Retro Media: Accessibility of Removable Digital Media Formats in the University of Michigan FDLP Collection – Chat Log

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I have a 5.5" floppy! So far I haven't found a computer that can even accept it!

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Charlie ... what agency is the material from?

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: Bureau of the Census. Software Diskette for Census Test Disc No. 2.

Kris Abery -> All Participants: I think we have the same diskette

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I also have a 1988 instruction manual at least 3/4" thick telling me how to operate a CD-ROM.

James Jacobs -> All Participants: have you checked Indiana University's CD/floppy disk library? https://libraries.indiana.edu/virtual-cd-rom-floppy-disk-library

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Our Archives purchased a FRED (Forensic Recovery of Evidence Device.) but I've never used it

Barbara Levergood -> All Participants: Ah, the famous "Test Disc No. 2". That might be a collector's item.

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: Sadly it's the only floppy of any size that I've found. A good chunk of early CD-Roms though, but I don't have a disc drive to read them so I haven't bothered yet.

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I DO have a CD containing GPO PSAs that I need to listen to.

Kelly Seifert -> All Participants: that's also a collector's item :)

Kris Abery -> All Participants: We have to remind our IT folks that we need to keep older machines

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I have many collectors items. Found vintage PSA posters as well that I'm working on finding frames for.

Hannah Edlund -> All Participants: I recently found about 100 of the 5.25inch floppy disks in my office, dating back to 1986.

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: Hannah, you shoudl get a picture of them and share it!

Barbara Levergood -> All Participants: "In 1989, the first CD-ROM publication, "Census Test Disc No. 2," was distributed through depository shipments to libraries." Fulfilling Madison's Vision, p. xi. https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/GOVPUB-GP3-d2382d73f9e962a663878bd1f26eb0ae/pdf/GOVPUB-GP3-d2382d73f9e962a663878bd1f26eb0ae.pdf

Hannah Edlund -> All Participants: Charlie, I wish I could but I don't think that's an option!

Barbara Levergood -> All Participants: how did you assess whether the content was fully migrated, particularly with statistical data?

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Is there an estimate of the number of retro format government docs exist?

Holly Chambers -> All Participants: I see you listed ICPSR as a source of publicly available materials. Were those ICPSR items only the publically available (as opposed to subscription) parts of the website?

Elizabeth Psyck -> All Participants: Thank you for the jok

Kathy Hale -> All Participants: I loved the image of the data ferret!

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: Did you happen to create a spreadsheet or database of agency contacts when you tried to match up datasets?

Rich Gause -> All Participants: We are still maintaining one public pc with Windows 98 which we use to access our old CD-ROMs -- the ones I use most often are for the 1990 Census -- County-to-County In-Migration/Out-Migration and the Subject CDs (Ancestry, Hispanic Population, etc.)

James Jacobs -> All Participants: it was a sad day when the data ferret didn't come out of his burrow

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: @RIch, that is the one I always used most when I used the CDs.

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: +1 James, very sad

Donald Sensabaugh -> All Participants: Ah, the floppy disk.

Cindy Etkin -> All Participants: @ Kris, we know there are more than 3,400 CDs that were distributed to depository libraries.

James Jacobs -> All Participants: grrrr

Cindy Etkin -> All Participants: @ Aimee, the agency we recorded, but not specific contact information.

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: Thank you, Cindy.

Susanne Caro -> All Participants: Given what you found- how would you prioritize items for preservation? Do you think it is worth the effort?

Rich Gause -> All Participants: Our Windows 98 machine has no internet access and is not connected to the network; otherwise we would have the same pushback from our IT folks as Tom described.

Shawn King -> All Participants: What was the average amount of time you spent on assessment of a title?

Barbara Levergood -> All Participants: thank you for doing this research!

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: Does anybody know of a website/document specifically talking about/giving a historical look at the older FDLP media?

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: +1 Barbara. Many thanks. Great project.

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: Yes, what a great project. Thank you.

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Great project.

Daniel Cornwall -> All Participants: Thanks! THis was a helpful overview.

Alicia Kubas -> All Participants: this was absolutely fascinating! thank you for presenting about it.

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: +1 Alicia. Thanks so much to the project team!

Andrea Craley -> All Participants: +Charlie - we have at least 2 of those GPO PSA CD's

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I have a ton of the CDs, but I'm clinging to this 5.5" floppy with everything in me. Most of these law students have never even seen one.

Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: I missed the PSA part! Are they different or the same, Andrea?

Caroline Gilson -> All Participants: So how are depository libraries providing access to CD ROM materials, for example?

Susanne Caro -> All Participants: Will there be a paper?

Tonia Wood -> All Participants: not only prioritize as a community, but not duplicate the effort, since it does take time

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Agree Tonia

James Jacobs -> All Participants: I may have missed it, but how many of the 3400 CDs were listed in the Indiana cdrom library?

