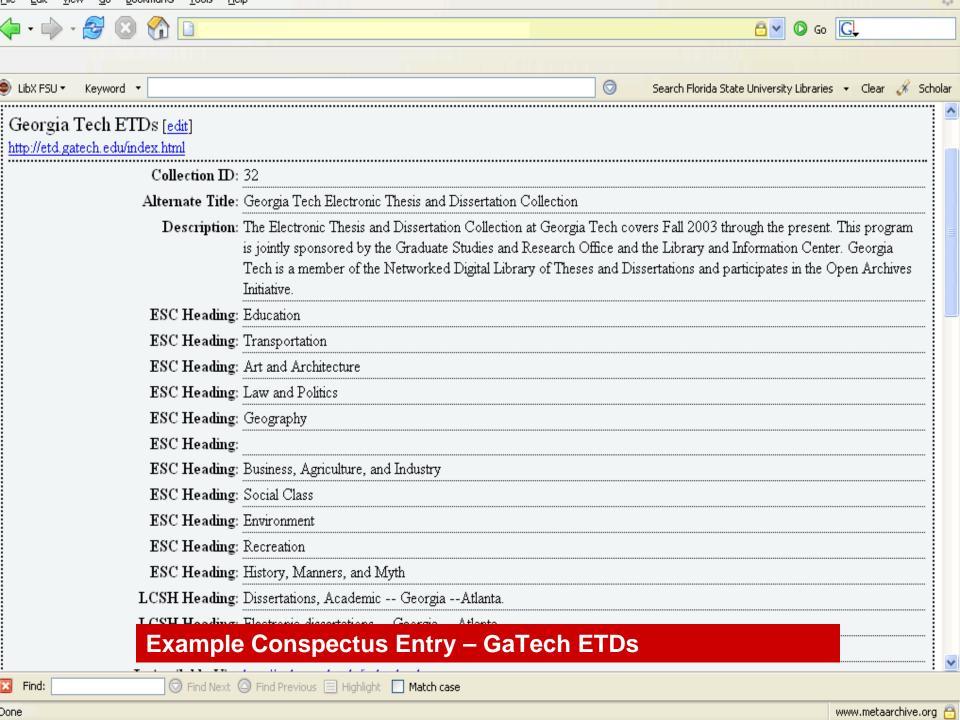
MetaArchive Preservation Network

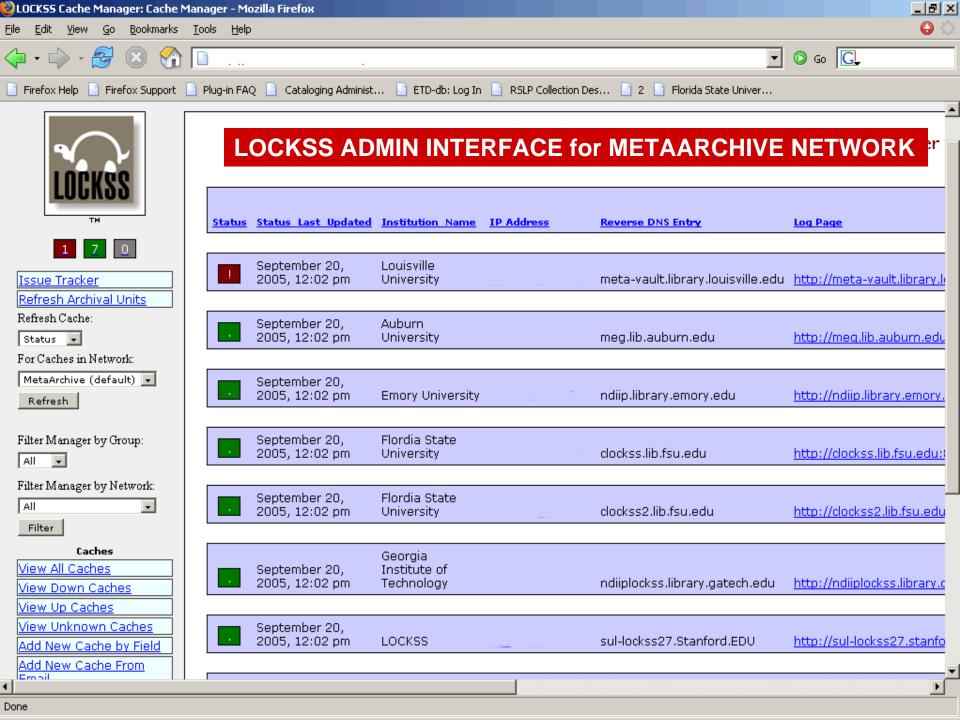


Collections Replication

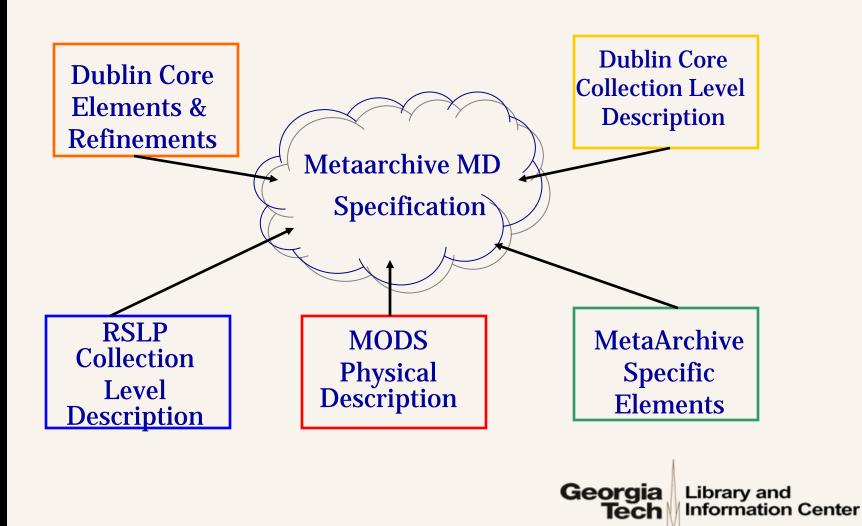








Metadata Specification



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