A Peer-to-Peer Approach to Review Compliance with Trustworthy Repository Audit and Certification (TRAC)

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Introduction

A trusted digital repository has been defined as having a mission to provide reliable, long-term access to managed digital resources to its designated community, now and into the future (CRL/OCLC 2007). A trusted digital repository incorporate many interrelated activities. In light of the increasing recognition of audit and certification of repositories in the digital preservation community, the UNT Libraries and the University of Florida (UF) have collaborated during the past year on a new peer-review model and process to complete the Trusted Repository Audit Checklist (TRAC) for each institutions’ digital library programs.

UNT-UF Collaboration

The Digital Libraries Division has been working to complete a self-audit of the UNT Libraries’ Digital Collections infrastructure, policies, procedures, and workflows as part of a collaborative TRAC Audit project with the University of Florida (UF).

Peer Review

In this peer-review model, each institution completes a TRAC self-audit, after which each institution has agreed to participate in a peer-review process to evaluate and score each other’s self-audit and locally-generated TRAC documentation. The complete UNT Libraries TRAC Conformance Document is available at: https://www.library.unt.edu/digital-libraries/trusted-digital-repository/

Summary

A TRAC review is essentially an assessment method for an institution to demonstrate good practice and conformance as a trusted digital repository to its designated communities.

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