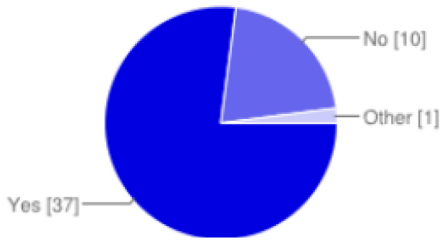


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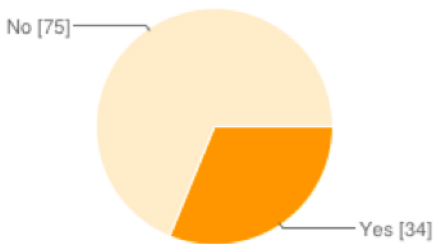
## Are you a member of the Archivists' Toolkit/Archon Roundtable (ATART)?



Yes	37	77%
No	10	21%
Other	1	2%

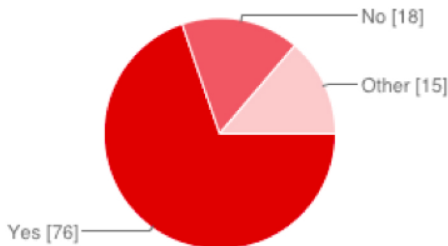
Note: This question was asked after the survey was opened to the larger A&A list. Final numbers were Yes - 99 (91%) and No - 10 (9%). The "Other" response was actually a Yes and is calculated as such in the 91%.

## Is your institution a member of ArchivesSpace?



Yes	34	31%
No	75	69%

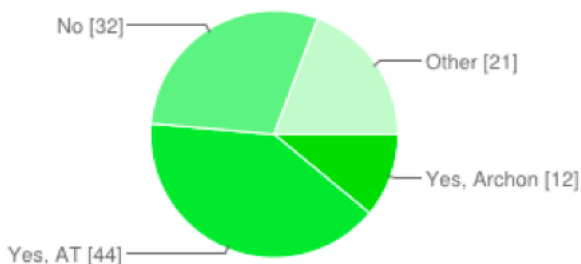
## Is your institution planning to transition to ArchivesSpace in 1-3 years?



Yes	76	70%
No	18	17%
Other	15	14%

Maybe [9 responses]  
Probably [2 response]  
Hopefully [1 response]  
Don't know [2 responses]  
N/A [1 response]

## Will your institution continue using Archon, AT, or another collection management tool other than ArchivesSpace for the next 1-3 years?



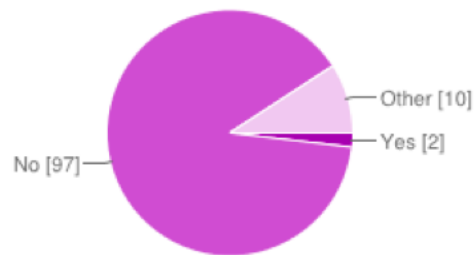
Yes, Archon	12	11%
Yes, AT	44	40%
No	32	29%
Other	21	19%

Not sure [6 responses]  
Access database [3 responses]  
PastPerfect [2 responses]  
N/A [2 responses]  
DB/TextWorks  
In-house software  
Our own ARKIS  
CONTENT dm  
Corel database  
KE Software Emu

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*Note: There was one "Other" that was actually a "Yes, Archon," changing that percentage to 12% (13) and there were two "Other" responses that were actually "Yes, AT," changing that percentage to 42% (46). The true Other percentage is actually 17% (19).*

### Is your institution planing to start a new instance of AT, Archon, or another collection management tool other than ArchivesSpace within the next 1-3 years?



Yes	2	2%
No	97	89%
Other	10	9%

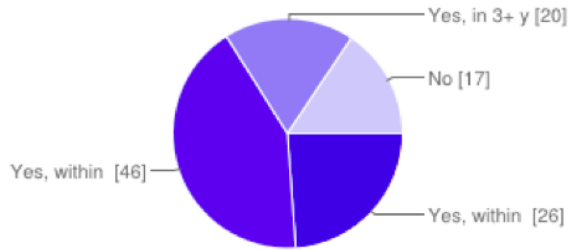
Maybe [4 responses]  
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 Probably [1 response]  
 Unlikely [1 response]  
 N/A [1 response]

### If you are not currently using Archon, AT, or ArchivesSpace, what collection management tool(s) does your institution use?

Using AT, Archon, ArchivesSpace, None, or N/A [87 responses]
MS Access [9 responses]
Spreadsheets [6 responses]
PastPerfect [4 responses]
ContentDM [3 responses]
Library Catalog [2 responses]
MS Word [2 responses]
Filemaker database [1 response]
Versatile [1 response]
ARKIS [1 response]
Raw-encoded EAD (Oxygen, Xmetal, Notetab) [1 response]
Other custom solution [1 response]
DOS database [1 response]
Many, including various custom systems [1 response]
MS Works database [1 response]
Drupal catalog/database [1 response]
HTML pages [1 response]
Share Shelf Commons (ARTstor) [1 response]
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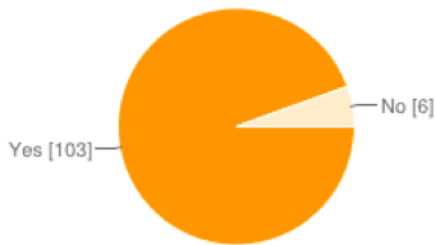
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## Should ATART start to change its focus away from Archon and AT?



