

nestor - Network of Expertise in Long-Term Storage of Digital Resources brings together existing knowledge, people and their expertise as a starting point for future alliances for the preservation of Germany's digital memory. nestor has created an information and communication platform as a center of contact for questions on long-term storage. nestor forms a visible focus in Germany for cooperative efforts and for the creation of international alliances.

nestor's tasks

■ To make expertise and information available

nestor aims to bundle and make visible scattered expertise, to bring together specialists in order to collate information and to provide information on technical, organizational and legal aspects of digital long-term archiving.

■ To facilitate cooperation

nestor aims to support libraries, archives, museums, data centers and other institutions in solving their common problem: finding cooperative solutions for the long-term archiving of digital resources.

■ To present models

nestor aims to put forward and discuss organizational and technical process models on long-term archiving of digital resources and to work towards widespread subsequent use of suitable models.

■ To promote standards

nestor aims to promote standards in this field and to maintain links to standardisation bodies and forums.

■ To raise awareness

nestor aims to enhance awareness of the problem in specialist circles and amongst the general public.

■ To establish a durable organization

nestor aims to draw up proposals for a durable organization in order to effectively coordinate and represent the issues surrounding long-term archiving in Germany.

nestor builds on knowledge and cooperation

nestor's aim is to bring forward long-term preservation activity in Germany in accordance with endeavours on an international level. Our working groups rely on efforts which have already been started by the international community:

■ nestor Working Group on Trusted Repository Certification

nestor has launched a working group on Trusted Repository Certification, which works on identifying relevant features and ranges to evaluate existing and emerging digital object repositories.

■ nestor Working Group "Media"

Preservation of multimedia applications and objects is a problem common to many institutions charged with preserving cultural heritage. nestor has set up this working group in order to make known the urgent need for activity, to collect examples of best practice and to develop concrete recommendations for standards.

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