

# MARS

## Mason Archival Repository Service





Over many years,  
research libraries  
have developed and  
optimized a series of  
“best-practices” for  
managing information.





For most of that time,  
there has been a rough  
balance between  
content creation  
(publishing) and the  
capacity of libraries to  
manage the  
information flow

But the pace and the nature  
of content creation is changing...





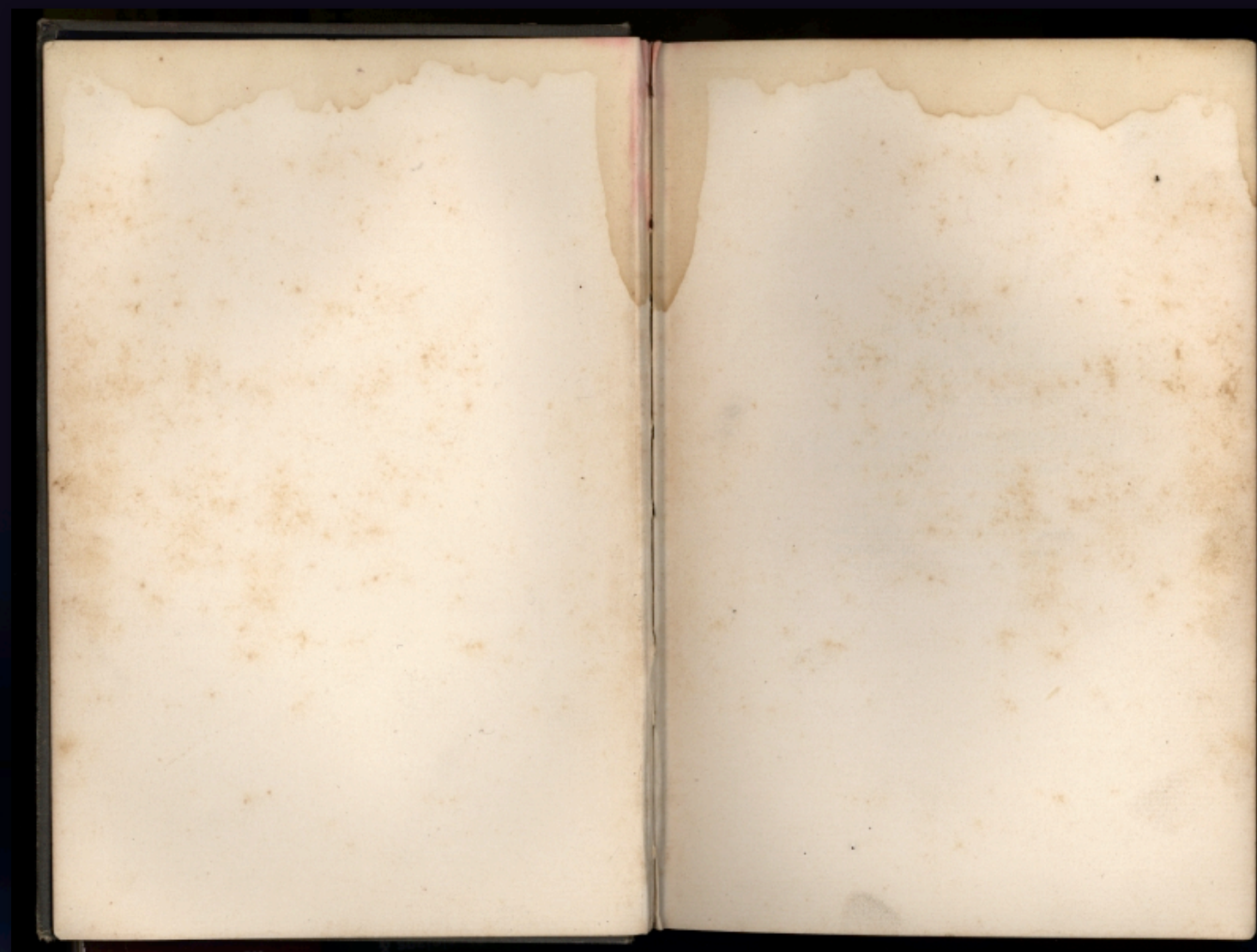


A close-up, slightly angled view of a row of old, leather-bound books. The spines are made of dark brown leather with gold-tooled patterns and text. The books are of varying thicknesses and are slightly worn. Some have small, rectangular labels attached to the bottom of the spine. The background is dark and out of focus.

We're moving from a world  
where everything existed in  
physical form to...



