



...HELPING TO BRING DIGITAL PRESERVATION TO LIFE

Life cycle collection management looks at each stage within a collection item's life. By identifying the costs of each phase and analysing the decisions that have been made optimum management is achieved. For the first time, LIFE brings the life cycle philosophy to digital collections applicable across the cultural heritage and library sector.

LIFE will produce:

- A review of existing life cycle literature
- Case histories – analysis of the life cycle of selected materials
- A report
- A re-useable life cycle model applicable to digital collections
- An international conference on LIFE

LIFE will look at the following issues affecting HE and FE:

- Cost issues surrounding of digital preservation
- Roles and responsibilities affecting digital preservation
- Partnering with other institutions to carry out archiving
- The stability and maturity of digital preservation

LIFE broadly benefits the digital collecting community.

LIFE's outcomes will aid HE and FE in the management of its digital collections, with information on:

- Budgeting
- Responsibilities
- Strategy

These key areas within digital collection management directly underpin teaching, learning and research within HE and FE.

LIFE's outcomes will also benefit all digital cultural heritage institutions with a sustainable, re-useable life cycle model giving more confidence in electronic collection management.