FACADE2 MAY 2013 REPORT

PROJECT SUMMARY
The FACADE2 project, a collaboration between the Frances Loeb Library of Harvard Library and MIT Libraries, is a first step in the further development of a shared production tool, workflows, and what we envision as a shared repository for the collecting, archiving, access, and preservation of born-digital architectural files. This first step, which is the object of the FACADE2 study, focuses on upgrading the existing metadata tool, Curator’s Workbench (CWB), for the tagging of architectural files, along with testing of the tool across two institutions.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Development of FACADE2 has progressed more slowly than planned since our last report in March. A version of FACADE2 was recently available, which was evaluated by the Berkman team and some members of the client team. Unexpected functional and technical bugs were discovered during testing of this version, and the developer is currently working to address these high-priority issues. He is also actively engaged in completing important implementation details for the software, such as access to a local file store (the priority for implementation of which was not fully understood by the developer.)

- An important step is that draft documentation has been created, and will be evaluated by the client and technical teams along with the next release of the product. The draft documentation is available through Redmine.

NEXT STEPS

- The Berkman team has reached an understanding of the next steps with the developer and is anticipating that a set of updates to the code will be available during the first week of June. The Berkman team will then install and test on local servers before making the environment available for the FACADE2 client team to test more heavily.