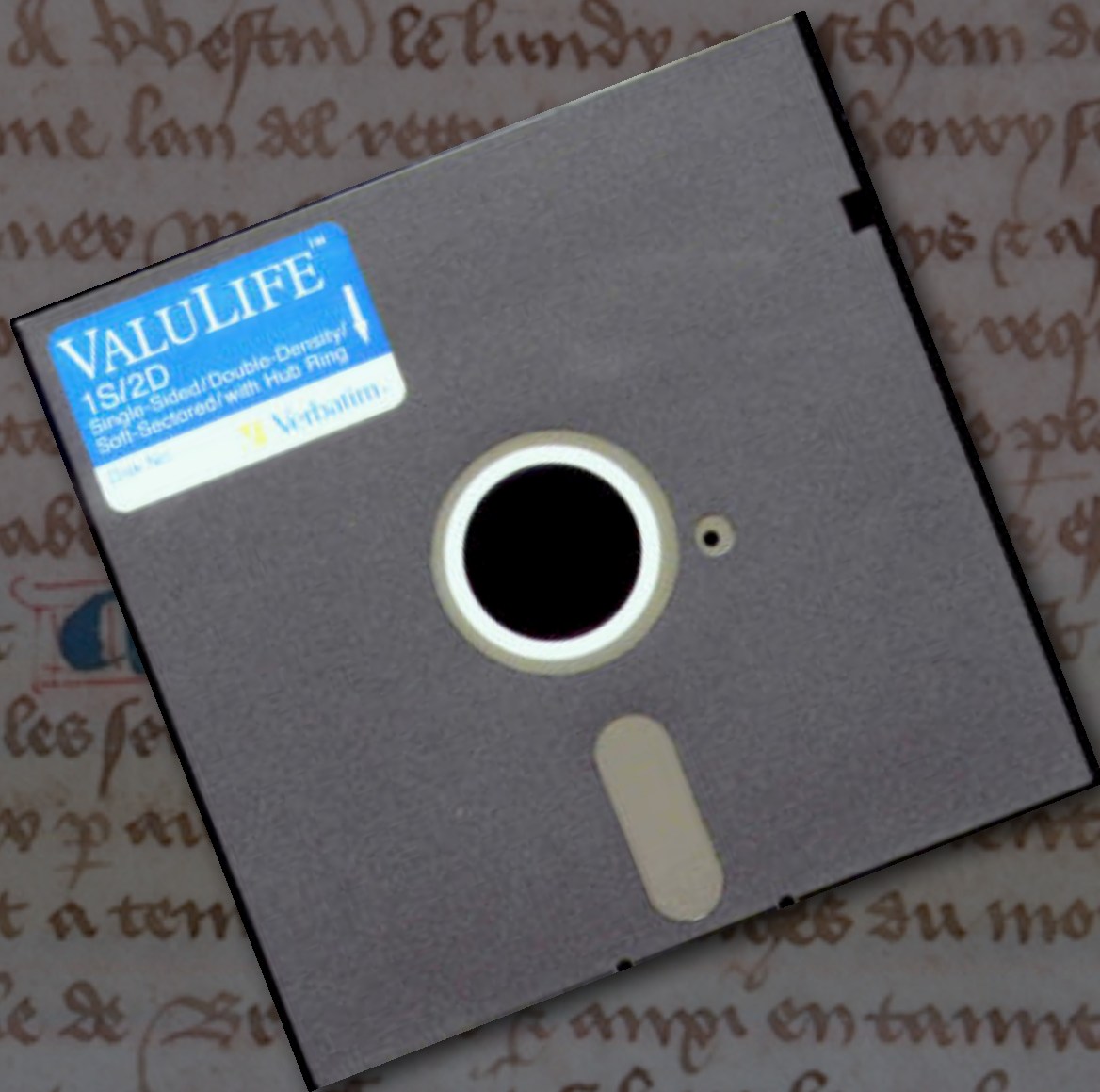
“...if it's not online it might as well not exist.”





Scholars poring over medieval manuscripts or ancient stone tablets can still read what scribes set down a thousand years ago.

Today, we're generating billions of bits of digital data that could become indecipherable in just a few years.







# A Library is a Memory Organization

Our core mission is  
to **archive**,  
**preserve** and  
provide **access**  
to information





# A Library is a Memory Organization

In the **digital** realm, this mission **does not change**

An important measure of a research library today is its ability to **archive**, **preserve** and provide **access** to information in **digital** formats in perpetuity.



# As the environment changes, we must anticipate new demands and re-engineer our services to meet them





# Scholarly Journals



An important transition is underway



The background of the slide is a collage of various US dollar bills, including \$100, \$50, and \$20 bills, which are slightly faded and overlaid with a dark grey semi-transparent rectangle. The bills are oriented diagonally, creating a sense of depth and texture.

