

Preservation planning 3

What to measure and how Monitoring and Scalability Multi-criteria decision making

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Preservation Planning: Question 1

- How can we select the optimal preservation action for a given setting?
 - What are the drivers and constraints on the decision space?
 - What are the goals and objectives?
 - What are the factors influencing the decision makers' preferences?
 - How can we model multiple competing objectives and requirements?
 - How should we evaluate software components?



Preservation Planning: Question 2

How can we ensure trustworthy preservation planning?

- What are the requirements on trust that need to be addressed?
- What decision steps and evidence need to be documented?
- What are the aspects that a plan needs to address, and what are the elements needed to cover them?
- How can we ensure reliable evaluation procedures and repeatable evidence?



Preservation Planning: Question 3

How can we ensure that decision processes scale up?

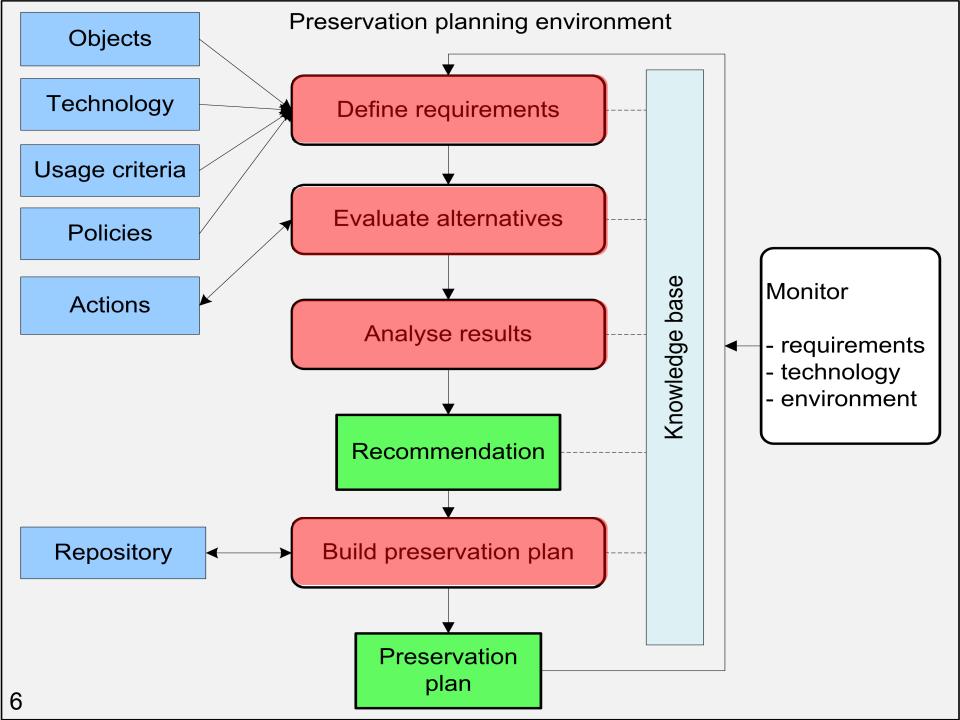
- How can we automate decision making?
- How can we integrate continuous monitoring?
- Which properties can be measured automatically, and how?
- How can we create a controlled environment for observing the behaviour of components in a reproducible way?

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Preservation Planning: Key concepts

- Repeatable, standardized planning workflow
- A weighted hierarchy of objectives
 - Measurable criteria on the leaf level of the tree
 - Utility functions make criteria comparable
- Controlled experimentation on sample content
 - Evidence-based decision making
- Standardized structure for plan specification
 - Transparency and documentation
 - Comparability across scenarios
 - Integration with repository systems
- Planning tool Plato guides, validates, documents
 - www.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/dp/plato
- Automation: Reduce manual effort

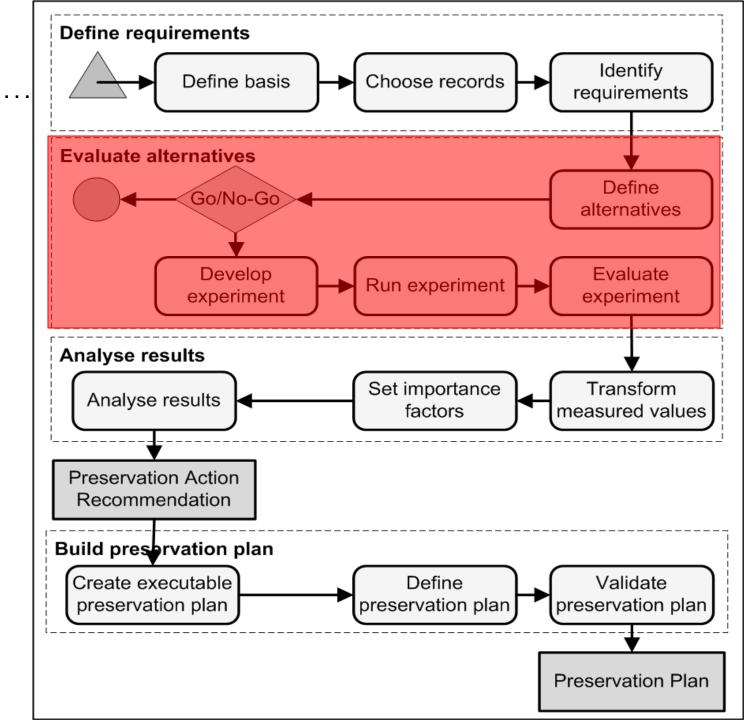




Levels of control

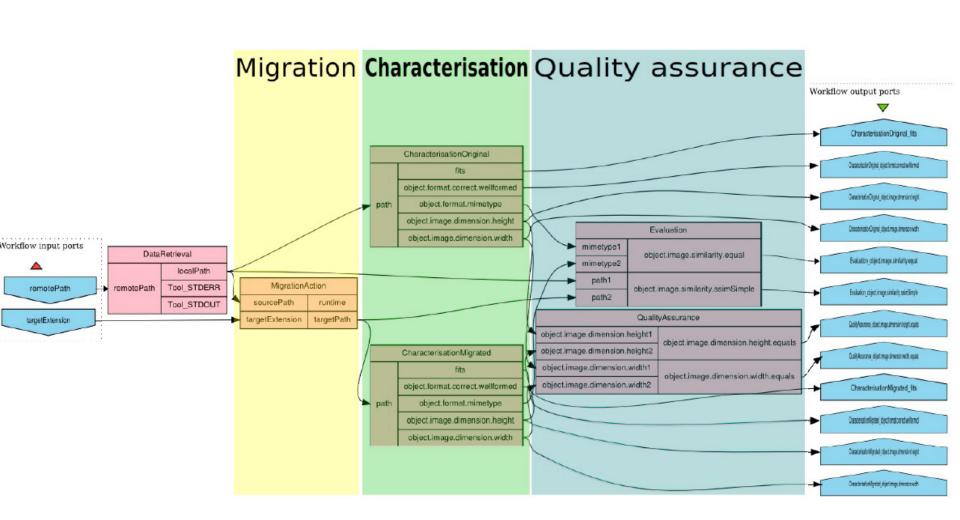
 Strategies Compliance Guidance Regulations • Specific preservation policies Control Preservation Planning Monitoring Planning Preservation actions Quality Assurance Operations Content analysis







