

Digital Preservation: Explore the implications of the University commitment to the preservation of digital resources, both administrative and academic, along with the information services infrastructure (organizational, technical, policy, financial) suitable for carrying forward this commitment.

The scope of the project will, principally, be digital resources that are currently located in University (and affiliates) information systems. Digital resources include (but are not limited to) digital records of University administrative work, University administrative data, academic results of the research of KU employees, courses, the University Web site, learning objects, and all electronic resources of the libraries, museums, and research centers. Digital resources may also include those electronic resources held under a subscription or license arrangement for which the University might come to assume responsibility

Goals of the project are:

1. Define what “digital preservation” means in the context of University commitment and stewardship.
2. Describe the Lawrence campus’s current digital preservation structures and strategies.
3. Identify existing and potential University digital assets apart from systems in which these assets currently reside.
4. Recommend whether the University should have a process to select the assets (by type or instance) for which the University will (and will not) take responsibility. What criteria should be factored into such a process? What special considerations apply to digital assets that are solely under the control of individual faculty or students?
5. Explore implications of that stewardship for information services infrastructure (organizational, technical, policy, financial).
6. Define the characteristics of the digital preservation infrastructure needed by the University to meet the goals defined in item 1.
7. Define and understand the University strategy (current and future) for digital records management, data warehouse infrastructure, the Digital Library institutional repository (KUScholarWorks), and other digital resources.