Collaborating to Address a Digital Backlog of Web Archives

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Case Study: Applied Research

- How can we reduce the amount of underdescribed Web materials?
  - While: building on organizational strengths, maintaining standard descriptive practice, and achieving higher throughput to describe large-scale digital collections?
- Where can we apply inspirations or take lessons from archival description practices?
LC Web Archives

- Program since 2000
- Thematic & Event
- Permission to crawl required
- Much available: loc.gov/websites/collection

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Slides: https://goo.gl/ACpTbH
New Processes & Products

Collaborative Inputs
Recommenders - nominate collections
Cataloger - developed MODS framework
Web Archivist - develop python scripts
Web Services - push to loc.gov site
Minimal Description

Pulled information from crawl database into minimal MODS framework

More details here

Example (cute overload! ;): loc.gov
MODS
Relational Series
Implications

- More web archives available!
- Alternative to hierarchical description

Longer version available on The Signal:

http://blogs.loc.gov/thesignal/2018/08/more-web-archives-less-process/

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