A planning experiment



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Database study

Content branch

deviation in microseconds value datetimes same or more/lower precision Yes/No integers identical numbers Yes/No floats identical Yes/No bitwise identical Yes/No format metadata blobs Yes/No content identical complete complete and identical/same but truncated/lost unchanged/defect/lost encoding strings length of column type same or more/shorter number of rows identical for all tables/rows lost rows compatible to original/not compatible to original/lost datatype columns identical on technical level/identical on user level/not identical/lost content tables Yes/No system tables all/all visible to archive users/incomplete/none completeness all/all containing views or tables that are visible to archive users/incomplete/none schemas Y/converted to standard datatypes/N user defined datatypes (UDT) Yes/No XML objects (conforming to a schema) converted to SQL99/unchanged/converted to a table/unavailable views converted to SQL2003/unchanged/header available/unavailable routines all/all connected to privileges or tables or views/some missing/none completeness users all/all connected to tables or views/some missing/none privileges all/all connected to privileges or tables or views/some missing/none completeness roles defined and valid/invalid/lost event defined triggers converted to SQL2003/unchanged/header available/unavailable routine Yes/No checked constraints Yes/No **PKs** constraints Yes/No **FKs** Yes/No candidate keys (indexes) Yes/No secondary indexes Yes/No sequences

Content

Results: Weighted multiplication

Result-Tree with all Alternatives, Aggregation method: Weighted multiplication

Node	Results
Requirements	Archive to XML: 3.88 Keep original DB:3.72 CSV export: 0.00
▼ Object characteristics	Archive to XML: 2.14 Keep original DB:2.32 CSV export: 0.00
Content	Archive to XML: 2.38 Keep original DB:2.51 CSV export: 0.00
■appearance	Archive to XML: 1.14 Keep original DB:1.16 CSV export: 1.06
■ context	Archive to XML: 1.23 Keep original DB:1.17 CSV export: 0.88
behaviour	Archive to XML: 1.00 Keep original DB:1.12 CSV export: 1.00
► Format characteristics	Archive to XML: 1.36 Keep original DB:1.20 CSV export: 1.13
■ Tool characteristics	Archive to XML: 1.34

Results: Weighted sum

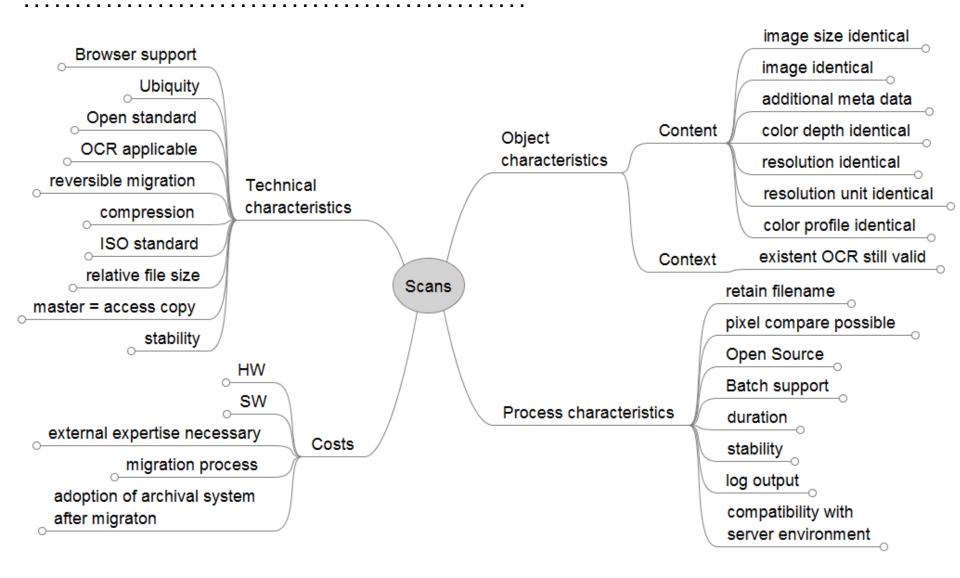
Result-Tree with all Alternatives, Aggregation method: Weighted sum.

This tree contains only strategies that do not have knock-out evaluation criteria; see above

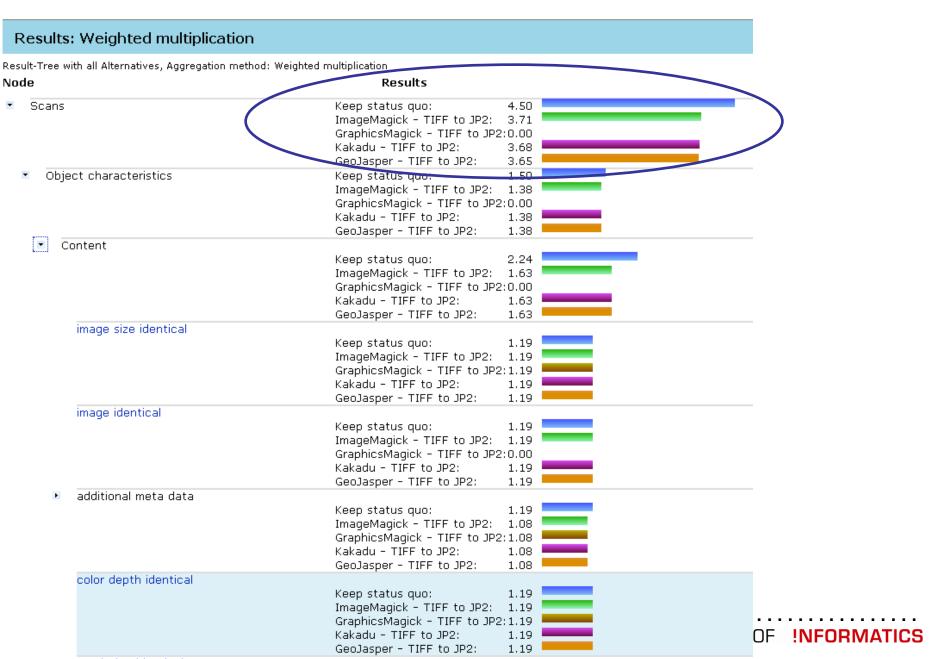
Node	Results	
Requirements	Archive to XML: 4.25 Keep original DB:4.07	
Object characteristics	Archive to XML: 2.40 Keep original DB:2.60	
Content	Archive to XML: 2.63 Keep original DB:2.76	
■ appearance	Archive to XML: 0.41 Keep original DB:0.45	
context	Archive to XML: 0.69 Keep original DB:0.57	
behaviour	Archive to XML: 0.07 Keep original DB:0.35	
▼ Format characteristics	Archive to XML: 0.95 Keep original DB:0.57	N