# Between 1986 and 2000

The consumer price index rose **57%**

The unit cost for books increased **66%**

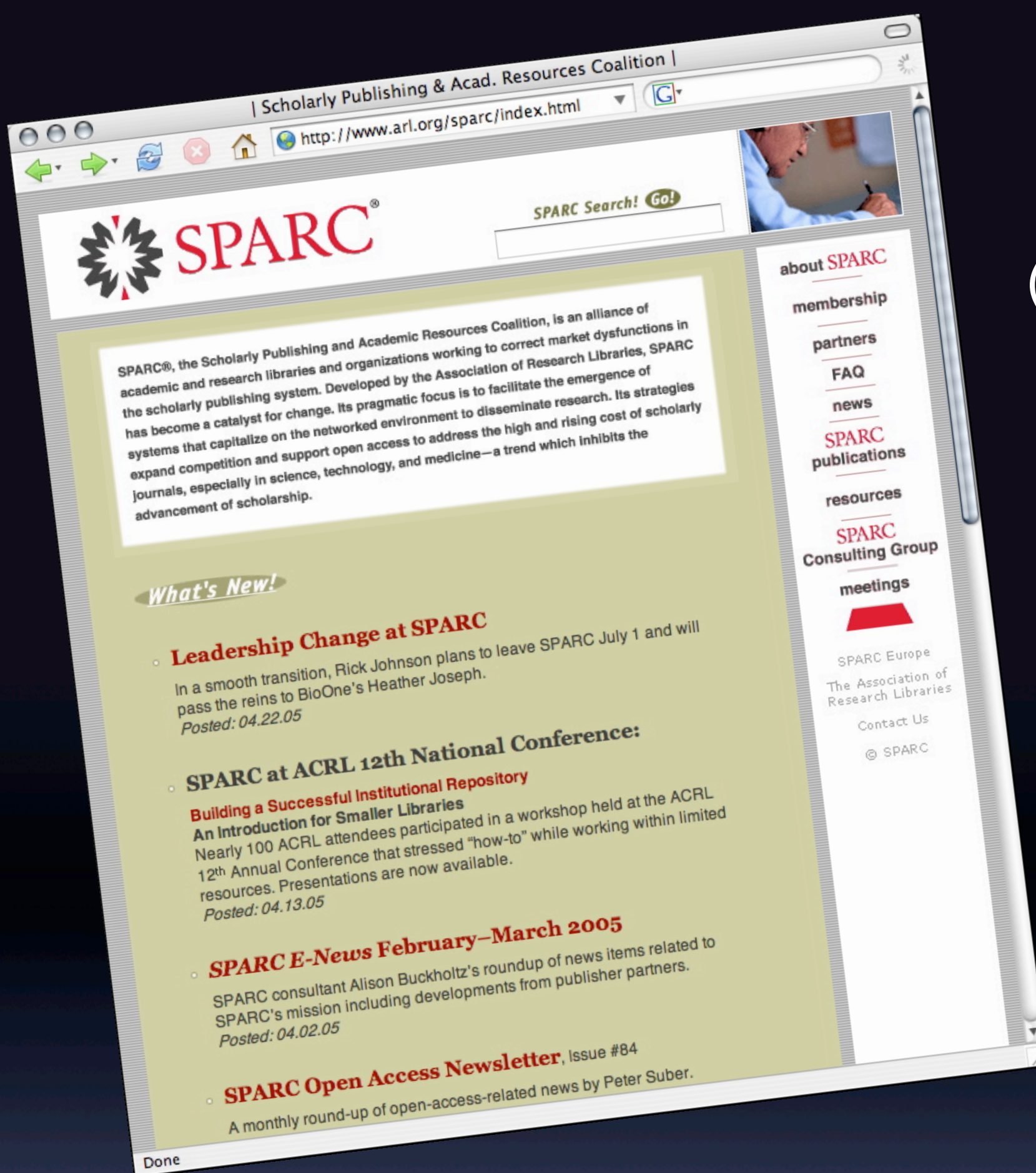
Faculty salaries increased **68%**

Health care costs increased **107%**

The unit cost for journals increased **226%**

**Why?** Corporate mergers and consolidations reduced competition; pressure to publish on faculty fed submission-publication-subscription pressure on libraries; prices rise as libraries drop subscriptions; etc.





In 1997, the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) founded SPARC\* to begin addressing the growing dysfunction in the economics of scholarly publishing

\* Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition



Mason is a member of SPARC



## Open Access?

Open access journals use a funding model that does not charge readers or their institutions for access.

