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# SI 640 Digital Libraries and Archives

Week 6 – Representation of Text and Image

# Themes of this week

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## Themes

- What is “humanities?”
- Built by scholars versus build for scholars
- Access to content versus using content
- What do we mean by “reusable content”
- Representation of text and image

# Guidelines on building collections

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- NINCH (2002) – (recently updated)  
<http://www.nyu.edu/its/humanities/ninchguide/>
- NARA (1998/2004)  
<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/digitizing-archival-materials.html>
- IMLS/NISO (2004)  
<http://www.niso.org/framework/Framework2.html>
- California Digital Library (1999/2001/2005)  
<http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/>

# Remediation

- Bolter and Grusin
  - What is the concept?
  - Is it relevant?
  - Digital applications

“...we call the representation of one medium in another "remediation," and we will argue that remediation is a defining characteristic of the new digital media.”

Bolter, Jay David & Grusin, Richard  
[http://www.conceptlab.com/notes/bolter\\_grusin-remediation.html](http://www.conceptlab.com/notes/bolter_grusin-remediation.html)

# Representing Content Digitally

## *Enhancement and Technical Rigor*

- Original as is
- Original as was
- Original as intended
- Original scene
- Ageing preserved
- Enhancement
- Darkroom magic
- Media only a vehicle

Distinctions apply to digitization and text and a mix.

Frey & Reilly. (1999) *Digital Imaging for Photographic Collections: Foundations for Technical Standards*, 2nd edition

[http://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/shtml\\_sub/cat\\_pubs.shtml](http://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/shtml_sub/cat_pubs.shtml)

# Questions

- What about text and image in the same object?
- What about metadata associations with text and image?
- What is the connection between source and representation?
- How consistent within a given collection of sources?  
Across collections through aggregation?

# Tools for Humanities Scholars

- ArtStor <http://www.artstor.org/info/>
- David Rumsey Maps  
<http://www.davidrumsey.com/>



# Tools by Scholars

- Nora Project

<http://www.noraproject.org/>

- Nora Demo

[http://www.noraproject.org/  
nora\\_demo.php](http://www.noraproject.org/nora_demo.php)

- IATH. <http://www.iath.virginia.edu/>

- Valley of the Shadow

<http://valley.vcdh.virginia.edu/>

- Whitman Archive.

<http://www.whitmanarchive.org/>

## Other Things (hypertext experiments)

- Vectors <http://www.vectorsjournal.org/>
- The Dickens Web  
<http://www.eastgate.com/catalog/Dickens.html>
- Stuart Moulthrop: It's Not What You Think  
<http://iat.ubalt.edu/moulthrop/hypertexts/inwyt/index.html>

# Pleiades Project

<http://pleiades.stoa.org>

# Thank you!

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