Scanned books requirements



Scanned books results





TIFF6

Four cases, three solutions: Scanned images

- Bavarian State Library, 72TB TIFF6: Leave and monitor
- British Library, 80TB TIFF5: Migrate to JP2 (ImageMagick)
- Royal Library of Denmark, ~10.000 aerial photographs in TIFF6: Leave and monitor
- State and University Library Denmark, scanned yearbooks in GIF: Migrate to TIFF 6

Scenario	Chosen action	Main reasons
72 TB scanned book pages in TIFF6	Leave unchanged and monitor	Color profile complications, lack of JP2 browser support, Process costs
80 TB scanned newspapers in TIFF5	Migrate to JP2	Storage costs, Standardization

Lack of JP2 browser support,

Process costs

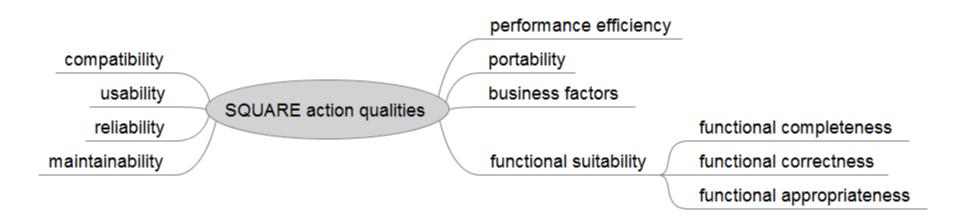
Aerial photographs in Leave unchanged

and monitor

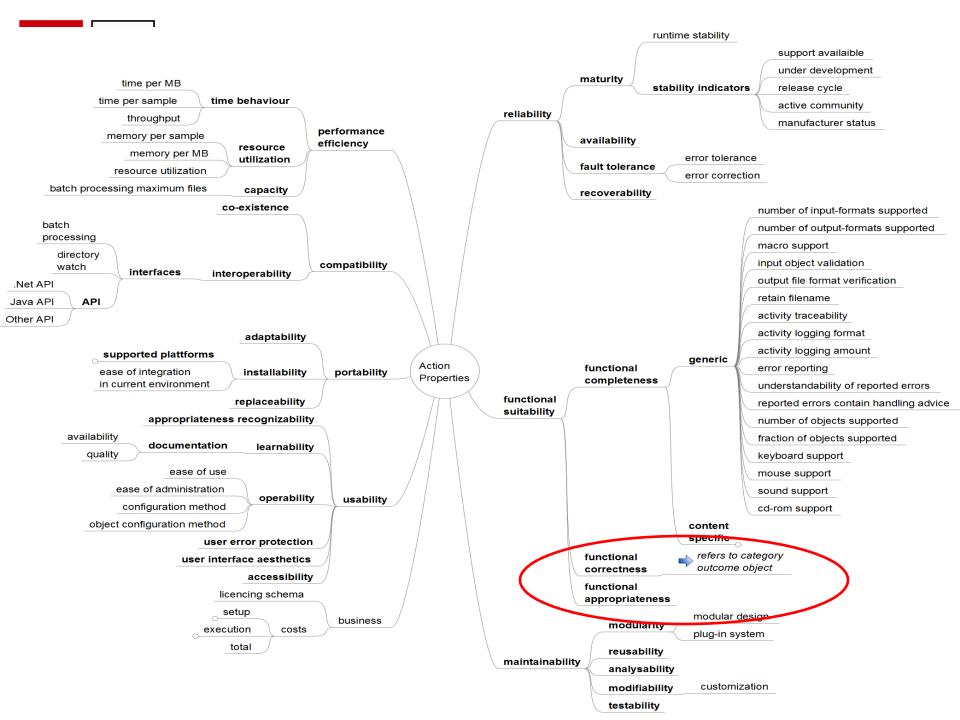


Software quality in preservation scenarios

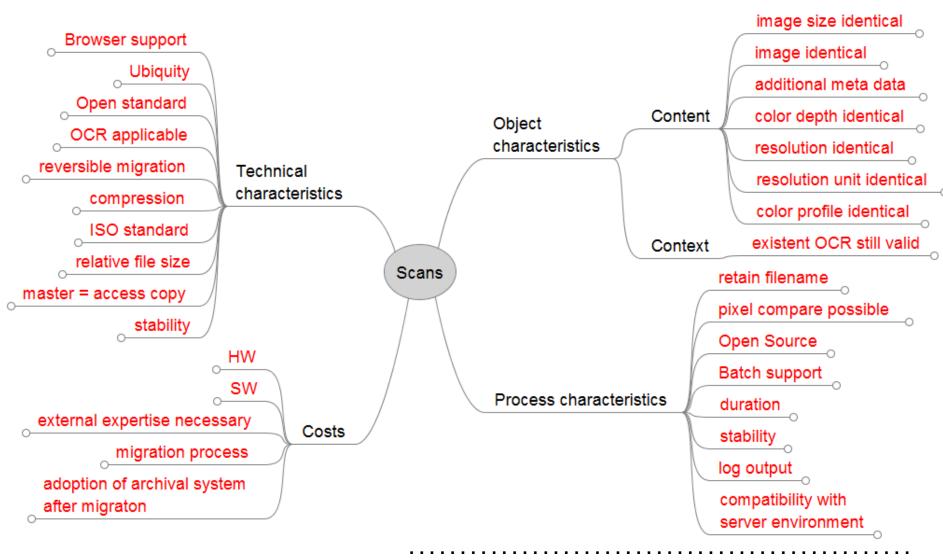
- ISO 25010 SQUARE: Software quality model
 - (Business factors not part of SQUARE)
- Need to define indicators and metrics for specific domain



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Scanned books requirements





Decision criteria: What to measure?