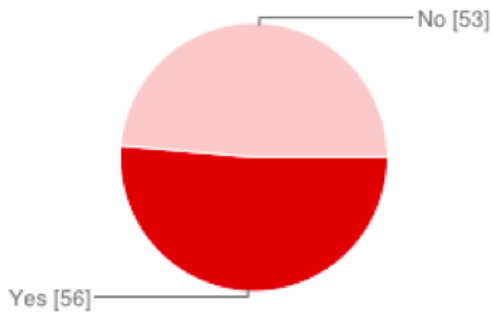
Yes, within 1 year	<b>26</b>	24%
Yes, within 2-3 years	<b>46</b>	42%
Yes, in 3+ years	<b>20</b>	18%
No	<b>17</b>	16%

## Should ATART's future focus include ArchivesSpace?



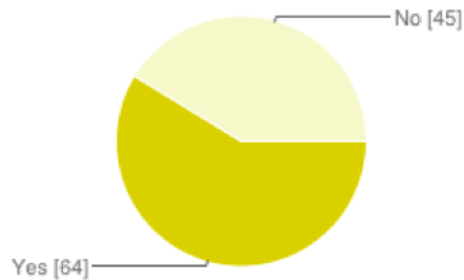
Yes	<b>103</b>	94%
No	<b>6</b>	6%

## Should ATART's future focus include only archives' collection management software systems and solutions?



Yes	<b>56</b>	51%
No	<b>53</b>	49%

## Should ATART's future focus include other archives-related software systems and solutions?



Yes	<b>64</b>	59%
No	<b>45</b>	41%

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### What are some suggestions, recommendations, or ideas to help facilitate transitions between AT/Archon and ArchivesSpace?

I think this will be easier to do after ArchivesSpace has been in use for a while, and there is some implementation experience available for users to share.

Have a part in roundtable meetings where AS users can meet and AT/Ar users meet separately to discuss any issues.

Maybe help facilitate connections and communication at the local (city/region) level among archives that are transitioning? Local meetups or something?

continue being a liaison between the developers and the larger community; provide a space for users to submit case studies about migrating to ArchivesSpace from AT/Archon and also starting fresh

Please keep in mind that it is very difficult to get IT support when implementing archives unique software. The simpler, the better, so that, as much as possible, archives staff can install and maintain the software themselves.

I answered "Yes" to whether the future focus should include ArchivesSpace, even though I frankly don't see how that could be done without violating at least the spirit of the ArchivesSpace model. After all, wouldn't that be setting up a competing forum that would dissuade institutions from becoming members? Will discussions on ATART related to ArchivesSpace be limited somehow only to ArchivesSpace member institutions? That's probably not even technically feasible... Note that I'm not against a "competing" forum: we do not currently plan to become ArchivesSpace members, as our operating budget is virtually nonexistent and our meager funds are better spent on things like archival storage boxes... Therefore, it would be useful for us to have a place where we could both learn from and give our experience back to the community. In addition, I personally find this aspect of the ArchivesSpace model to be patently absurd: how can one have software that claims to be "open source", but yet implicitly (or explicitly) attempt to restrict how and where users can talk about it?

Help communicate/distribute information from ArchivesSpace as it becomes available to the general public/non-members

I think ATART should keep in mind that not everyone will be able to transition to ArchivesSpace within 3 years. It may take a lot more than that. Some repositories will stay with Archon/AT, and ATART should still be open to supporting those repositories.

Produce and provide guides for smooth transition at institutions currently still using AT/Archon

Establish a forum where members can share advice about how to troubleshoot problems encountered during the transition phase and share ideas about migration strategies.

I hope raw encoded EAD will import easily into ArchivesSpace. If not, ATART could help with this. So far, I don't see much documentation in importing anything but AT/Archon into ArchivesSpace.

I think ATART should expand its focus to include ArchivesSpace, but shouldn't abandon AT/Archon as long as there's enough of a user community to warrant group discussions.

Case studies on transition to ArchivesSpace

Just knowing what other members are experiencing during their transition--especially as it relates to data clean up prior to moving it.

Hardware specifications recommendations and/or examples and step by step instructions on how to install the database and AS instance would be helpful to small institutions lacking IT resources.

Regarding the transition, my recommendation is for the group leaders of ATART to tread lightly when it comes to bringing up the topic of the infamous ArchivesSpace membership model. First, please keep in mind that non-members of ArchivesSpace have absolutely no obligation whatsoever to recognize or abide by the ArchivesSpace membership agreement. As long as I'm not doing anything illegal, I will help out my fellow colleagues regardless of their membership status. I won't be the only one. I see ATART as an especially good resource for non-members of ArchivesSpace. There is a very obvious rift in the ArchivesSpace community regarding paying for membership. An SAA-sponsored group has no business reinforcing or supporting a voluntary membership fee, especially one that so many people detest. ATART's loyalty should lie in

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helping out our colleagues (member or not), and not furthering the idea that ArchivesSpace is some sort of exclusive tool available to paying members only. So please don't say things like "ATART will respect ArchivesSpace's members agreement and model". True or not, just the mention of it only serves to throw fuel on the fire of this very divisive issue. There is no need to mention it. ATART should not remotely appear supportive of the membership idea. In fact, ATART should go out of its way to show that it caters to all ArchivesSpace users.

I think ATART could focus on both AT/Archon as well as ArchivesSpace for an interim period. I think a lot of smaller institutions are waiting to implement ArchivesSpace until larger institutions adopt it and it goes through a few iterations.

Have more documentation and easier to understand language for non-techies.

