System Requirements

- Java 8 or 11 only
- At least 1024 MB RAM allocated to the application; at least 2 GB for optimal performance.

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

For ArchivesSpace versions 3.1.1 or later, external Solr is required. For previous versions it is optional.

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.

Download the latest release and learn more about getting started at https://github.com/archivesspace/archivesspace.
ArchivesSpace is the next-generation archives information management application. It integrates the best features of Archivists' Toolkit and Archon and includes many new features. 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 450 institutions, with leadership provided by a Governance Board, User Advisory Council, and a Technical Advisory Council. The ArchivesSpace community is involved in every facet of ArchivesSpace, from development to user education and support. Lyrasis is the organizational home for the ArchivesSpace program.

- 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.
- Track events and additional collection management information.
- Create assessment records to evaluate quantitative and qualitative information about collection materials.
- Work more efficiently with time saving devices such as configurable Rapid Data Entry templates, batch importing, transferring records across repositories, and merging records.
- Generate information needed for data analysis and reporting with pre-built or custom reports.
- Export shareable EAD and MARCXML records for resources and MODS, METS, and Dublin Core records for digital objects.
- Provide access to descriptions to researchers and other users through the optional public interface.
- Extend the functionality of the application with plug-ins and use the API for a range of batch operations.
- Watch our demos on YouTube and try our sandbox at http://sandbox.archivesspace.org