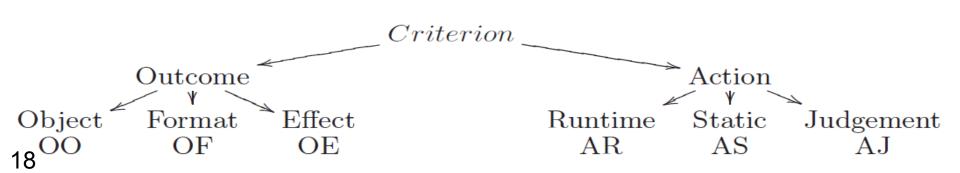
Each criterion concerns either the action or its outcome

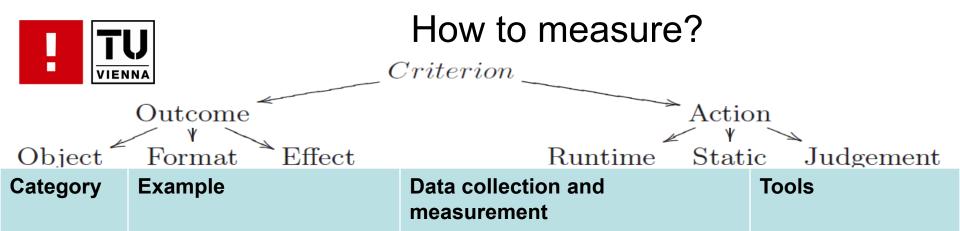
Outcome

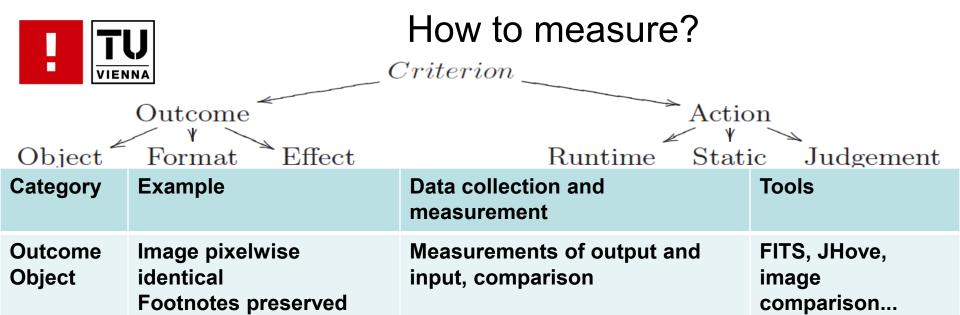
- Object (authenticity, editability, ...)
- Format (licensing, standardisation, complexity...)
- Effect (Costs...)

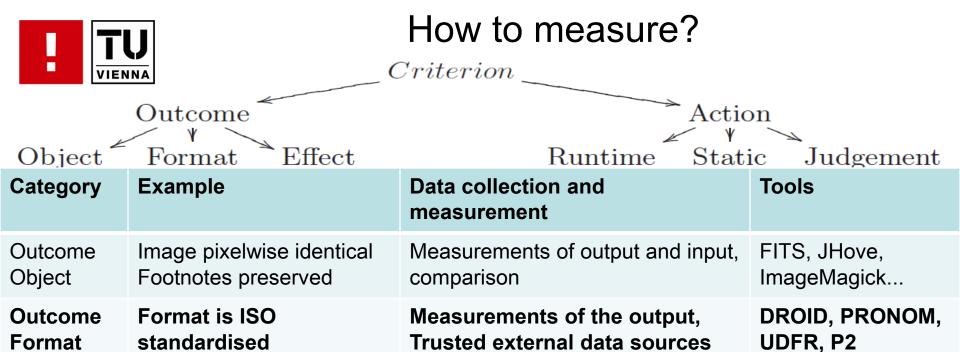
Action

- Runtime properties (performance, stability, logging...)
- Static (price, license...)
- Judgement (configuration interface usability...)