We don't use AT or Archon; I joined your listserv to learn more about ArchivesSpace and to keep up with its development. So, if other listserv subscribers had similar motivations, remember that much of your membership will be transitioning to ArchivesSpace from systems other than AT or Archon but may still look to your listserv for help if needed.

Keeping communication paths between ATART Steering Committee and Brad Westbrook open, but with the mutual understanding that ATART exists to serve as a place for people to support each other, regardless of membership. We need to make sure that ATART is not expect to "enforce" users' own volition to do what they want. But, instead, to provide a safe, non-intimidating space where archivists can talk to other archivists about services and systems that might help better their collections and archival programs.

In some ways the Archives Space membership model makes it difficult to do what the group has done in the past with Archon and AT. At this point I think a role for the group might be as an advocate for smaller institutions who will have no voice in the Archives Space governance.

It's a curious time -- ATART helped to fill a void in the AT/Archon implementation, which ArchivesSpace is filling with its membership model. I don't know that ATART should try to act like an alternate forum for ArchivesSpace, especially given some of the types of "civil disobedience" topics that came up at the meeting this year (sharing documentation, especially).

I do think that a session featuring the experiences of ArchivesSpace charter members or others that have transitioned from AT or Archon to ArchivesSpace would be valuable, as would ongoing discussions about support for Archon and AT, since it will take many years for some institutions to migrate off those systems (not discounting the possibility that one or both will live on, supported by other developers. That's open source).

Providing case studies written by early AS implementers would be helpful, especially concerning data migration.

I would like to see ATART focus on improving Archon and ArchivistsToolkit rather than transitioning to ArchivesSpace.

We are a small archive using a third party cloud hosting service for our Archon SW and records. As a lone arranger, I have spent two years learning to use Archon by trial and error. Having invested so much time in Archon, I would prefer not to migrate to ArchivesSpace, which is still in its early iteration, and face a new, lengthy learning curve.

Instead, I would prefer ATART to focus on improving Archon so it can do the following:

- create reports such as numbers of accessions, collections, users, by year and in total
- improve management and display of digital objects so that a separate digital CMS is not needed
- provide a sandbox in which to test data. E.g. I would like to be able to create collections with and without classifications before deciding on a final scheme.
- more easily change numbers of classifications and series so they can be reordered, as needed..
- provide a save button at the bottom of each data entry screen for new data you've entered on the lower part of the screen
- add a web output field (Y or N) to accession, collection, and collection content spreadsheets so you don't have to go into Archon and indicate Y or No on each record...or
- do bulk processing to change the web output option from Yes to No, and vice versa, for multiple accessions, collections, and series at the same time
- print lists of data such as accessions, collections, creators, material types, extent units, etc. from

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the Archon Browse menus

-provide secure server or cloud hosting services for institutions who need them to host Archon SW and Records and digital collections

It would also be helpful if ATART could update and improve the Archon manual to better cover all the steps involved in setup and use of the program.

Perhaps ATART can provide resources for consortial ASpace memberships, as full membership is out of financial viability for our institution (and no doubt others)

I have to say I feel a little lost about what to do right this moment. We've registered with Archives Space, but don't know what that means for presently. We could use more info about what's happening as we are heading into a grant project and we need to start with either AT or ArchivesSpace in the next month or so.

ArchiveSpace is built and will continue on a very different foundational model than AT/Archon. It is a modular system, functionally, and has a solid development plan. It takes a broader view and approach to metadata than the AT. It promises to be more sustainable system in that way, it seems at least now, by its promise to make our collection data more flexible and usable in the open web, or semantic web. This takes me to my next point about the focus of the Roundtable (below)

For the next year, suggest that the Roundtable facilitate discussions and information sharing about AT/Archon usage and migration to ASpace, and case studies. For example, could be part of the program for next year to highlight what folks are doing to transition (or not?), challenges and considerations, points of pain, etc.

FREE training and workshop for archivists of all levels; either virtually or regionally. So many fee-based workshops that we just can't afford. Also - most SAA courses are on the East coast and midwest. What about the Pac Coast?

I think this should be left to ArchivesSpace staff. We shouldn't have a roundtable dedicated to a paid product.

If ATART decides to include other archives-related software systems and solutions, I highly recommend that it only include open source software so as not to cloud the waters with proprietary systems which hopefully provide their users with adequate support.

mentor/mentee institutions, perhaps, with year-long commitments to assist/be assisted with the transition? At the very least, ATART should serve as the conduit for problems and solutions arising from the transition.

Data clean-up may be happening across the board, perhaps sharing ways to make that process easier and less time consuming.

It be nice if some workshops could be organized or partnerships between institutions could be facilitated...especially for those of us who are implementing ArchivesSpace without having used any other system before.

Training! Free webinars.

ATART has been a useful, and popularly attended roundtable. Since AT and Archon will no longer be supported and I suspect most institutions will transition to ASpace, I would advocate for the roundtable to change to the ASpace Roundtable. Alternatively, it may be more appropriate to no longer be a roundtable and instead have regular meetings at SAA. One example comes to mind, the "OAC Contributors meeting"--not a roundtable, but provides a forum to support a specific product/tool. The ASpace charter members/advisors could organize the meetings.

keep communicating

Case studies of migration and implementation

Case studies of use and management

Cost analysis - time/effort of staff needed to migrate and maintain

Technical infrastructure needed - hardware and staff skills

Opportunities for consortial approaches and discussion

Advocacy to assist smaller repositories make the case for an archival collection management tool.

