Building for Tomorrow is an interdisciplinary group working to develop a preservation and stewardship network for archiving digital design documents: DADE Coalition.

Issues the digital archiving community currently face include: intellectual property rights, training and access for users of digital archives, file and software obsolescence, coordinating archival standards across institutions.

The end goal of Building for Tomorrow is to advance the preservation of digital design data by making it available to a variety of types and sizes of architectural museums, archives and next generation users. Without attending to these issues, the work of design offices worldwide will lack the robust support system necessary to allow current and future scholars access to their work. Such digital design work includes PDFs as well as Building Information Models, proprietary code or software, families of files linked together and even viewing the organization of such files as a whole.

Building for Tomorrow Research Objectives

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