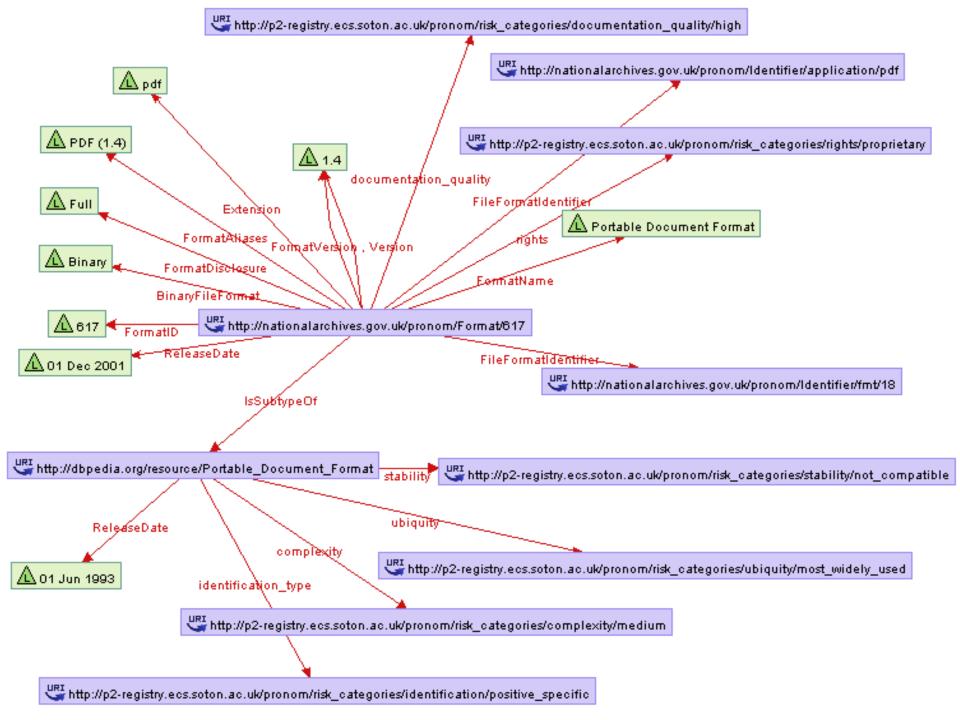
Some file format requirements

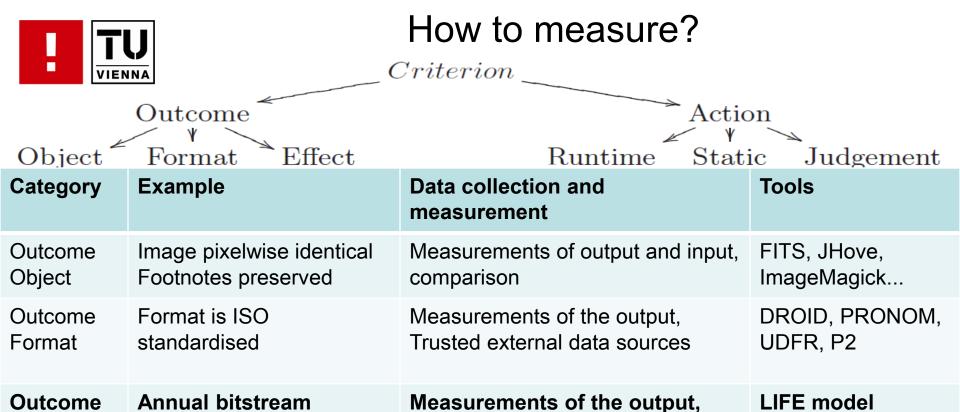
- Specifications available
 - Is an XML schema enough?
 - Syntacs and semantics needed
- Standardized (ISO, ANSI, ITEF, ...)
- Accepted and widely used (indicators?)
- Not covered by patent
- Free of compression
- Free of any cryptographical techniques
- Flexible and extensible?



Data sources

- PRONOM
 - Sparse data
- www.digitalpreservation.gov/formats
 - Incomplete
- Wikipedia
 - reliable?
- The web
 - unstructured
- P2: Combination of PRONOM with dbpedia
 - Linked Data
 - ~45.000 statements
 - Still far from complete





(LIFE)...

external data sources, models

effect

preservation costs (€)



How to measure?

Criterion

Effect

Runtime

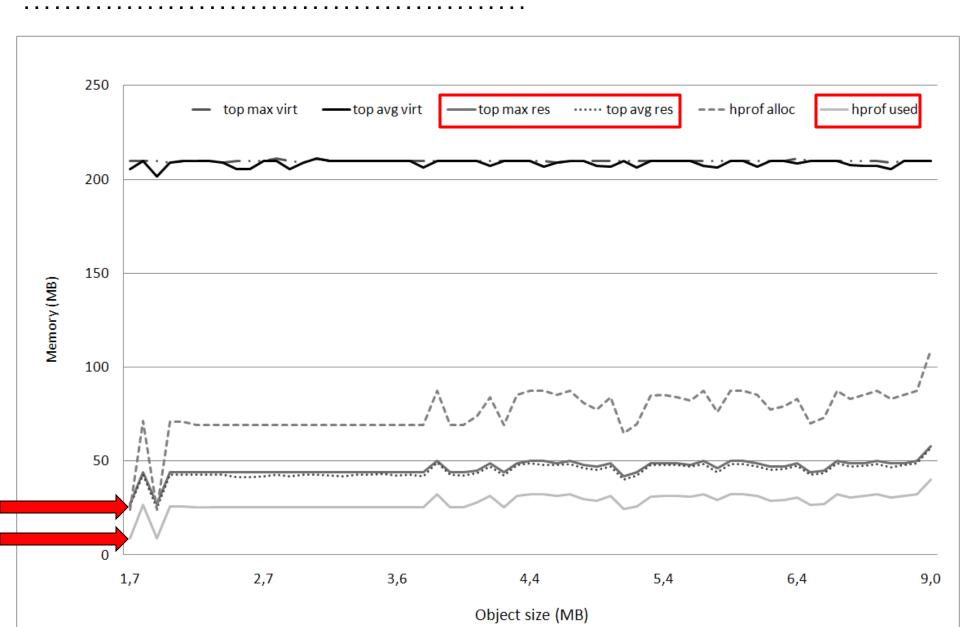
Static Judgement

Action

Category	Example	Data collection and measurement	Tools
Outcome Object	Image pixelwise identical Footnotes preserved	Measurements of output and input, comparison	FITS, JHove, ImageMagick
Outcome Format	Format is ISO standardised	Measurements of the output, Trusted external data sources	DROID, PRONOM, UDFR, P2
Outcome effect	Annual bitstream preservation costs (€)	Measurements of the output, external data sources, models (LIFE)	LIFE model
Action runtime	Throughput (MB per millisecond), Memory usage	Measurements taken in controlled experimentation	MiniMEE

