CAN WE, SHOULD WE, WOULD THEY NOTICE?

Issues around access to digital records

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The notorious OAIS
OAIS Model – proposed revision

GET STUFF — PUT STUFF SOMEWHERE — SHOW STUFF TO PEOPLE

KEEP STUFF SAFE
SHOW STUFF TO PEOPLE
PART 1: CAN WE?
What do we show, and how?

- **WHO IS IT FOR?** Internal v. historians
- Range of formats
- Original v. dissemination copy – functionality v. lockdown
- Emulation
- Variant versions & the “Persian interpreter” scenario
- METS – the digital teabag
SHOW STUFF TO PEOPLE
PART 2: SHOULD WE?
“This is Information Retrieval, not Information Dispersal!”

- WHO IS IT FOR? Internal v. historians?
- Fear of the digital
- Data Protection, FoI – and associated issues
- Filing systems – in theory everything is findable
- Copyright
- Expectations of record creator
- Sheer bulk and how to assess?
- Control on the way in
- Risk-based approach
SHOW STUFF TO PEOPLE
PART 3: WOULD THEY NOTICE?
Opening remarks.

I would like to start by looking at the sexual behaviour and attitudes of young people themselves. The second National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles in Britain, NATSAL 2000, gives detailed information about sexual attitudes and behaviour, including information on...
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Metadata issues

Sheer bulk:
• mechanised metadata
• searchability
• [risks again]
• semantic software

Control of record creation, where possible
The notorious OAIS: revisited
Questions?

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