



Archaeology
Data Service

Looking to the Future at ADS

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Tagline

"The digital repository for archaeology and heritage. Supporting access, innovation, and research"

"ADS is the leading accredited repository in the UK for archaeology and historic environment data, with over 25 years of experience supporting research, learning and teaching with free, high quality and dependable digital resources"

Good

Strong position within the Department and Faculty

Recognised (inter)nationally as the leading digital archive for our sector

Agile – able to switch focus quickly

Hold internationally important datasets and papers

Through OASIS and Ariadne strategically positioned within the 'workflow of archaeology'

Not so good



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We do a lot!

Core funding does not cover all our needs – so
still require research and consultancy funding
= reactive

Change is hard!



Inconsistency is my very essence



Disaster



Xanadu



We need to

Research and innovate

Deliver and advocate for best practice in digital preservation

Develop our Collections

Share our (meta)data

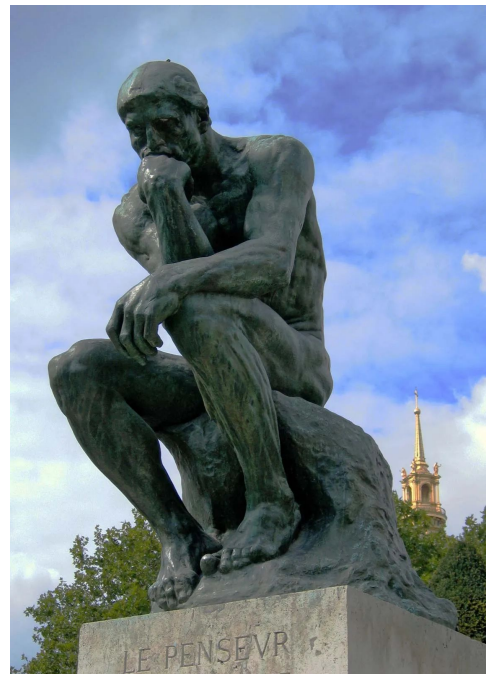
Maintain and develop our infrastructure

Research and innovate

Two examples:

Tetrarchs – thinking about archive+reuse from the start.

Avebury Papers – ‘difficult’ archives, different types of metadata.



Deliver best practice in digital preservation

Affordable

Scaleable

Agile



Develop our Collections

Commercial Infrastructure

Academic Research

Community Research



Share our (meta)data

Ariadne

Machine and human readable

Return of Linked Open Data

WMS



Maintain and develop our infrastructure

Proprietary vs non-Proprietary solutions

People – skills and knowledge

Sustainability – of our workflows but also our approach