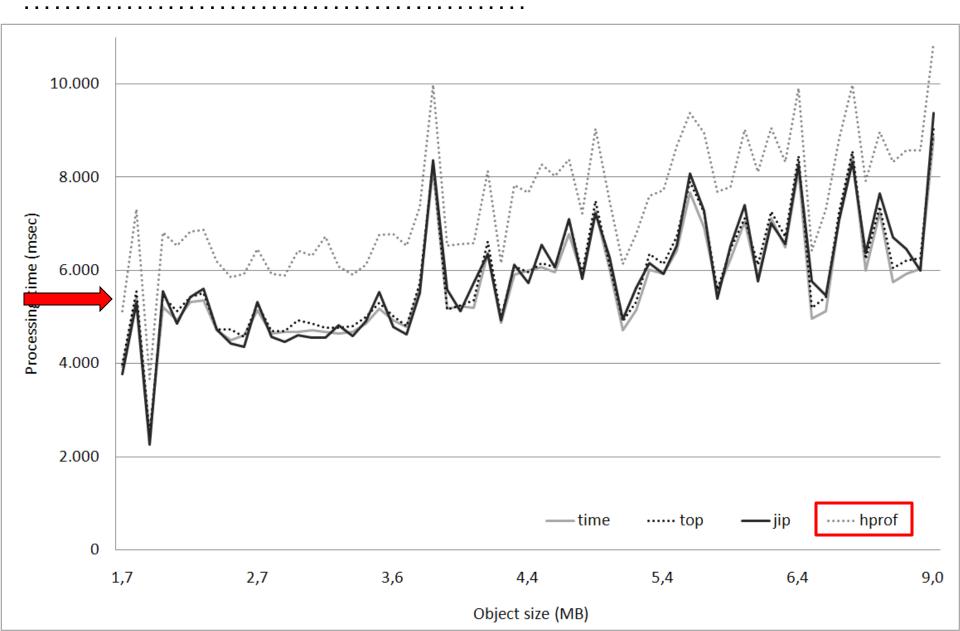


Profiling memory usage of Java tools



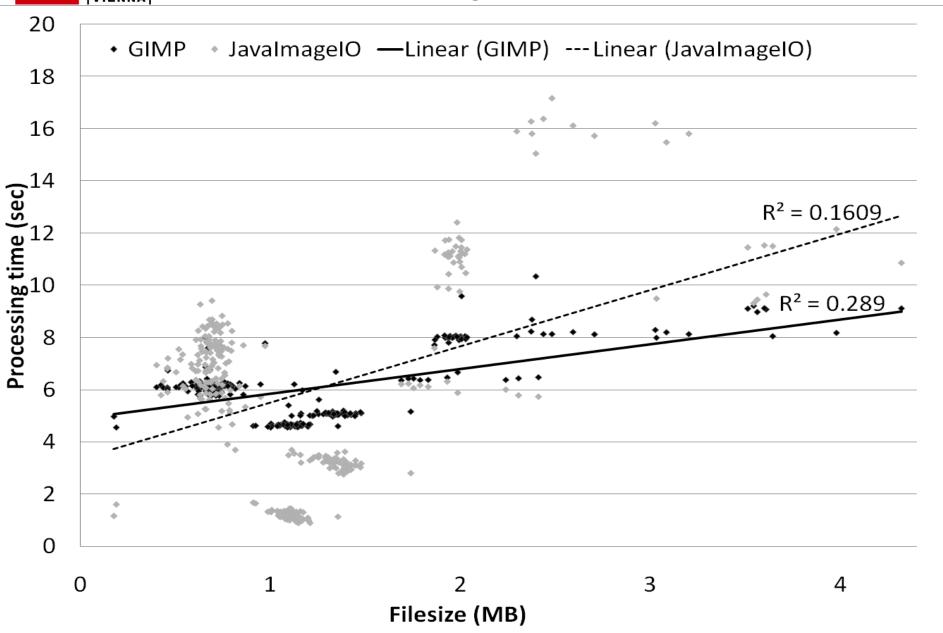


Profiling timing of Java tools





Comparing tool performance



How to measure?

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Action static	License costs per CPU (€), Open Source License	Trusted external data sources, manual evaluation, sharing	UDFR, Pronom, P2, manual

Category

Outcome

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Format

Object

How to measure?

Data collection and

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Manual judgement, sharing

external data sources, models

measurement

(LIFE)...

input, comparison

Criterion

Object

 $\operatorname{Outcome}$ Format **Example**

 Effect

Image pixelwise identical

Format is ISO standardised

Footnotes preserved

Annual bitstream

preservation costs (€)

Throughput (MB per

Open Source License

millisecond), Memory usage

License costs per CPU (€),

Technical interoperability,

configuration flexibility

Runtime

Action

Static Judgement **Tools**

FITS, JHove,

ImageMagick...

LoC format site,

UDFR. P2

LIFE model

MiniMEE

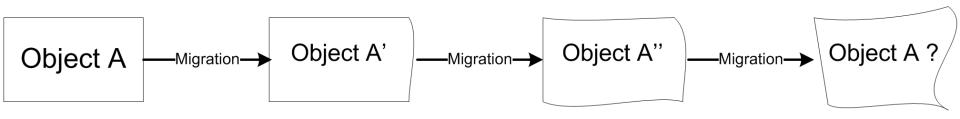
DROID, PRONOM,

UDFR, P2, manual



Core requirement: Keep object intact

- Essential object characteristics
 - Content
 - Appearance
 - Structure
 - Behaviour
 - Context

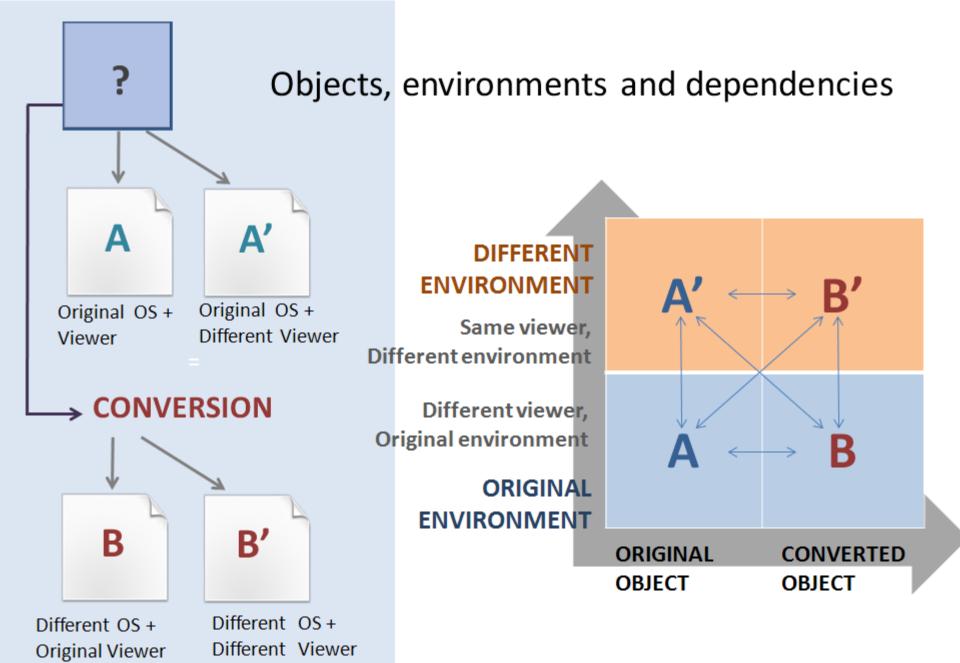


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Validating a migrated image

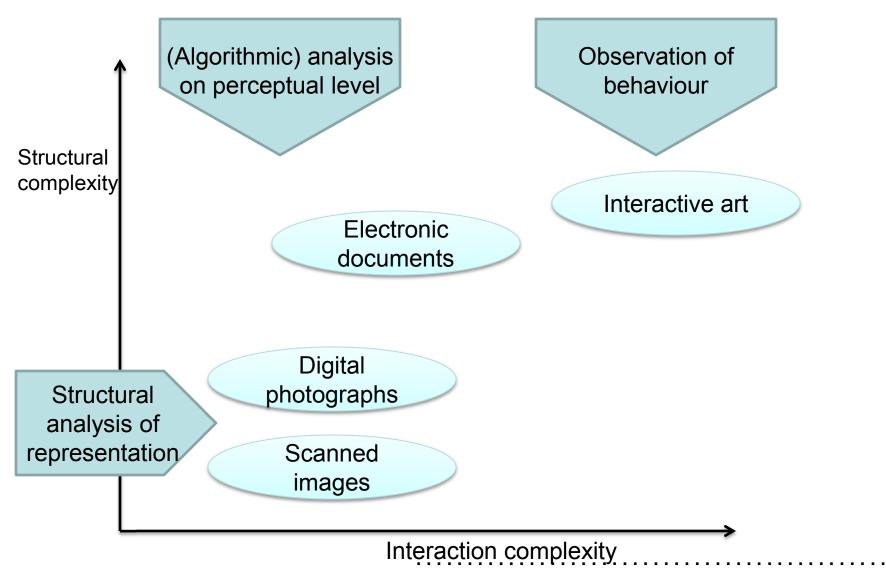
- □ We run a TIFF file against a JPEG 2000 conversion tool and check:
- ✓ Yes, it's in JPEG 2000 format
- ✓ Yes, it's well-formed
- ✓ Yes, it's valid
- ✓ Yes, it still has the same dimensions
- □ But is it still the same image?



