

Software Preservation: Building a Community of Research Practitioners

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Abstract:

This lightning talk will introduce the current work of the Software Preservation Network (SPN) Research Working Group. In particular the Research WG will introduce its effort to create research instruments/templates practitioners could use to conduct research in their local institutions - looking towards aggregating the resulting data in order to track the software preservation field over time. Speakers will invite Research Forum attendees to contribute their research expertise to the current Ontology of Research Questions, a project that aims to document existing research on software preservation and curation, and identify gaps. The Software Preservation Network (SPN) coordinates software preservation efforts to ensure long term access to software - connecting and engaging legal, public policy, social science, natural science, information & communication technology and cultural heritage preservation communities.

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