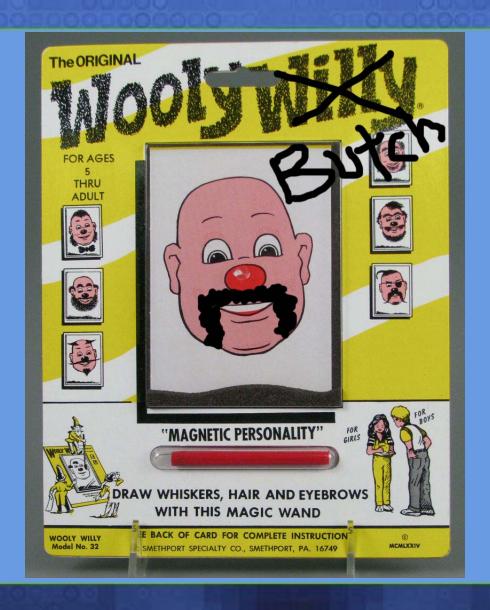


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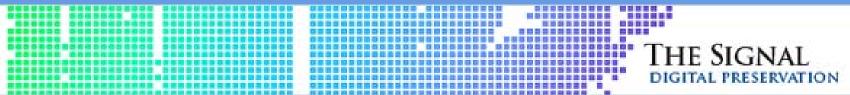




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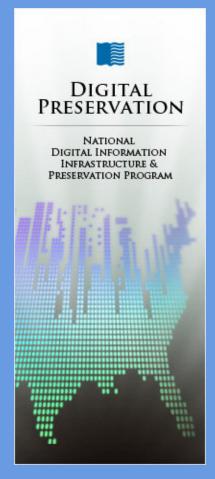
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## What is digital curation?

Digital curation involves maintaining, preserving and adding value to digital research data throughout its lifecycle.

The active management of research data reduces threats to their long-term research value and mitigates the risk of digital obsolescence. Meanwhile, curated data in trusted digital repositories may be shared among the wider UK research community.

As well as reducing duplication of effort in research data creation, curation enhances the long-term value of existing data by making it available for further high quality research.

## **ERIS** project



The development of a set of user-led and user-centric solutions to motivate researchers to deposit work in repositories was the goal of the Enhancing Repository Infrastructure in Scotland (ERIS) project. The project ran from April 2009 to



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Years ago, in my penurious and somewhat traumatic 20s, I got into the habit of collecting interior-design magazines. My parents were splitting, and my family was scattering, and one day I picked up a copy of Elle Decor at an airport and suddenly felt as though I were teleported to Narnia. I didn't have a house or even the disposable income to purchase nonessentials that cost much more than





## Digital Stewardship







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## National Digital Stewardship Alliance



- An initiative of the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP)
- A collaborative effort among government agencies, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and business entities to preserve a distributed national digital collection for the benefit of citizens now and in the future.
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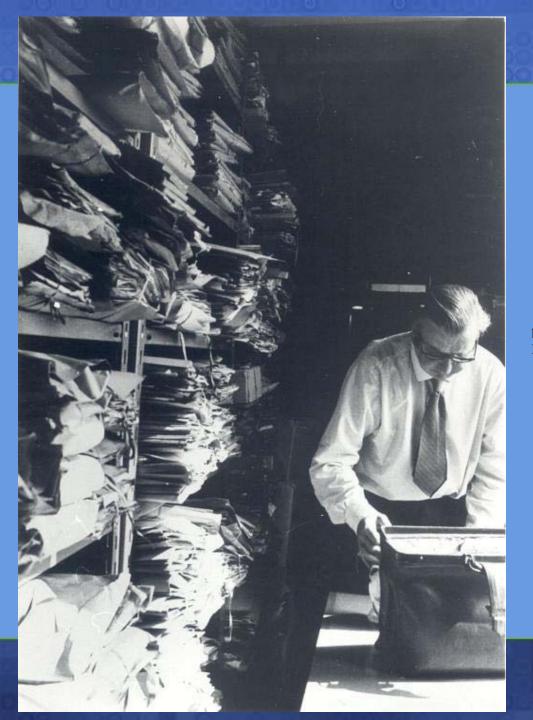
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