

InSite (Preservation Mapping)

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InSite is a data mapping application. The tool was originally imagined as a way to visualize data from an upcoming assessment that represents preservation needs for Harvard's libraries. That data can be combined with data from Cognos and Hollis and would allow us to scale the preservation need based on the size of various collection materials. As InSite has evolved, it is clear that it can accommodate all kinds of data, for the libraries, for Harvard, or for any geographic location.

Accomplishments:

- The tool was beautifully designed and largely brought to fruition by the developer, Justin Clark.
- Testing and de-bugging were mostly complete.
- Interest in InSite has been expressed by Access Services and other functional areas of the libraries.

Challenges:

- Significant de-bugging must still be done. For example, the feature that imports data from Cognos has not functioned in months.
- Ongoing access to developer or programmer is necessary for the tool to be fully functional.

Next Steps:

- At the time of the original proposal, adequate commercial products were not available. New products under development like Google Fusion Tables, may be worth investigating as a more sustainable option.
- We are looking for a library or university partner who is willing and able to either finish developing InSite or to customize a commercial product, using our concept of InSite as the springboard.

Publicity and Presentations:

- Library Lab video
- Library Lab showcase, Nov. 2012
- Incorporated into multiple, internal presentations about the upcoming preservation needs assessment.
- Facebook discussions