Regional or online meet-ups/working groups/workshops.

if any ArchivesSpaces users would be willing to be a local or regional "buddy" or mentor, that might help smaller institutions which can't afford to be an ArchivesSpace member. There are, of

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course, considerations of staff time, resources, etc., but perhaps some institutions would be willing to provide some limited assistance as general outreach/archival advocacy.

### **What are your thoughts about changing the focus of ATART away from only AT/Archon to include other software systems?**

I believe that it would be good to have ATART provide guidance on other software products out there that could help archivists.

Doesn't seem necessary.

I think it is good for archival institutions to know other options, and there aren't a lot of other good forums for that discussion or dissemination of information.

I think ATART should stick to AT/Archon and ArchivesSpace.

AT/Archon were the main archives management software when this started. Now there is ArchivesSpace, and others may happen. It makes sense to expand the focus then.

I think the group would lose focus, become too large for its own good, and fail to adequately meet the needs of AT/Ar/AS users.

I think this is a good idea, but only to focus on collection management systems.

I could imagine ATART focusing on sustainable, affordable open source software options for archives in general. Perhaps also trying to rope in more IT folks into its membership and discussions and serving as a communication venue between open source software developers and users?

I'm a little worried that if we branch out too much, we'll become too broad and unfocused.

I would prefer that ATART (or a future version) not be so focused on proprietary software systems but rather on broader, more general issues including accessioning and collection management standards, building a continuum among accessioning, cataloging, description tools and techniques, etc.

I think it is good, so long as consideration is given to small archives or lone arrangers' needs. Budget, inadequate support staff - these are significant considerations for small organizations who want to do things right but may lack the means available to better funded organizations.

I think it would be helpful - there are all sorts of other systems that various institutions are running and it would be nice to have this space to discuss them. ContentDM, for example.

I think any collection management system or repository software would be fair game - I for one would like to know more about Aeon.

I'd like to see primary focus on collection management but would like to include consideration of how collection management software interacts with other software.

Well, it would be cumbersome if there were multiple roundtables, each with a different product focus, for those of us who plan to transition eventually but need to keep current on more than one system. You could have focus groups within the roundtable for AT, Archon and ArchivesSpace.

Why? Too many foci would dilute the value of the roundtable. People can join the digital-curation Google group or go to various forums to get information on different software systems.

Additionally, why pay attention to software with niche or relatively small user communities?

I think limiting the RT to just collection management systems will keep our group focused, and hopefully allow it to continue playing a key role in our profession.

I don't feel very strongly about it. I'm sure, in the long run, it may prove to be helpful.

We use a lot of software to interact with our collections - well, at least some repositories do - and it would be interesting to hear more about all those possibilities. At the same time, I do understand if people want to focus on the accessioning/processing parts because they are central to our role as archivists. Either works, but I tend to err on the side of "the more the merrier!"

My purpose of following ATART is to get to know what other archival inventory programs are available and perhaps be able to give information to possible users here in Sweden and the nordic contries who dont have the funding for buying a program. So for me its a way of getting to know what you can do and how the program is built and so on.

A transition and focus on ArchivesSpace for some time seems natural to me for the RT since the other two are moving into it even if they probably will be around for quite some time because of

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institutions and users not doing the upgrade to ArchivesSpace.

I like the idea of keeping this a space specific to AT/Archon and/or ArchivesSpace.

Since many of us will at some point be making the transition to ArchivesSpace, the focus of ATART should certainly begin emphasising Archives Space as soon as possible, but without completely turning away from Archon and AT-related issues and concerns just yet. Also, many of us are also probably interested in other software systems for handing digital records, such as digital repository software and digital forensics tools, and specifically how these tools can be integrated with content management systems like AT/Archon.

This is good! We've got to keep up with the times!

Interoperability is the big issue so it makes sense to bring other systems into the scope of discussion in the round table.

It's helpful to understand the bigger picture. I'm amazed by how many different things are used, and how at smaller institutions things are often pieced together.

I think that this gives the RT an appealing neutrality. I have always been a little uncomfortable with the fact that the roundtable started focused exclusively on AT.

The downside: Identifying all the options that we'd cover, and maintaining neutrality. The interaction between open-source products and vendor products.

We should seek advice from our museum and library counterparts in AAM and ALA on how they structure their corresponding groups. Because this issue has the potential to make or break the group.

I think the group should stay focused on AT/Archon and future versions of that software as it transforms into ArchivesSpace.

The group would be too spread out if we tried to cover all the other kinds of systems out there.

I like that idea.

Under the assumption that "other software systems" will include expensive vendor-oriented products, I feel that changing the focus of ATART away from only AT/Archon to include other software systems would dilute the focus of the group. What I mean is that there would be a danger that focus would shift away from the less expensive open source approach of AT, Archon, and AS that most benefits the DIY institutions, and get hijacked by vendors with strong sales people offering incentives that would trap CHIs into spending money they don't have.

It makes sense to move on to ArchivesSpace since AT/Archon are no longer going to be updated or supported. ATART may also need to look into alternative systems beyond ArchivesSpace however, such as ICA-Atom (the Canadian standard for open-source archival management software), or others which may be developed in the future. Adopting a new generic name for ATART, such as "Archival Management Systems Round Table" (AMSRT) would be smart, since new systems will no doubt continue to be created.

It has been useful to have tool-specific information.

