Why, what, when and how?

Curatorial decisions and the importance of their documentation

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Netarkivet –
The Danish national Web archive

➢ The Danish Web Sphere is part of the Danish Legal deposit law since 1. july 2005
➢ The Royal Danish Library (Det Kgl. Bibliotek) runs Netarkivet
The Beginning –
A team, a tool and a strategy

➢ 6 curators
➢ An in-house developed curator tool – Netarchive Suite (NAS)
➢ Collection strategies
Decisions – and how to keep trace of them

- NAS – not enough space and functionalities for the curators documentation
  - A special need for the selective crawls

- Requirements for a tool:
  - Easy to access for all involved persons
  - Easy to edit, make changes, add content
  - Offer the options to document
    - Selections and deselections with reasons for decisions
  - Start and end of crawl periods
  - QA observations and follow-ups
The selective workflow—How to keep trace

➢ Why is a domain in the workflow?
➢ How and what part do we crawl (depth)
➢ When do we crawl (frequency)
First documentation Tool – Word documents, folders, path finder
Improving the documentation—introduction of a wiki
Another migration - Atlassian Confluence and Jira
Atlassian jira and confluence Pros

➢ Visual editor
➢ Different overview displays, search and filtering is feasible
➢ Simultaneous editing without ”destroying” each others edits
➢ From manual to automated registration of tokens, dates, activities…
➢ Individual access management for every single page

➢ Documentation along with the collections for researchers possible
➢ Internal informations (such as sensitive data, contact informations to website owners) can be restricted to the curator team
Challenge: a kind of standard for formulations

➢ We want to share the documentation with our researchers

➢ No insider expressions: sharing requires formulations understandable by persons outside from the curator team.
Questions?

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