"By 'open access', we mean its free availability on the public internet, permitting any users to read, download, copy, distribute, print, search, or link to the full texts of these articles, ... without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet.

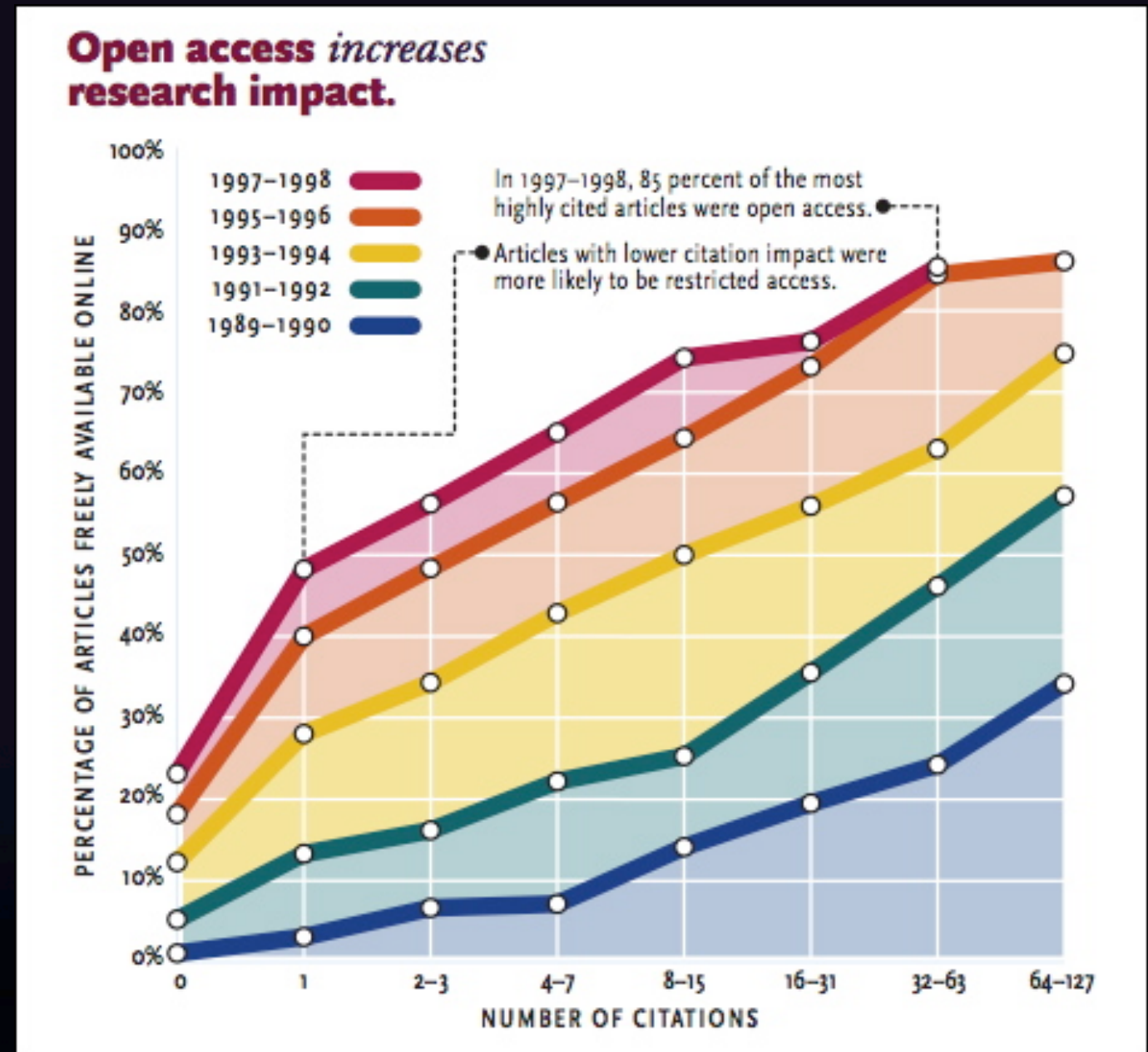
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-- from Budapest Open Access Initiative, 2001



Open Access publications are transforming scholarly communication in fields like computer science, biology, mathematics and chemistry



Steve Lawrence, a scientist at NEC Research Institute, analyzed nearly 120,000 computer science articles cited in a standard disciplinary bibliography. When he looked at articles with successively higher levels of impact or citations, he found successively higher percentages of open-access articles, and vice versa. He found the strength of this correlation steadily increased over a decade.







## ***Technology and library users, an ongoing discussion***

Technology experts who are members of the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), a division of the American Library Association, met for a managed discussion in Orlando, FL on June 27th, 2004 to discuss what they feel are the top technology issues and trends in today's libraries.