I'm not entirely opposed to this, but I think many of these systems (at least for repositories) have their own existing user communities. On the other hand, I think ATART could be a good group to advocate for collaborative work (on workflows, tools that integrate services, etc.) between AT/ArchivesSpace and other open source archives (repository, processing, mgmt) projects--for example, between ArchivesSpace and Archivematica, or ArchivesSpace and Fedora/Islandora. sounds like a good idea in principle, but would worry it would get too big of a scope. what if the focus expanded to include how collections management systems interacted with the other systems?

Not sure. If you promote only one system and it becomes obsolete, then what? But if you focus on other systems it becomes murky. Don't know what a good solution is.

there are other programs out there that work better for small college archives and information about them would be nice.

A focus on collection management systems in general would be helpful. This would give members a chance to learn about other options that may be less visible.

Archives management systems and collection management systems makes sense, but I think it would be a very big stretch to include repositories or digitization systems.



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Necessary if the group wants to continue for more than a few years (with an active membership of more than a handful). AT/Archon will ultimately be unsupported and obsolete, so the group needs to either shift its focus or set a date for disbanding. I had presumed the group would shift to focus mostly on ArchivesSpace, but the prospect of addressing other archival software systems is intriguing if possibly overwhelming.

There is a lot of discussion right now on how software is working with AT/Archon/ArchivesSpace. For example, Fedora, Islandora, Preservica, Hydra, etc. While our focus doesn't necessarily have to include all software systems everywhere, it is important that ATART is consciously building a roundtable that is collaborative in spirit and mission. Additionally, many repositories may be using software for collection management that may do other things, too (i.e. Content DM as collection management and digital repository or Collective Access as management tool and a type of digital asset management system). We should be aware that this bleed is happening between software and should incorporate this into the future of ATART.

There are many systems that are relevant to archivists and it makes sense for this group to also address those as well.

It is a natural evolution--change or die.

I think it's necessary. There are other systems out there (I'm thinking Cuadra and even PastPerfect) and I'm not sure where discussions about those systems land in SAA, though they pop up on the A&A list from time to time.

That's a good idea. We need to be inclusive, however, we need to focus on the tools/software used by the majority of members.

I think there is some value in that, but it could muddle things a bit - there's a lot of other software/systems involved in other archival tasks (I'm thinking digital preservation specifically) that entire RT sessions could be used discussing them.

Not favorable.

ATART has had some great sessions on modules like ATRef that can make tools more robust. Unless I'm mistaken, there are no roundtables that specialize in "general tools used for archives-specific duties" and that could be a great evolution for ATART.

I think it could become overwhelming and confusing when we change the focus away from collection management, especially for newer professionals.

I think including other systems is fine, but it should have some focus on issues common to all of us, and to those that use third-party or cloud-hosted systems.

Suggest that the Roundtable begins to broaden its focus beyond AT/Archon and ASpace over the next year, and widen the scope to archival management systems in general (a la the type of definition put forward by Lisa Spiro: [http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/spiro/spiro\\_Jan13.pdf](http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/spiro/spiro_Jan13.pdf)). It should definitely include ASpace -- and could include discussion of other systems, such as ICA-AtOM.

Could be a slippery slope to really broaden the scope to factor in other kinds of software -- e.g., reference and request (e.g., Aeon), digital asset management, etc. That said, these types of systems can have structural tie-ins with archival management systems -- and those tie-ins could be part of the overall scope.

Not sure what the origins of the RT are, but its pretty clear not everyone is on AT/Archon so it makes sense to broaden your scope.

I think moving to a broader focus on archives technology would be really helpful to all archivists.

I think it might bring in more discussion, and might help improve all open source software systems with the larger discussions and focus.

I just think the focus should at least include ArchivesSpace. I think a lot of people have questions about the differences between systems, and the pros and cons of using freeware vs. purchasing a system. Including the other systems would provide some balance.

AT and Archon will eventually breakdown. So the member will have to decide over the next couple years what they need. Might be worth continuing to do surveys regularly to see what people are transitioning to. We will likely be moving to ArchivesSpace so I hope that would be involved in some way.

I think it would be great to become the collection management software roundtable, but I think that making it broader ( to include repository and digitization software) might cause the roundtable

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to lose its focus. Also, I believe that there's a need for collection management support in the community.

It would be nice to have a platform to share experiences about adding companion tools, like scripto or other crowdsourcing transcription tools, and possibly other tools that are developed.

I hope the focus would include both software systems in the United States and outside of the United States. If AT and Archon will still be used by many repositories/institutions, then by all means include these in the focus of the roundtable. I am really interested in ArchivesSpace and hope this is too will be included in the focus.

Given the dynamic that I have observed at ATART meetings over the past four years, it seems to me that it makes sense to keep it focused exclusively on AT/Archon/ASpace as a continuum of open-source archives collection management systems. So not other commercial archives collection management systems nor other types of software used by archives.

Focusing solely on AT/Archon is a bit narrow and expanding the focus would make this roundtable more inviting to a broader range of archivists. I believe that the roundtable should continue to offer support of AT/Archon in the near term though for those institutions who cannot or will not be transitioning to ArchivesSpace.

Our institutions vary so much in size and focus that there is no one-size-fits-all model for all libraries and historical societies. Periodic reviews of software options would help us.

If ATART transitions to a roundtable that focuses on more general collection management software topics, I'm not convinced it would be very helpful. Different software tools would have different needs and users, making it difficult to find an agenda that would serve the majority.

focus on the options for collection mgmt systems as any new ones emerge

As someone who uses a museum collection management system, not AT/Archon/ASpace, to manage their archival collections, and who interacts with other archivists in the same position I would welcome a forum that would include discussion about CMS softwares beyond just AT/Archon. I would like to retain a focus on CMS and not stray out to digitization software for example which should or may already be covered by other roundtables/sections.

