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Archivists' Toolkit Summary

Title:

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Web site:

www.archiviststoolkit.org

Brief Description:

The Archivists' Toolkit™, or the AT, is the first open source archival data management system to provide broad, integrated support for the management of archives. It is intended for a wide range of archival repositories. The main goals of the AT are to support archival processing and production of access instruments, promote data standardization, increase processing efficiency, and lower training costs.

Currently, the application supports accessioning and describing archival materials; establishing names and subjects associated with archival materials, including the names of donors; managing locations for the materials; and exporting EAD finding aids, MARCXML records, and METS, MODS and Dublin Core records. Future functionality will be built to support repository user/resource use information, appraisal for archival materials, and expressing and managing rights information.

The AT project is a collaboration of the University of California San Diego Libraries, the New York University Libraries and the Five Colleges, Inc. Libraries, and is generously funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

System Requirements:

PC

- Windows 2000/XP/Vista
- Java 5 JRE or JDK
- CPU: Pentium 3, 500Mhz
- System Memory (RAM): 128MB
- 100MB available hard-disk space
- 1024x768 screen resolution

Mac

- OS X 10.3.9
- Java 5 JRE or JDK
- CPU: G3 500Mhz
- System Memory (RAM): 256MB
- 100MB available hard-disk space
- 1024x768 screen resolution

Database Backend: MySQL 5.0, MS SQL Server 2005, or Oracle 10g

Features and Uses:

- Recording accessions
- Describing archival resources and description digital objects
- Authority control of subjects and names, including donors
- Recording and managing locations
- Importing legacy data (MARCXML, EAD and accessions in XML or tab-delimited formats)
- Customizable interface and work flow
- EAD and HTML encoded finding aid
- MARC XML record for resources and digital objects
- METS, MODS, and DC records for digital objects
- 32 administrative reports, each customizable

Access/Availability:

To date there are 716 registered users of the Archivists' Toolkit version 1.1 released in January 2008 under an Educational Community License.

For More Information:

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