

## Digital Preservation Interview Questions

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- Have you ever experienced a significant data loss?
  - If yes,
    - Was there University involvement in the attempt to restore your data?
    - What were the repercussions of the data loss?
- Have you experienced an "unrealized" data loss (For instance, where you have data saved in an older software version or on an older piece of equipment like a floppy disc that you probably couldn't access if you tried)
- If you lost all of your electronic files, what are the 3 files you would attempt to recover first?
  - File type and format
  - File location (where it is physically stored...NIU server, external hard drive, Google Docs, another institution's server, thumb drive, etc.)
  - File size
  - File creation date
  - File stewardship
- Are you aware of any formal or informal policies from NIU, your college, or your department that govern how you should be protecting your data from loss?
  - If yes, please elaborate
- Are you bound by a granting agency data management plan?
  - If yes, what is your plan?
- If you were to suffer a data loss, how confident are you that your data could be restored? (Scale of 1 to 5 – 5 is "Very Confident" and 1 is "Not At All Confident")
- How confident are you that your electronic files will be understandable and usable by your colleague 25 years from now? (Scale of 1 to 5 – 5 is "Very Confident" and 1 is "Not At All Confident")
- Would you be willing to allow our team to have a copy of one or more of your electronic files to be used in the testing of various Digital Preservation Systems? (please see Informed Consent)
- What have we not asked you about your data that you believe we should know?