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# ArchivesSpace

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<http://www.archivespace.org/>

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## Overview

ArchivesSpace is a multi-institution project aimed at developing a next-generation archives information management application and building a vibrant community of archivists around it. The project began in 2009 as an agreement among New York University, the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, and the University of California, San Diego to merge Archon and the Archivists’ Toolkit into a single application capturing the best of those two first-generation applications.

## Objectives / Problem To Be Solved

ArchivesSpace addresses the limitations present in the Archivists’ Toolkit and Archon and extends their basic functionality to include support for tracking events and managing rights and collections. The application also includes a REST API and support for LDAP authentication. ArchivesSpace also addresses the need to sustain the ArchivesSpace application by building a community of users eager to contribute to the development, maintenance, and financial support of the ArchivesSpace.

## Recent Activities

ArchivesSpace released ArchivesSpace 1.0 in September 2013.

## Governance

Three governance groups—a Board of Trustees, User Advisory Council, and Technical Advisory Council—oversee the development of the application and organization. Each governance group is populated by staff from ArchivesSpace member institutions. LYRASIS is the organizational home of ArchivesSpace. It provides day-to-day management of ArchivesSpace finances, and it supports a product manager, developer, and a full range of support services, such as finance and communications.

## Next Steps / Planned Future Work

After the release of version 1.0, the ArchivesSpace organization will establish its governance groups, conduct a general membership drive, and begin planning for a post 1.0 release of ArchivesSpace.

## Members/Partners

The current partners of the ArchivesSpace Project are:

- New York University
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of California, San Diego

There are 54 Charter Members

<http://www.archivespace.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/ASpace-Charter-Members.pdf>

## Funders/Funding Model

ArchivesSpace is supported by a member community. The Andrew W. Mellon has generously provided start-up funding.