

Archivematica User Forum

Bi-monthly Call:

2026/08/06 @ 9:00 am Pacific / 12:00pm Eastern
/ 6:00pm Central European

Call info: Previous meeting minutes and agendas can be accessed via Google Drive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4hO2MJSeCa5cmtrclVMOVg0X00>

NOTE: NEW ZOOM LINK! (SEE BELOW)

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://sydarkivera-se.zoom.us/j/81783474339?pwd=3ObuGqUiwnlsgY6DF9iZZfzjl3bv7B.1>

- Meeting ID: 81783474339
- Passcode: A0E9SF

Participants

Please add your name and/or institution below:

1. Karin Bredenberg, Kommunalförbundet Sydarkivera, Sweden
2. Ima Oduok, Rockefeller Archive Center, USA
3. Karla Roig Blay, University of Texas at Austin, USA
4. Kelly Haydon, Mount Sinai/Icahn School of Medicine, NYC USA
5. Roger Gillis, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
6. Eric T Gadsby - Towson University, Archives and Special Collections
7. Charlie Hosale - MIT Libraries

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Agenda Items and meeting notes

- Convener is Sydarkivera
- Hellos and assign note-taker (convener) - *5 min*
 - *Notetaker is:* All
- Welcome - intros for new folks & roll call: name, institution - *5 min*
- Logistics:
 - Convener for the next meeting - Sydarkivera
 - DATES IN 2026 (next meeting in bold):
 - February 5
 - April 2
 - June 4
 - August 6
 - **October 1**
 - December 3
- Topic(s) of the day:
 - How have you broken Archivematica so it doesn't work any more?
 - UT-Austin breaks it all the time, on Kubernetes clusters rather than VMs, system timeouts, large packages (A/V over 300 GBs). The pods disconnect and time out. Especially on 300gig plus packages or packages with many files. They've changed timeouts, their IT has been trying to optimise. There's only one installation of it, with clusters.
 - Gadsby: couldn't get it to work at all, installation issues
 - MIT: S3 integration problems, in v1.18 API security features make other users API keys invisible (yay!), needed a new API key for the support user to run automation tools, Artefactual had to rebuild prod server. Regenerating support user API key breaks Archivematica
 - Mount Sinai: had a similar issue as MIT, saved API key in a config file (not recommended)
 - Eric has broken it several times trying to get it installed. Installation docs are not complete. Rocky linux has been working.
 - Karin notes that they have created their own good docs

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- Automation tools
 - MIT and RAC uses these tools
 - MIT wanted to add another automation tool script, but Artefactual said it was getting too complex, recommended using enduro(?) to avoid traffic issues
 - UT-Austin also uses, set to read one package at a time to avoid traffic jams
 - RAC has to restart automation tools frequently. Sometimes has to restart both automation tools and storage service
 - MIT points automation tools at a drop folder for a specific period, but late submissions to those folders triggers automation tools to reprocess the entire folder, not just the new file
 - UT-Austin automation tools pick up from one source folder, but if something fails, IT has to intervene to erase memory so that package can be processed with the same name
 - MIT uses automation tools, so does Karla at UT Austin. UT austin has it set up that's using unzipped bags. They're timed to read one folder only at a certain time. Karla loads the folders with a manageable amount of content to process.
 - Ima has them too. The problem is that they have to restart automation tools and restart the service. It's doable but annoying.
 - Karla points out that if something fails and it needs to be reingested, Automation tools won't pick it up again unless you clean out the automation tools database
 - MIT has three automations that we point at new transfer sources once a year. Recently told our infrastructure was getting too complex for more automation.
 - MIT and UT Austin has had problems with waiting for an ingest to finalize copying to watch folder before automation tools picks up. UT Austin used a logfile to get around that.
- Utilising the Storage Service, how to, what do you do?
 - MIT uses API script to get info on everything stored (works better than ElasticSearch)
 - RAC uses Storage Service as main preservation storage

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- Sydarkivera looking into a second pipeline for WARCs to ingest
- Eric has a small SSD that's running the OS and archivematica, and storage service was running on a spinning disk. Getting stuff to the slower smaller drive required symlinks. Linking only in interface broke archivematica.
- Karin/Sydarkivera has a large server
- Ima has storage service linked to S3. They have two pipelines in archivematica. One for born digital materials and one for digitized material. They all go into the single storage service instance. They use two different dashboards depending on the kind of content.
- MIT has lots of transfer sources and aip storage locations
- ElasticSearch experiences and do and don't's, glitches and work arounds
 - For next time
- Anybody using backlog?
 - Roger was and now they don't know what they're going to do. Backlog isn't the greatest but they were using it to keep stuff there and do a bit of appraisal. They use ATOM for their access portal. Had a google drive chunked up into individual SIPs. Artefactual told them that nobody was using it.
 - MIT talked with artefactual about backlog going away and they suggested having an acquisition workflow where you run fully through transfer and ingest, and then send it to a backlog type storage area separate from your AIPs.
 - It has some valuable features
 - Tasks in the backlog happen in the ingest according to explanation from Artefactual
 - Suggestion to handle with an AIC but then it needs to be reingest after it has been handled
- **TO DO:** *Be Sure to submit topics for future discussions and meetings, especially those who are just starting out, submit questions so that some of the more seasoned users can answer those questions

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- Verify Convener for next call on **October 1, 2026 6PM Central European / 12 PM Eastern / 9 AM Pacific - 5 min**
 - Next convener will be: Sydarkivera
 - Link to email reminder text and suggested listservs: [Meeting reminder to be sent via listserv announcement](#)
- Potential topics for next call
 - **Suggested Topics:** see today's topics if something remains and also add new ones in this list!