



Merritt Service Update: March 2012

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Merritt Service Description

Merritt is a production level service that provides the UC community with an easy to use tool to manage, archive, and share their content. Content can be deposited and managed via a user-interface or an API.

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Merritt Training Materials, Guides, FAQs and Webinars

More information about Merritt is available at <http://www.cdlib.org/services/uc3/merritt> or by sending an inquiry to uc3@ucop.edu See also Merritt webinars: <http://www.cdlib.org/services/uc3/uc3webinars.html>

Recent Enhancements, News, and Activities

- We have developed a preliminary cost model, defining a range of cost components that factor into the long-term preservation of digital assets; documentation for the model has been distributed to the University Librarians (see <https://confluence.ucop.edu/display/Curation/Cost+Modeling>). This groundwork will serve as a pricing model for Merritt storage services, which will be of two types: 1) pay as you go and 2) paid up, or “pay once, store forever.”
- Work is in progress to develop an option for public access to Merritt collections. This has been identified as the top priority for Merritt development. The designation of collections and/or objects to be exposed publicly is performed by providers, based on local policy decisions. Merritt curators will be able to designate their collections publicly accessible, and users will have direct access to materials stored in Merritt. We will hold a webinar to demo this new functionality, once it is available.
- We are investigating the use of the cloud storage service offered by the San Diego Supercomputer Center. This will allow for further cost-savings and will extend the replication of content stored in Merritt.
- We are working on migrating collections from the Digital Preservation Repository (DPR) to Merritt, in preparation to decommission the legacy DPR system. We know that some clients do not wish us to migrate their content for them, but would rather submit it themselves to Merritt. We have contacted our DPR clients to determine the most appropriate actions for migrating their content. Please contact us with any questions about this migration.

We will be posting information on the UC3 wiki (<https://wiki.ucop.edu/display/Curation/Home>), describing development plans for new Merritt features and enhancements. Look for changes to our website and wiki soon.

Service Monitoring and Availability

Check Merritt's system status page <http://www.cdlib.org/contact/system.html>