...networks of objects



Approaches to Quality Assurance





Validating a migrated image

- □ Dimensions, metadata.... easy: extract and compare
- □ Content... Not always easy
- □ ImageMagick *compare*: good for simple cases

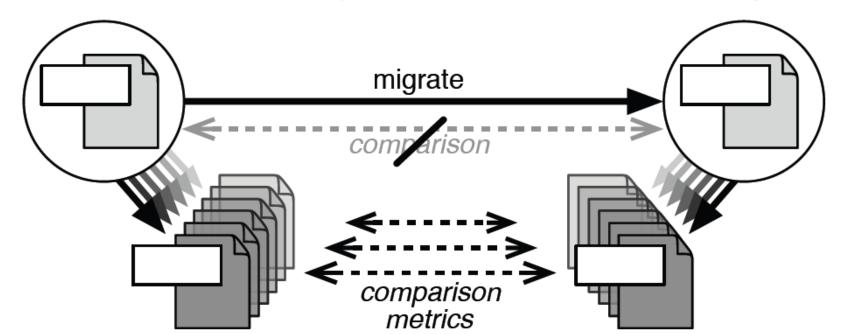
Abbr.	Metric	Description
AE	Absolute Error	The number of different pixels (0 means identical im-
		ages). This value can be thresholded to only count
		pixels that have a difference larger then a specified
		threshold.
PAE	Peak Absolute Error	The highest difference of any single pixel.
PSNR	Peak Signal to Noise Ra-	The ratio of mean square difference to the maximum
	tio	mean square that can exist between any two images,
		expressed as a decibel value. The higher the PSNR,
		the closer the images are, with a maximum difference
		occurring at 1.
MAE	Mean Absolute Error	Average over all pixels
MSE	Mean Squared Error	Averaged squared error distance
RMSE	Root mean squared error	Identical to $sqrt(MSE)$.
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Evaluating conversion processes

- Approaches to automated Quality Assurance
 - Characterization: Static analysis of representations
 - Semantics not fully contained in files
 - No homomorphic property mapping between (lots of) formats
 - Lack of ground truth
 - Perceptual-level analysis of standardised renderings





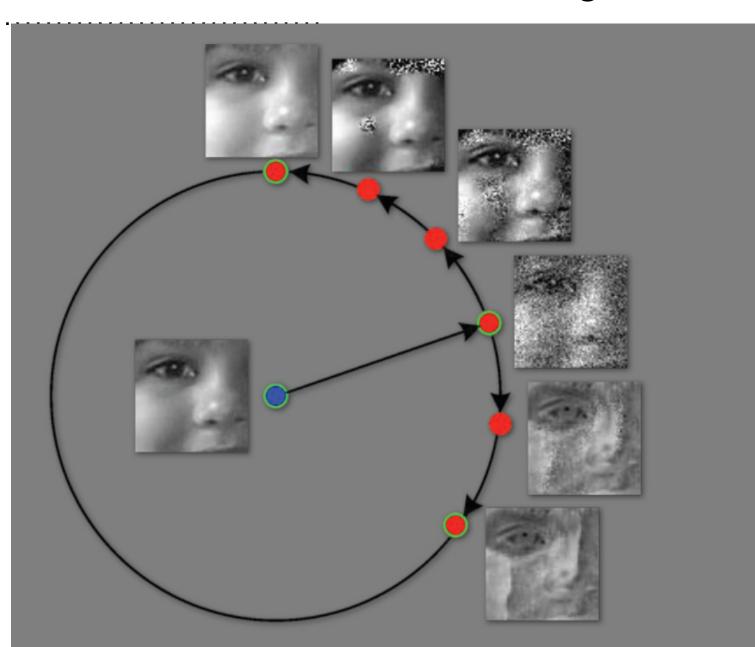
Distance metrics: How meaningful?

AE PAE RMSE

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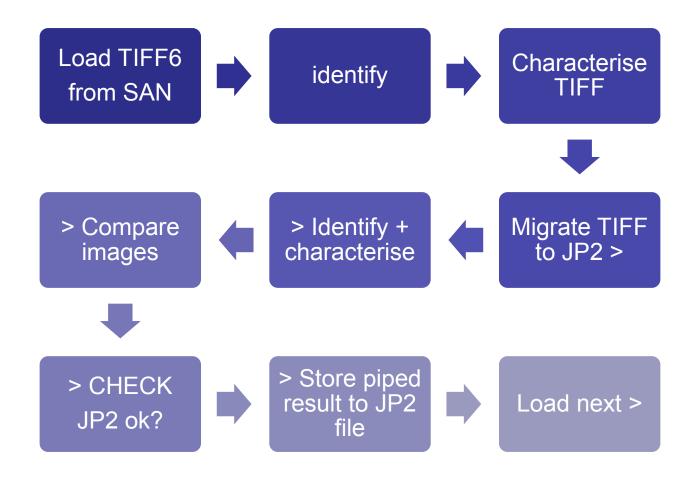
SSIM

Anything but "0" is a problematic result





A real migration workflow... What's wrong?