**Experts in attendance** included : Joan Frye Williams, Clifford Lynch, Walt Crawford, Milton Wolf, Tom Wilson, Roy Tennant, Eric Lease Morgan, and Marshall Breeding.

### **THE TOP TRENDS**

- **ISSUE 1: Institutional Repositories**
- **ISSUE 2: Open Access**
- **ISSUE 3: Web Services**
- **ISSUE 4: Personal Search Software**
- **ISSUE 5: RSS (Really Simple Syndication)**
- **ISSUE 6: Biometrics**
- **ISSUE 7: E-Resource Management**
- **ISSUE 8: JPEG 2000**

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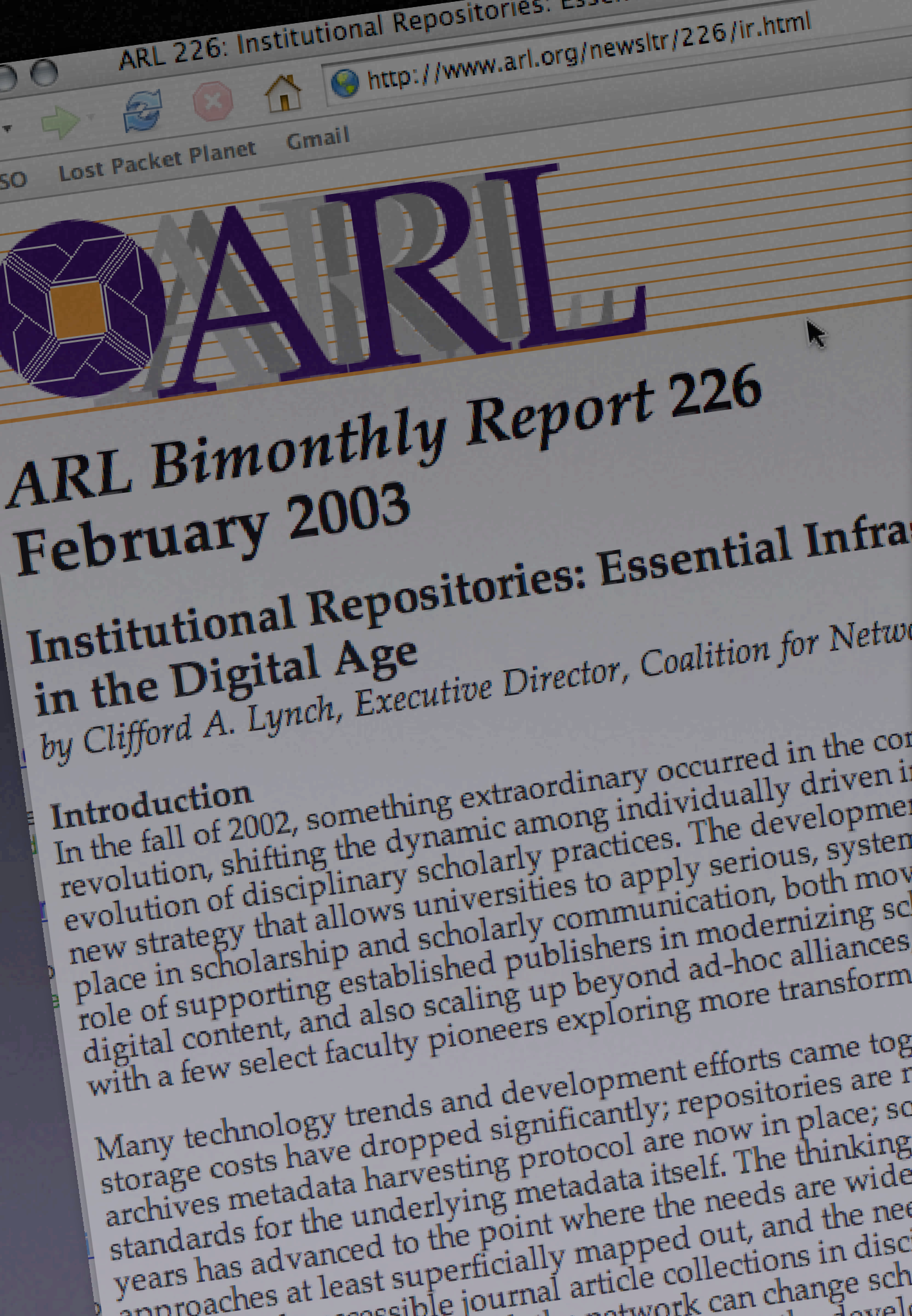
### **ISSUE #1: Institutional Repositories**

#### **The Case for Institutional Repositories: A SPARC Position Paper**

<http://www.arl.org/sparc/IR/ir.html>

This position paper from the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition states that institutional repositories "provide a critical component in reforming the system of scholarly communication" by reasserting control over scholarship by academics, as well as bring economic relief to the academy."