I'm torn on this. On one hand, I think we need roundtables (user groups, unconferences, etc.) assisting archivists in finding, migrating, managing and using archival software systems in general. However I think if the ATART moves too far from archival collection management software as the mission, the round table will get overwhelmed and lose it's effectiveness as a resource and discussion space.

Great idea. Not only are repositories using other CMS software besides AT/Archon, they are using additional archives-related software for digitization, digital asset management, etc., as mentioned in one of the above questions.

incorporating other systems could help users who are transitioning from one system to another

### What do you think ATART should be doing in the next 1-3 years?

Continue to focus on archives' collection management software systems and solutions.

Helping users to make a smooth transition to ArchivesSpace by providing info.

Helping archivists learn about (pros and cons) of content management systems and other software solutions.

I think it would be very useful to the archival community to have a forum to discuss (from a user rather than a vender standpoint) the various collection management tools on the market.

Knowing what archivists need/want could drive the functionality of systems. Exposure to/awareness of features in pay systems could inform features in open source systems.

Collaboration and other types of archival management systems

I hope that ATART plans to coordinate with SAA (and perhaps other more local archival groups) to provide training on ArchivesSpace, if that is where the future will be. I used the AT in a previous archival position and was able to learn most of it through a one-day class.

Broadly focusing on collection management procedures and technologies.

Seems like the low-traffic nature of the list would allow it to encompass other software systems and ArchivesSpace, AT and Archon.

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I like the idea of focusing heavily on collection management tools, but I'd also like to see some focus or attention brought to management skills.

Providing information and guidance for institutions on multiple archival management software systems, with a primary focus on ArchivesSpace, Archivist's Toolkit, and Archon.

I think it will be important to continue focus on AT/Archon and ArchivesSpace while institutions are transitioning between the two. But to perhaps also consider support for Collective Access as another open source solution.

Helping develop strategies to help smaller institutions with collection management options.

Facilitating communication in our community about implementation and development of AT/Archon and ArchivesSpace. Providing a channel of communication between the ArchivesSpace team and our members.

Provide a discussion forum for archivists trying to pick an archival management system or better use the one they have.

Helping people with transitioning to ArchivesSpace, developing "pitches" for institutional higher-ups to advocate the need to move on to ArchivesSpace, maybe some ArchivesSpace training (but that might be beyond the abilities of the group).

Support users still working with AT/Archon systems, along with those working on AS

Provide a forum for those who are continuing with AT/Archon

Provide a forum for those transitioning from AT/Archon to ArchivesSpace

Provide a forum for users of all systems to know and understand each others' needs and a collegial path by which non-ArchivesSpace members (have-nots?) may express their needs to ArchivesSpace members (haves?)

Supporting the open source software movement in archives in general, perhaps?

Make a slow transition to ArchivesSpace. We will continue to operate both AT and ArchivesSpace until we feel comfortable enough to drop AT.

Assisting repositories in decision making and migration by providing a positive environment for discussion and sharing. This includes not assuming that ArchivesSpace will be the only/best/whatever solution or that it will even be fully functional in that time period. Providing the user community with information, options, a forum to work on plugins, modifications, etc.

providing space to discuss collection management tools with an emphasis on ArchivesSpace but not excluding other possibilities

providing support/knowledge sharing opportunities for archives technology more broadly

Help smaller organizations make the transition. Perhaps volunteer support in various locations who are willing to help smaller organizations transition.

Keep the focus on development of software for collection management,

Provide a platform for open community discussions about software tools for archives. The focus should primarily be on collections management, but also possibly other tools that overlap significantly with activities related to the "back-end" management of archives, to be driven by community interest.

Focusing on the transition to AS but still supporting those who stay with Archon/AT. Broaden scope to include other archives related software and systems.

Focus on collection management software, be a place for people transitioning to ArchivesSpace to work out problems, provide as much support as possible for AT/Archon users (but not after three years- once it's truly obsolete, move on).

Facilitate sharing information and best practices for using collection management software.

Support transition from AT and Archon to ArchivesSpace as well as support institutions adopting ArchivesSpace without having used AT or Archon.

Assisting archivists with the transition to ArchivesSpace. Pressing for needed improvements to the new tool.

ATART should probably disband.

Move beyond just AT and Archon, including general discussion on ASpace. Offer broad support about various approaches to collection management programs.

Focus on ArchivesSpace, Archon and AT.

Continue to facilitate dialogue about the collections management software and practices that repositories use.

Help as much as the RT can with guidelines on transition for they who will do it and at the same

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time broaden the RT up to talk about archival programs not focusing on one specific, since doing the broadening will take time.

Encouraging and helping institutions to migrate from AT/Archon into ArchivesSpace.

Helping members make the transition to ArchivesSpace as much as possible without infringing on the AS member model.

Incorporate ArchivesSpace into your mandate. It's not separate from AT/Archon and there should be another roundtable just for ArchivesSpace.

See above.

Could you address solutions for different sized collections or institutions? I work at a university with 3,800 students. We don't have the infrastructure or budget / IT support to allow for the same decisions to be made as state schools. Similarly, as an academic institutions, we have some different issues than a diocesan archives or a museum. I'm trying to find archivists in a similar boat to see how they are tackling collection management.

continue to address needs of Archivists Toolkit users, perhaps branching out into other collection management systems (specifically digital records).

