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Metadata for the Digitization History of Time-based Media Art

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ABSTRACT
The work done by audiovisual preservation specialists to transfer and digitize audiovisual artworks is integral to the preservation of our cultural heritage. The choices that these specialists make, such as what playback decks or capture software to use, can have an enormous impact on the final archival copy that the institution devotes time and funding to preserving. Therefore, a project at the Museum of Modern Art was initiated to create a standardized metadata profile that could record this information. This poster will give a brief overview of the metadata profile.

ENVIRONMENT
Binder: Digital repository software for time-based media art

xml.com/artefactual/binder

DESCRIPTING DIGITIZATION HISTORY
METS: Each of the following sections is contained in a METS techMD or digiprovMD wrapper.

PREMIS
Object: Unique ID, PRONOM format info

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Instantiation: Technical metadata that cannot be automatically extracted (e.g., use of file [exhibition, viewing, etc.])

PREMIS
Event: Digitization event date/time and type

PREMIS
Agent, with Environment Extension: Used to signify that the agent responsible for digitization is the process history environment, detailed in a reVTMD extension

Capture (Digitization) History: The bulk of the record, this is where you record the tools used to digitize or transfer an object into another format, and any important technical information about those tools.

CONTROLLED VOCABULARIES
• Found some through PBCore and EBUCore vocabularies
• Others were created for this project
• Works in progress that will be updated for new tools

EXAMPLE VOCABULARY

Analog to digital converter
Camera
Frame delay
Reproducer
Videotape recorder
Write blocker

XML template available at: xml.com/peggygriesinger/NDSR