



ArchivesSpace

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Product Description & Development Plan

ArchivesSpace is the next-generation archives information management application. It integrates the best features of the Archivists' Toolkit and Archon and includes many new features not present in either of them. Released under an open source license, the application supports life-cycle management of archival collections, web access to archival descriptions, the generation of shareable metadata records, and integration with other applications. It is intended to be used by a broad range of archival repositories.

The ArchivesSpace application was originally the result of a collaboration among the New York University Library, the University of California San Diego Library, and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Library and was originally funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. ArchivesSpace is now supported by a member community of over 350 institutions, with leadership provided by a Governance Board, User Advisory Council, and a Technical Advisory Council. LYRASIS is the organizational home for the ArchivesSpace program.

ArchivesSpace Selected Features and Outputs

- Manage staff users with a role-based permission system.
- Create content records for accessions, resources, and digital objects.
- Create agent, subject, and classification records and link to content records.
- Record and manage locations, and link locations with content records.
- Import data for accessions, resources, and digital objects from CSV, MARCXML, and EAD.
- Export shareable EAD and MARCXML records for resources and MODS, METS, and Dublin Core records for digital objects.
- Track events and additional collection management information.
- Create assessment records to capture information about quantitative and qualitative characteristics of collection materials.
- Browse and search repositories, collections, digital objects, subjects, names, and classifications through either the staff or the public interface.
- Work more efficiently with time saving devices such as configurable Rapid Data Entry templates, batch importing, transferring records across repositories, and merging records.
- Try our sandbox at <http://sandbox.archivesspace.org>

See the ArchivesSpace development roadmap (<https://archivesspace.atlassian.net/wiki/display/ADC/Road+Map>) for a list of features to be added in the near future.

ArchivesSpace System Requirements

- Java 1.7 or 1.8.
- At least 1024 MB RAM allocated to the application; at least 2 GB recommended for optimal performance
- A supported browser

ArchivesSpace has been tested on Linux, Mac OS X, and Windows.

MySQL is not required, but is strongly recommended for production use.

The embedded database is for testing purposes only. You should use MySQL for any data intended for production, including data in a test instance that you intend to move over to a production instance.

ArchivesSpace Sandbox:

The ArchivesSpace team has provided a web accessible “sandbox” for exploring and evaluating the ArchivesSpace application. The staff interface is located at <http://sandbox.archivesspace.org> while the public interface is located at <http://sandbox.archivesspace.org/public>. To access the staff interface, use the user name “admin” and the password “admin”. The ArchivesSpace sandbox is not a production tool. Data recorded in it may be viewed by others and/or deleted at any time.

For more information:

- **Installation Guidelines:** <http://archivesspace.github.io/archivesspace/user/getting-started>
- **Source Code:** <https://github.com/archivesspace/archivesspace>
- **Technical Documentation:** <http://archivesspace.github.io/archivesspace>
- **ArchivesSpace Membership:** <http://archivesspace.org/community/types-of-membership/>
- **ArchivesSpace Governance:** <http://archivesspace.org/governance-board-and-councils/>
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** <http://www.archivesspace.org/faq/>