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STANDARDS FOR DIGITAL RECORDS

When developing information systems and adopting migration as an archiving strategy, it is advisable to make as much use as possible of informatics standards. Whilst carrying out research into best practices, DAVID is using the opportunity to gather information about standards, and in particular about code charts, file formats and data mediums. A regularly updated overview of these standards with relevant documentation is to be found on the website. The overview is being built up step by step. As soon as a first version with the standards in the field of character sets and textual files is complete, it will be placed on line.

So keep an eye on the website!

REPORTS

S. VAN DEN EYNDE, *What should be archived and how? Defining the role of PKI in digital archiving*, Leuven, June 2001.

The report, announced in our last Newsletter, can now be consulted on the website (Dutch only).

F. BOUDREZ and S. VAN DEN EYNDE, *Archiving e-mails*, Antwerp-Leuven, 2001.

The DAVID report on archiving e-mails will be published at the end of September-beginning October. The report consists of two parts. The first part covers the legal aspect. Attention is paid to: the confidentiality of mail and telecommunications, legislation governing privacy, the importance of an e-mail policy, etc. It then looks at the different archiving possibilities and, linking in with that, the elaboration of a best practice. A number of issues are central here: selection, establishing the archival link and ensuring digital permanence. For a general description of the archiving possibilities, you may like to consult the website (cases → archiving e-mails).

ARCHIVING THE CITY OF ANTWERP AND DAVID WEBSITES

As part of the DAVID research into archiving websites, the different versions of the City of Antwerp and DAVID website are being archived. In this way the proposed approach can be put to the test in practice. The City of Antwerp website evolved from a static to an interactive website, which means the different archiving strategies can be tried out. Feedback from this practical experience will be provided in the DAVID report.

WEBSITE

New on the website:

S. VAN DEN EYNDE, *What should be archived and how? Defining the role of the PKI in digital archiving*, Leuven, June 2001 (Dutch only).

Standards for digital records (expected September 15th)

XML and database (expected September 15th)

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Reports

F. BOUDREZ, *Digital archiving of websites*

F. BOUDREZ and S. VAN DEN EYNDE, *Archiving e-mails*

F. BOUDREZ and S. VAN DEN EYNDE, *Authenticity and integrity of digital archive documents*.

Newsletter

Next Newsletter: end October 2001.

All the previous Newsletters can be consulted on the website.

Lectures

21 September: Information 2001 Brussels

W. Vanneste, *The archival service on the internet: an interactive service*.

F. Boudrez, *Digital archiving of websites*. (You will find a condensed version of the lecture on the DAVID website.)

23 November: Brabant Archivists Day

F. Boudrez, *The use of XML for archiving the electoral register*