Helping institutions honestly evaluate their collection management software options with neutral focus on products. Acting as a user group for the different options.

Continuing to provide a forum for AT/Archon users to talk about those products but be moving more focus to ArchivesSpace. This is in the same way as users groups for other software systems (such as Contentdm) will mirror the development of that software and stay primarily focused on the newest or most commonly used versions of their system.

Definitely helping to assess ArchiveSpace.

Continue support and discussion of AT and Archon and the transition to ArchiveSpace.

ATART should expand its focus to include ArchivesSpace to co-exist with Archon and AT.

Institutions will continue to use Archon and AT for some time so we can't ignore that.

Nonetheless, ArchivesSpace is the future, so ATART should highlight success stories of CHIs that are transitioning to AS. Providing regular status on the support (or lack thereof) of AT and Archon will inform on the longevity of the older platforms and subtly nudge institutions towards AS. I would suggest tracking the number of AT, Archon, and AS installations over time to inform the group on where the focus should be to benefit the majority of members.

Continue to be a forum and sharing round-table for institutions using AT, ARCHON or ArchivesSpace.

For the next year or two, I would expect ATART to play an important role in helping Archon and AT users migrate to ArchivesSpace. It would be really helpful to hear both success and failure stories from institutions that have migrated. And seeing as non-members are excluded from what I would imagine would be a very helpful members-only ArchivesSpace listserve, I would hope that the ATART listserve could help both members and non-members with the migration process. Likewise, customization tips would be much appreciated. I hope those ideas get passed around as well.

I would like to see a primary focus supporting AND advocating for archivists' needs with ArchivesSpace. Having a large, outside group that can press ASpace for feature improvements and which can press it for organizational changes is very important for the archives profession. I think that ATART should focus primarily on archives management systems and not divide its attention by also focusing on other types of systems, such as digital repositories, except as they overlap or become integrated into archival management systems.

Helping in the transition to ArchivesSpace

Focusing on supporting institutions making the transition from AT/Archon to ArchivesSpace and possibly leading or advocating for collaborative projects with other open source archives software.

supporting transition to ArchivesSpace. hard to do this when documentation is "locked down". maybe highlighting how various institutions are accomplishing this?

I think it would be helpful to focus on the more practical aspects of archives work. Not everyone is digitizing everything! :)

Giving more information on all types of archives, not just museums or historical societies.

Providing space for members to discuss ideas and issues with collection management systems, as well as opportunities to learn about alternative approaches.

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Forum for discussion during this transition period when organizations will be using AT, Archon, and ArchivesSpace.

Becoming the go-to community resource for ArchivesSpace.

Continue to offer support to AT/Archon users; assist those users who want to transition to ArchivesSpace.

It might be difficult given membership restrictions, but offering support and a forum for those transitioning to ArchivesSpace, as well as still offering a forum of assistance to those who can NOT yet transition.

Gathering input from members about the kinds of software it should be focused on in the future (either broad categories of software or specific applications/systems), recruiting subject experts who can facilitate the early conversations about those programs, and making sure the larger SAA membership is aware of the changes. I'm sure you'll attract more participants once people know you're not as narrowly-focused anymore.

Providing a safe space for archivists and users to find help, support, and answers for tech and tools. The tech world is very palpably intimidating. ATART needs to focus on providing a forum where people don't feel stupid or scared to ask questions, regardless of their tech expertise or software background or platform/tool.

expand the focus, advocacy, highlight interesting projects that expand upon the initial Archives Space software, like the AT Reference project.

I hope ATART will at least remain active as a support for users of Arcon and AT--I'm sure many institutions are in the same position as we are, i.e., cannot afford the exorbitant cost that ArchivesSpace is requiring for memberships.

Providing guidance on transitioning to ArchivesSpace and coordinating communication regarding improvements to the system.

Regular surveys of members to determine which system is in use

Regular surveys of members to identify hot topics for discussion (not just at SAA annual meeting)

Discussions with ArchivesSpace leadership team to see how SAA can help them (and how SAA can be protected from possible damages in case of violations of membership agreements)

Providing a forum for discussion on tools, software, and other technical solutions for collection management, focusing on the tools used by the majority of members.

Helping users migrate to ArchivesSpace, figuring out how the RT can work with AS to increase documentation, etc to the program.

See improvements in Suggestions and Recommendations above.

Providing a space for research and evaluation of archives-specific software tools. Probably most prominently ASpace, but considering the membership structure of ASpace will prevent the sort of development/resource sharing that previously occurred at the RT, it would be good to expand the focus to other archives tools and technologies.

Focus on creating FREE tutorials, etc for Archives Space to support institutions that can't afford the membership. Although, it's not really that expensive...

Has ATART fulfilled its mission and should it evolve to a new focus? I think we are in a new era of technology development and support -- the diversity of systems that archival institutions use has grown for a host of reasons -- so I think the Roundtable has served its initial purpose. If it is imagined a-new, my feeling is that the Roundtable members would benefit from sharing cases studies of systems and services, no matter their purpose (ie. collection management, preservation services, access services, ArchiveGrid, digital library services). These tools will only continue to evolve and diversify.

Supporting the transition to AS, advocating for improvements.

Interoperability is the big issue so it makes sense to bring other systems into the scope of discussion in the round table.

Looking at ways to provide training and workshops in a variety of collections management tools for archivists in a variety of settings (government, academic, private, museums, etc.). EVERY job description asks for experience in a different software, as a result many times we become instantly disqualified for a new job based on lack of hands-on experience or training in a different system. This would be helpful for both new graduates and "mid-career" professionals.

move to being a forum for discussing archival collection management tools and systems.