An **institutional repository** is a set of **services** that a university offers to the members of its community for the **management** and **dissemination** of digital materials **created by the institution** and its community members.

-- Clifford Lynch, CNI



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Immediate and early publishing by disaggregated groups improve over time.

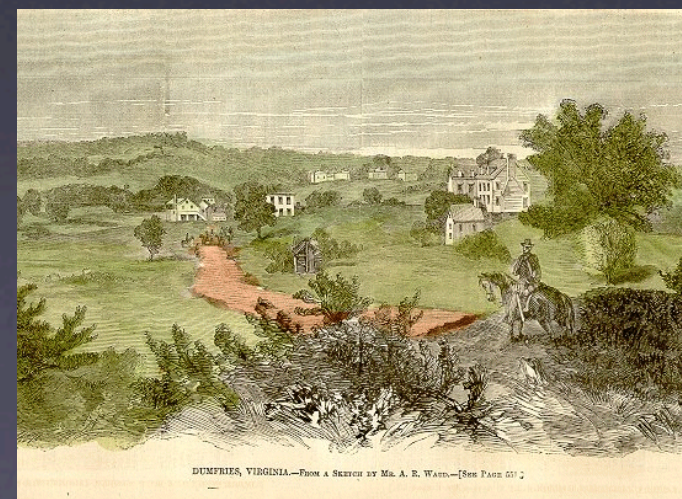
Further, they build on a growing grassroots faculty practice of self-posting research online.



But the underlying technology offers additional benefits...



University Libraries also needs a digital archiving solution for our growing collection of photo, video and audio objects as well as other digital resources (digitized or born digital).





And ideally, the solution would be **web-based**, support recognized **metadata standards**, be **interoperable** with other archival systems, **support format migration**, and **expose our collections** to users worldwide via popular search engines...



# The Digital Archiving, Preservation & Access Task Force

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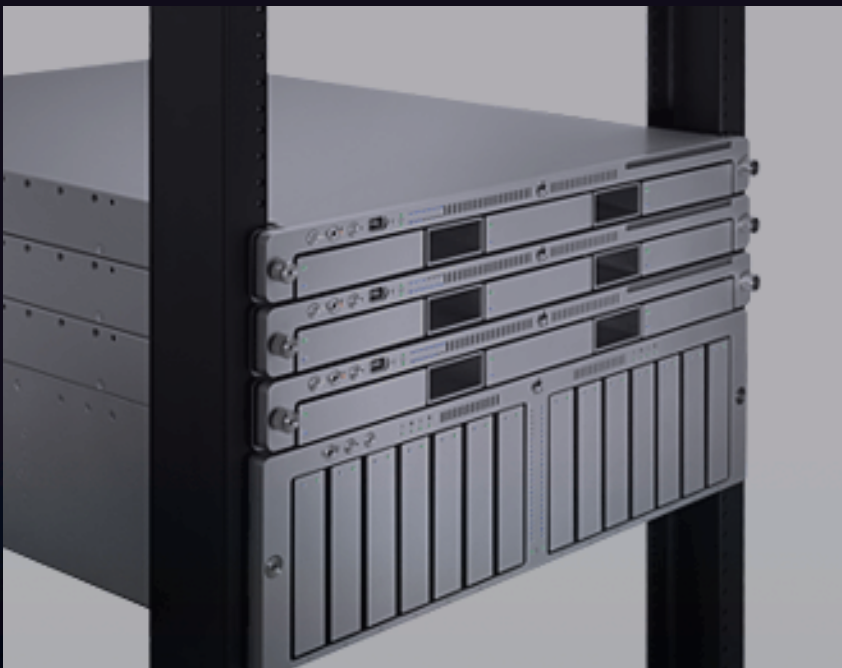
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We are building  
an Archival  
Repository  
System, using  
DSpace software



It will provide IR  
services and  
also serve as a  
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## About DSpace

A groundbreaking **digital repository system**, DSpace captures, stores, indexes, preserves and redistributes an organization's **research material** in digital formats.

Research institutions worldwide use DSpace for a variety of digital archiving needs -- from [institutional repositories \(IRs\)](#) to learning object repositories or electronic records management, and more.

## DSpace Open Source Community

DSpace is **freely available** as **open source software** you can customize and extend.

An active community of developers, researchers and users worldwide contribute their expertise to the **DSpace Community**.