Carolyn Frenger -> All Participants: This is a great project & has given me some ideas about what might be done in my library as well. Thank you all so much for sharing your experiences and project specifics. Great presentation!

James Jacobs -> All Participants: It'd be great to send that list out to govdoc-l so many libraries could easily deal with those titles at least. it would be relatively easy to update those bib records to point to IU

Andrea Craley -> All Participants: I'm not sure Charlie - I have to find them again.

Rich Gause -> All Participants: Is there an online replacement for the 1990 Census County-to-County Migration files? Our recurring use of it is gathering demographics beyond just the basic count for people moving to our local counties from overseas. Same need for the 1990 subject census cd-roms.

Barbara Levergood -> All Participants: What is the "proper" way to do the cost-benefit analysis between the resources required to preserve everything vs. the resources required to analyze which ones we want to preserve (and would no doubt miss important information)?

Kristina Bobe -> All Participants: It's possible that Federal agencies have data on intranet or internal-

only sites. That happened when I worked at Census. There was gray literature that was not publicly available.

John Olson -> All Participants: FIBS is also on microfiche

Mark Hamilton -> All Participants: I don't think the FBIS discs and microfiche overlap though. Please correct me if I am wrong.

Cindy Etkin -> All Participants: @ Tonia - I agree.

Rich Gause -> All Participants: FBIS was microfiche through 1996 and then CD-ROM 1997-2004

Mark Hamilton -> All Participants: thank you Rich!

John Olson -> All Participants: Yes. no overlap.

James Jacobs -> All Participants: yes

Jennifer Morgan -> All Participants: https://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/virtual_disk_library/index.cgi/projectinfo

Shawn King -> All Participants: Did you document URLs for online equivalents in your form?

Scott Matheson -> All Participants: https://guides.library.yale.edu/emulation-view/cd-roms

James Jacobs -> All Participants: we ripped any CD that included just PDFs (no software) and saved the PDF files to our digital repository

Ronnie Joiner -> All Participants: We have CD readers that plug into a USB port.

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: +1Ronnie

Gwen Sinclair -> All Participants: We allow people to borrow media as well as providing a computer for them to use in-house. And we copy material from CDs and DVDs.

Rich Gause -> All Participants: Readex has commercial database coverage from FBIS 1941-1996, but not coverage from the CD-ROMs 1997-2004.

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Thanks for the link Scott

Kathy Stroud -> All Participants: Our workstations no longer have CD drives, but patrons can check out a portable CD drive. If a patron doesn't have borrowing priveleges, this become tricky.

Rick Mikulski -> All Participants: Sounds like a great peice for DttP too

Aimee Quinn -> All Participants: I'd love to read it and I think it will make a great article.

Rebecca Hyde -> All Participants: I was just going to suggest the same, Rick!

Rich Gause -> All Participants: IU says "nearly 5,000"

James Jacobs -> All Participants: darn I was just trying to get a list with urls so I wouldn't have to do it

Jennifer Castle -> All Participants: Please email dttp.editor@gmail.com for submissions!

Lisa Pritchard -> All Participants: +1 Rick

Rich Gause -> All Participants: IU Virtual CD-ROM/Floppy Disk Library provides the files, but not necessarily easy direct user access to retrieving the data.

Kathy Hale -> All Participants: You could ask your State Data Center for the information for your state if that was migrated.

Sarah Alexander -> All Participants: Yes, if you need special software, that's not included. It's not emulation at all.

Kathy Hale -> All Participants: https://www.census.gov/about/partners/sdc/member-network.html

Will Stringfellow -> All Participants: Thank you! Excellent work and presentation!

Kathy Bayer -> All Participants: Great presentation!

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: Thanks to you all!

JoAnna McCulley -> All Participants: Great project and presentation!

Andrea Stelljes -> All Participants: Great presentation! Thank you!

Bernadette Johnson -> All Participants: Thank you!

Holly Chambers -> All Participants: Thank you!

Valerie Glenn -> All Participants: This was excellent - thank you so much!

Kris Abery -> All Participants: Great work and presentation

Jessica Fomalont -> All Participants: Great presentation!
Rebecca Hyde -> All Participants: Thank you, this was so interesting!
David Walls -> All Participants: Great Job!
Cindy Etkin -> All Participants: Terrific presentation! Thank you!
Scott Matheson -> All Participants: Thanks!
Mark Ames -> All Participants: Great job!
Sanga Sung -> All Participants: Thank you so much! Very informative
Mark Hamilton -> All Participants: Thank you for your work! Agreed, very informative!
Charlie (she-her) Amiot -> All Participants: Thank you!
Mary Clark -> All Participants: great research - thank you!