Continuing to support AT users since not all of us have the ability to move on to ArchivesSpace.

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move to an "archives software" roundtable

Helping users in their decision to possibly transfer to ArchivesSpace, and in their transition to the new system.

Provide people with guidance for transitioning from AT/Archon to ArchivesSpace.

Helping members with the transition to ArchivesSpace. Helping those members who will not be using AS to transition to something else (or start thinking about it.) Try to remain a support system for those who will still be using Archon or AT within the next 3 years.

Acting as support for any person or institution using any collection management software.

Facilitating the sharing of information between institutions experiencing the transition from Archon and AT to Archivespace.

Responding to the needs of institutions that use a variety of software options

I think it should focus on ArchivesSpace since AT and Archon will no longer be upgraded. It is important to look to the future. It would be great to look to collaborations, such as ArchivesSpace's work with Hydra.

Being a go-to resource for both archives and archives-related software systems and solutions. It would be nice if ATART could partner with software systems groups to provide demos and or training on how to use/utilize these systems.

Helping sites transition from Archon/AT to ASpace and facilitating discussion about ASpace use and ongoing development.

I'm not sure where this roundtable will be headed--I think it's important to figure out the best way to provide a user community and it may or may not be through this roundtable. But right now it seems to early to make a final decision about the future of ATART.

Focusing on the entire field of Archival management Software

While I feel like it should maintain some of the support for AT/Archon in the near term the focus could expand to encompass all collections management tools.

Training! Some of us are lone arrangers with nary an IT person to help.

I think it would be good to include other tools in this discussion, particularly ArchivesSpace, but also worry about possible fragmentation of the group. Perhaps the ATART could become a meta-group, with discussions of systems-based approaches to management issues, with time for system-based networking/issues in small groups. As the survey suggests, there are problems with all the possible approaches to this issue.

Giving support and good examples of other's work.

Helping institutions making the transition to AT and Archon to ArchivesSpace, and perhaps point to alternative solutions as well. Additionally, providing guidance on other software systems geared toward digital preservation would be great.

Supporting and advising the further development of ASpace I believe is now primarily the responsibility of the ASpace Charter members, so it is unclear to me what roll ATART would play in this.

as above, respond to trends

Providing support or forum for users making the transition to ASpace; continuing to be a forum for what I suspect will be a continuing AT/Archon user base; and look at a broadening of scope to include non AT/Archon CMS.

transitioning to include ArchivesSpace

Supporting options for archival collection management and access tools. Framing this is nuts and bolts - needed infrastructure to support. Advocacy to get every archival repository some 21st century tools to manage archival collections.

N/A

Not sure

I think it's important that there is a community and forum for discussing and supporting this transition into ASpace over the next several years. ATART seems the right place for this conversation.

N/A

Continuing to serve as resource for troubleshooting, skill-sharing, advocating for features, etc. in collections management software.

help with mentoring/support for institutions/users who are trying to implement a new system

Continue focus on Archivists Toolkit and Archon, but begin soon to transition to a focus on

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ArchivesSpace. As institutions adopt the merged product, the roundtable's programs will provide information and support.

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### Institutions represented:

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UCSB

Michael Feinstein Initiative

University of St. Thomas

Schlesinger Library

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

University of Arizona

Yale

Texas General Land Office

University of Texas at Arlington

Brigham Young University

St. Catherine University

NYU

Washington State University

University of Georgia

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

The Filson Historical Society.

Harvard University

Georgia Tech

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Temple University

FSU

Institute for Advanced Study

Holy Family University

CWRU

Ukrainian Historical and Educational Center of NJ

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Boston College

NCSU Libraries, Special Collections Research Center

George Washington University

MSU

Penn State University

Syracuse University

Iowa State University

The Swedish National Archives

Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center

South Dakota State Archives

SUNY Buffalo

Harvard University Archives

St. Ambrose University

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Orbis Cascade Alliance

Carleton College

George Washington University

University of Southern California

Mojave Desert Heritage and Cultural Association

Harvard University

Washington University

Pacific University

UC San Diego

Barnard College Archives

University of Maryland

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University of Texas at Arlington Libraries Special Collections  
Dordt College  
Central Christian College Archives  
Kansas State University  
Oregon State University  
Yale University  
Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library  
Seton Hall University  
ACE Group  
Luther College  
Eastern Kentucky University  
Texas Southern University  
Kennesaw State University  
Prefer not to state  
Getty  
RAC  
Dominican Sisters of Hope  
Free Library of Philadelphia  
Pacifica Radio Archives  
Univ of CT  
Harvard University  
University of California  
anon  
Brigham Young University  
Small Liberal Arts College  
Academic Library in Florida  
Bates College  
Iowa State University  
Jefferson County (Colo) Archives  
University of Oregon  
Georgia Tech Archives  
Litchfield Historical Society  
cleveland museum of art  
Georgia Tech Archives  
Sisters of Mount Carmel - New Orleans  
Medical Center Archives, NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center  
Davenport Public Library  
Avila University  
Atlas Systems, Inc.  
Luther College  
UC Davis  
Louisiana State University  
Prometheus Research Library  
Brigham Young University  
University of Nevada, Reno  
UALR Center for Arkansas History and Culture  
UCLA  
Univ Delaware  
The Henry Ford  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Michigan State University  
Berea College  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
AMNH  
Charlotte County Historical Center  
LACMA



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personal collection  
Newberry Library

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