Anyone who uses DSpace can get involved, in a number of different ways:

- Programming
- Defining feature requirements
- Writing documentation
- Testing new features
- Sharing your design or marketing expertise



# Services we'll provide:

- **Accession and Data Storage** – governed by submission agreements negotiated between the Library and object provider.
- **Digital Object Integrity and Migration** – create policies and procedures to ensure the physical and intellectual integrity of objects in the repository. Work with contributor of object (if possible) to perform transformative migration where required
- **Discovery and Access** – Support the identification and retrieval of repository objects. Provide OAI-compliant metadata for objects in the repository to “expose” these objects to users worldwide (subject to access and retrieval limitations negotiated with object contributors)
- **Education and Outreach Services** – Promote importance of digital preservation, explain policies of digital repository, and provide expert consultation on digital preservation issues.



# Tiers of Service

- **Archived** - Materials of significant and widespread value; complex, normalized metadata; commitment to periodic migration.
- **Preserved** – Materials have enduring value, but not enough to merit significant investment currently; basic metadata, supplied by content submitters; commitment to preserve in current format, but not migrate. The bulk of the repository's content will merit this level of service.
- **Stored** - Materials not owned or managed by Mason, but which have long term value to Mason scholarship; mirrors of e-journals, other web sites, datasets, working papers, learning objects and so on. No commitment to migrate or preserve.



# So what does MARS mean to Mason?

A reliable, professionally managed, persistent archive of scholarly digital objects of enduring value to the university

A means to share with the broader scholarly community the research work produced by Mason faculty

Improved visibility in virtual collections built via metadata exchange (e.g., OAlster, Google Scholar, Yahoo, etc.)

Visible support for the open access movement which benefits the library and the university.



