Preservation of Web Resources

An Introduction

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PoWR’s outputs

• A handbook
• These workshops
• Goals:
  – Helping effective decision making
  – Helping you implement your decisions
• Early workshop – validating our thinking
• Today - validating our understanding
Effective Decision Making

- Decisions that are consistent with policy and regulation
- Decisions that are made quickly and cheaply
- Decisions that are:
  - Reusable
  - Long-lived
  - Implementable
Elements of decisions

• What must/should be kept ? (MoSCoW)
• What must/should not be kept ?
• Why is it being kept ?
• Who for ?
• Who will do it ?
• What needs to change to make it happen ?
• What are the consequences of change ?
Governmental drivers

• Agency A provides guidance to public on web
• Guidance regularly changes
• CMS tells us when changes are made and by who
• But not why, and not what went before
• Conclusion: keep content
Thanks to Martin Dodge’s cyber-geography pages
Implementing decisions

• Guidance on approaches to preservation (and destruction)
• Merits of harvesting tools, capture tools, etc.
• Preservation within CMS context
• Getting other people to do it for you
• Knowing when to do nothing
Outline handbook structure

• Policy and other drivers for action
• Web stuff - how, what, where
• Action - what to do, how to do it
• Legal matters
• Appendices:
  – Records for webmasters; web mgt for records mgrs
  – Case studies and use cases
What you could have won

- Managing preserved content (access etc)
- How much and how often?
- Implications of change
What we want from you

• Are these your problems?
• Are these the answers you need?
• Is the handbook comprehensible?
• What could improve it?
• More case study material