WELCOME TO OUR DIGITAL PRESERVATION COMMUNITY!

In an era defined by technological reliance and evolution and the exponential growth of digital content, the preservation of our digital assets is more important than ever.

Please allow us to introduce you to our membership program dedicated to the preservation and safeguarding of valuable digital assets – a community committed to securing the legacy of our digital world for generations.

Why Digital Preservation Matters
The fragility of digital data poses significant challenges. Format obsolescence, technological decay, and the rapid pace of change threaten the longevity of this information, risking its loss for future understanding and appreciation.

Our Commitment to Preservation
As an organisation dedicated to open source digital preservation, we understand the urgency and importance of addressing these challenges. We stand at the forefront of a global effort to develop strategies, share knowledge, and implement best practices to ensure the continued accessibility, integrity, and usability of digital assets.

Your Role in Preserving Our Digital Legacy
As part of the digital preservation community, you’ll be actively participating in the preservation of our collective digital assets. Your support and involvement contribute to the creation of a sustainable ecosystem where digital content remains accessible, discoverable, and usable for future generations.

We work for you!
By joining the OPF, you have the opportunity to have your say on what we do and how we can support your digital preservation priorities.

Together, let’s embark on a journey to safeguard our digital legacy. Join our membership program and be an integral part of a global movement committed to preserving and celebrating the richness of our digital heritage.

WHY SHOULD YOU BECOME A MEMBER?

By becoming a member of the Open Preservation Foundation, you join a network of individuals and organisations passionate about protecting our digital legacy. Here are some exclusive benefits our members enjoy:

- Connect and network with like-minded professionals, researchers, archivists, librarians, and individuals across diverse sectors interested in preserving digital information.
- Get tech support through our tech clinics, web demonstrators and consultations.
- We run a ‘Comms Clinic’ to assist you with non-technical support, like preparing and reviewing your reports and presentations.
- Gain insights from experts in the field, access resources, and participate in workshops and training sessions focused on digital preservation strategies.
- Receive guidance and support in navigating the complexities of preserving digital assets, including best practices, standards, and technological advancements.
- Work and learn collaboratively through the range of services and activities we facilitate.
- Bridging the gap between technical providers and users; the OPF can help facilitate conversations.
- By attending our Annual General Meeting, joining our Board of Directors, and participating in our Advisory Group, you can share your insights and learn from others’ expertise to support your digital preservation priorities.
- Be at the forefront of digital preservation: our members are invited to consult on progress throughout the lifetime of a project and participate in shared solutions.

You can find more details in our benefits section or read more about our work in our strategy and highlights report.
HOW TO JOIN

We offer four different membership options, each one providing varying levels of support and different opportunities to get involved.

Technical contributors
Our technical contributor members help support our work, providing time and resources in lieu of a membership fee. This can be providing development effort for our reference toolset, supporting new product development, and hosting workshops on open source tools that are used by our members.

Multi-year discount
We offer a discount for multi-year membership applications: 5% discount for a two-year commitment and a 10% discount for a three-year commitment.

Donations to our work are always welcome, and accepted in multiple currencies on our website.

* Recommended level of membership based on your organisation’s annual operating budget.

Bronze
< £10m*
£2,500 per year

Silver
£10m - £50m*
£5,000 per year

Gold
> £50m*
£10,000 per year

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