



# Cornell's Institutional Repositories

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# What is an Institutional Repository?

- A place for the storage and retrieval of informal publications, datasets, technical reports, course materials, etc.
- Material in the repository can be searched, browsed and retrieved by others, freely and openly
  - Material can be restricted from view if needed
- An electronic archive, if so designed
- Cornell's repository uses the Dspace software
- Institutional repositories are also called digital or open access repositories.
  - Our repository is also called the OAR or open access repository



# Goals for CUL Institutional Repositories

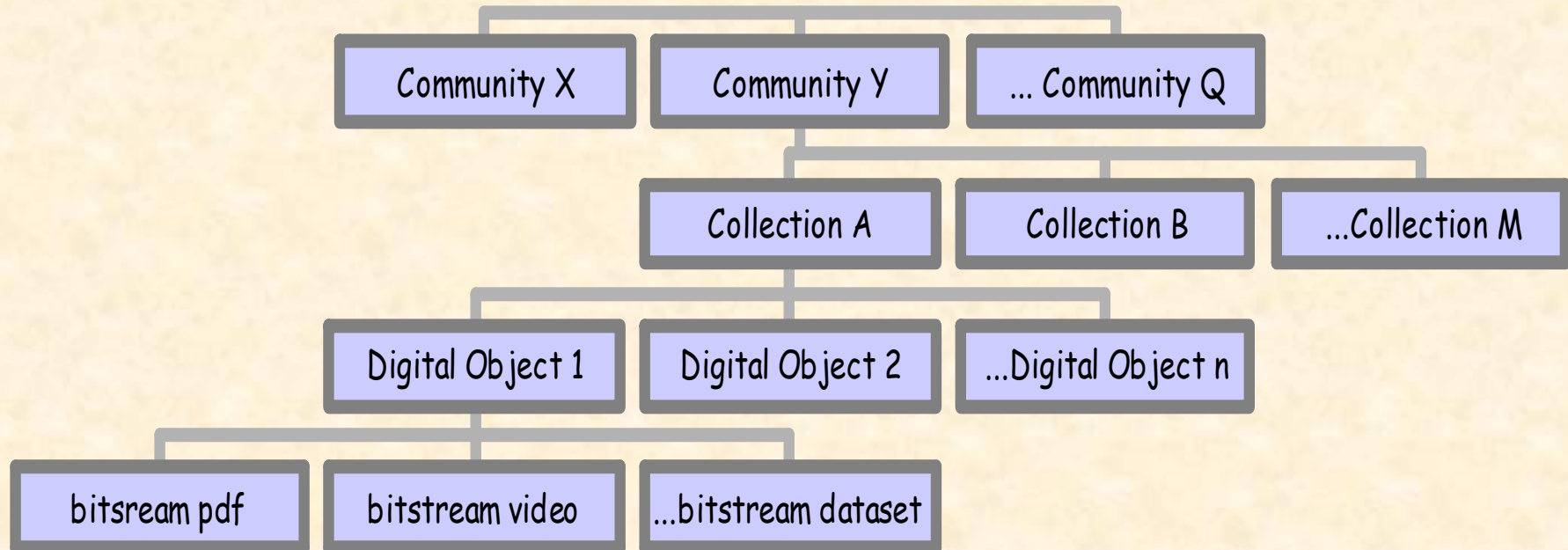
- Provide open access to the scholarly output of Cornell University
- Respond to the crisis in scholarly communications
- Aid the University Archivist and Records Manager in the collection of objects for inclusion in the University Archives



# Why use the OAR?

- Capture, store, index, preserve, and redistribute your intellectual output
  - organize items
  - Let someone else administer the h/w and s/w
  - Insure longevity of your stored files
- Library assumes responsibility for maintaining the digital files resulting from your intellectual endeavors
- And it's free

# Organizational Structure



Collections can be open or closed



# OAR

<http://dspace.library.cornell.edu>

- **Uses**

- Bio and Environmental Engineering Student Projects
- Cornell University East Asia Papers
- Cornell University Graduate School (largest collection)
  - Theses and Dissertations (open and closed collections)
- Cornell University Library
- Cornell University Professional Degree Programs
- Cornell Plantations

<http://dspace.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/244>

- Internet-First University Press
- Italian Studies

<http://dspace.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/2509>

- And many more

- **Over 2500 submissions**



# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I start using the Open Access Repository?**
- **Policies enacted at Cornell**
  - [Archive policy for the Cornell Computer Science Department](#)
  - [Cornell University Faculty Senate Endorses Resolution on Open Access and Scholarly Communication](#)
- **Will publishers object to my use of the OAR?**
  - <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>
- **What about my copyright?**
  - <http://www.copyright.cornell.edu>
  - <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html>
- **What formats should the files be in?**





# Digital Preservation

- We worry about loss of files, "bit rot", file format obsolescence
- CUL is developing a digital preservation system to ensure that historically significant university documentation, regardless of format, is maintained in the University Archives
- The OAR is envisioned as a source of materials for inclusion in our digital preservation system



# Test Drive

Let's go to the Test instance of  
DSpace



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