# Organizational Structure

## Faculty Advisory Committee

Advisory to Office of the University Librarian

## Digital Repository Service

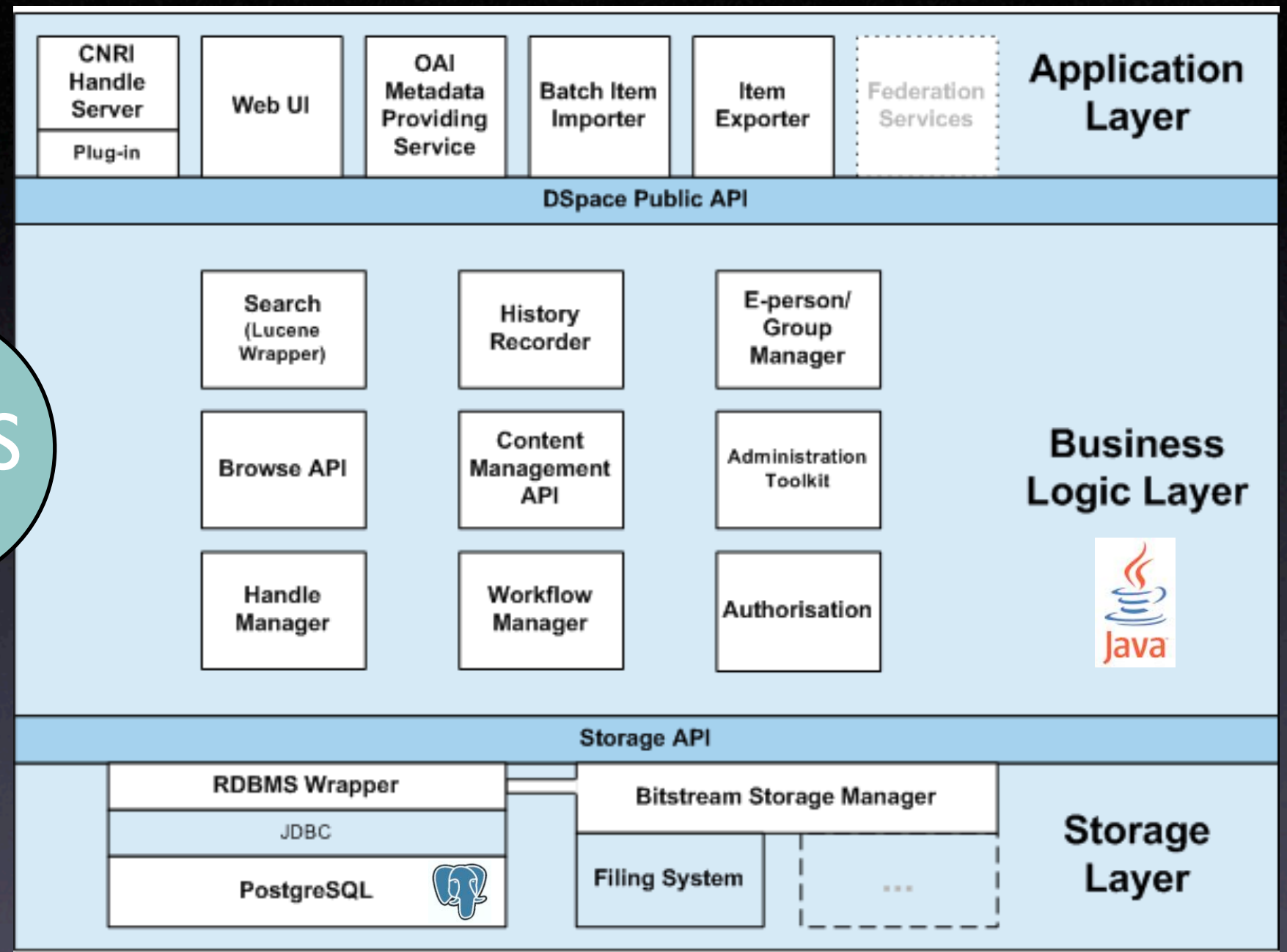
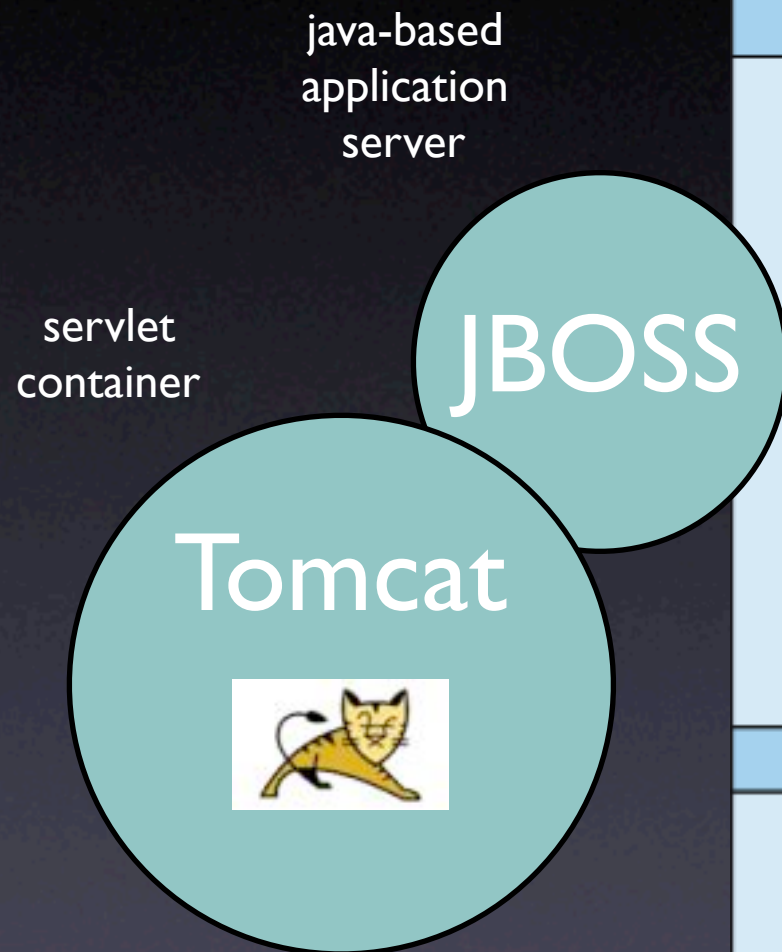
Based in Library Systems Office, managed by DRS Librarian

## DRS Group

Representatives from: Library and general IT; archives; cataloging (metadata); library liaison program



# MARS architecture



Mac OS X Server

All software open-source







# Apple X-Serve G5

Dual 2 GHz CPUs



## Apple X-Serve RAID

MARS currently has a 3.3 TB RAID 5 capacity but could expand to 5.5 by fully populating existing enclosures



X-Serve RAID uses inexpensive ATA drives, 512K cache per channel, battery backup for cache, and dual 2Gb fibre channel link







# Library Systems Office University Libraries



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Welcome to MARS

The **M**ason **A**rchival **R**epository **S**ervice is up and running. We're still sorting out many of the issues that arise with any new service but our Special Collections and Archives division has already begun adding a few collections...

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Search

Enter some text in the box below to search MARS.

Go

Communities in MARS

Select a community to browse its collections.

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Welcome!

We're building a archival repository system for Mason--a project of the Library Systems Office of University Libraries.

Platform:

- DSpace 1.2.1 (final)
- OS X Server (10.3.9)
- Apple XServe G5
- Apple XServe RAID

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