Criteria and solutions

- Problem space vs. solution space
- Criteria for objects, representation instances and formats
 - Significant properties: The content of the objects that has to be preserved in order to preserve authenticity. See "Data without meaning: Establishing the Significant Properties of Digital Research". Gareth Knight and Maureen Pennock, IJDC 4(1) 2009. http://www.ijdc.net/index.php/ijdc/article/view/110/87
 - Representation instance properties: Aspects of the representation such as encoding, encryption, bytestream length, compression, validity, profile conformance. See http://publik.tuwien.ac.at/files/PubDat_203384.pdf
 - Format properties: Properties of the formats themselves, not of the objects (status of standardisation, support by viewing environments, license, tool support, features, versions,...)
 www.digitalpreservation.gov/formats

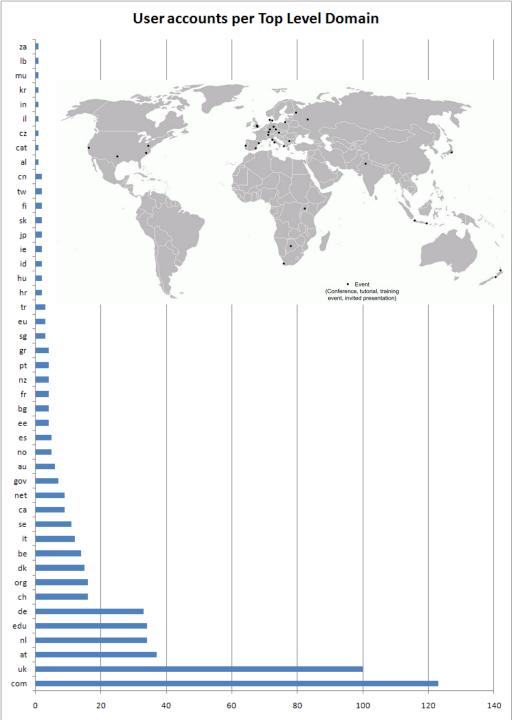


Conclusions: Preservation planning

- From strategy and policies to operations
- A simple, methodologically sound model to specify and document requirements
- Repeatable and documented evaluation for informed and accountable decisions
- Generic workflow that can be integrated in different institutional settings
- Plato: Tool support to perform solid, well-documented analysis
- Provides basic preservation plan

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Plato

- De-facto standard preservation planning tool
- ~1000 user accounts
- Case studies
- Opportunities to leverage scale
- Analyse data set from diverse communities and build improvements

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Planning Challenges

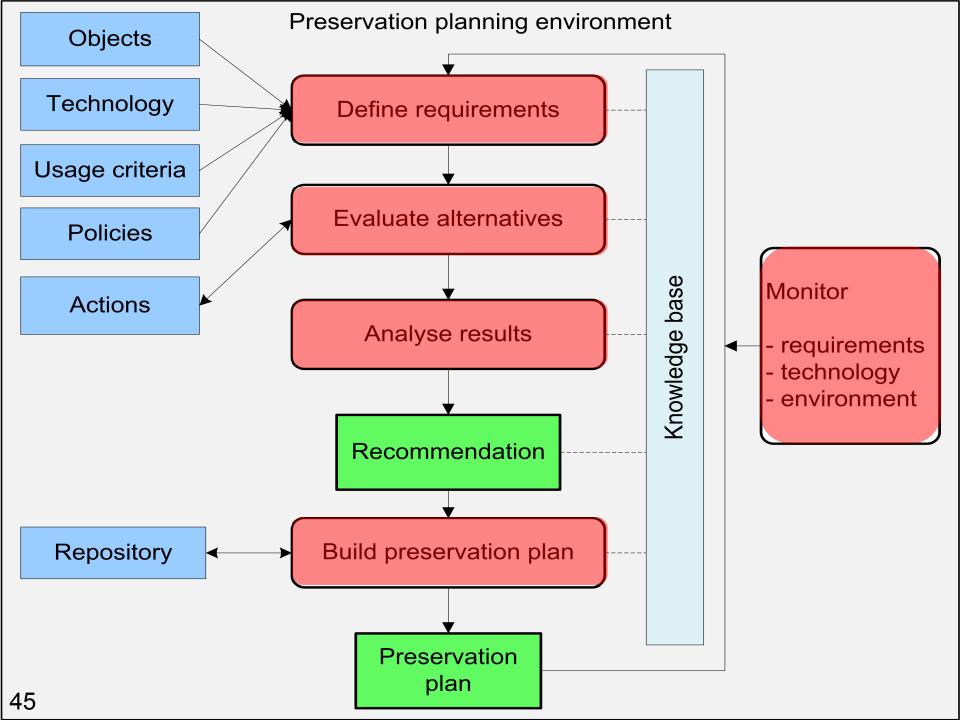
- Creating a plan is effort-intensive
- Sharing experience is difficult
- Monitoring changes is manual
- Integrating context, strategies and operations is difficult



Planning Challenges

- Creating a plan is effort-intensive
 - Increase efficiency of planning
- Sharing experience is difficult
 - Increase standardisation and reusability
- Monitoring changes is manual
 - Introduce automation
- Integrating context, strategies and operations is difficult
 - Systematic governance structures
 - Manage policies
 - Integrate systems





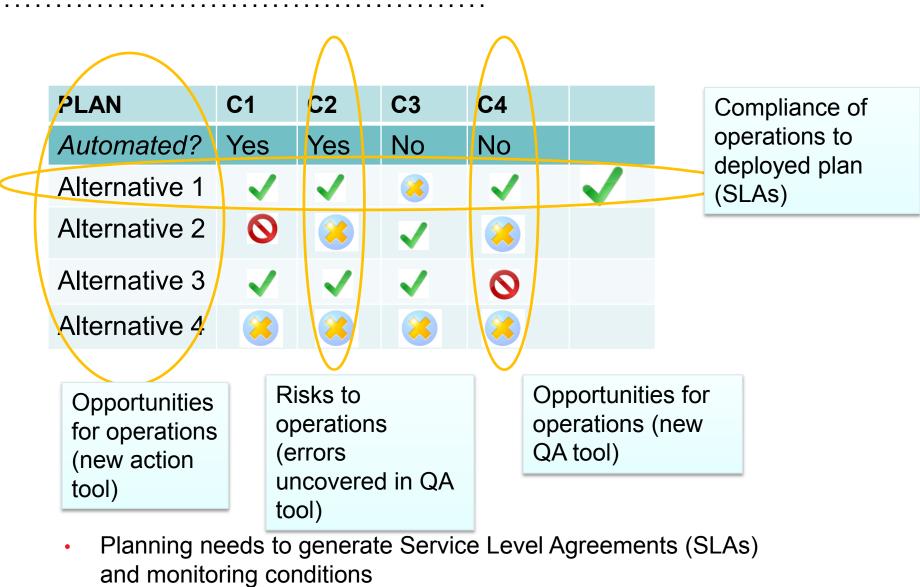


An Automated Monitoring service

- Knowledge base
 - Entities and their properties
 - Measures of properties over time
 - Triggers define conditions and events
- Flexible and extensible
 - A well-defined, flexible data model
 - Adaptors for different information sources
- Monitoring Capabilities
 - **Internal Monitoring**
 - External Monitoring
 - Monitor compliance, risks and opportunities



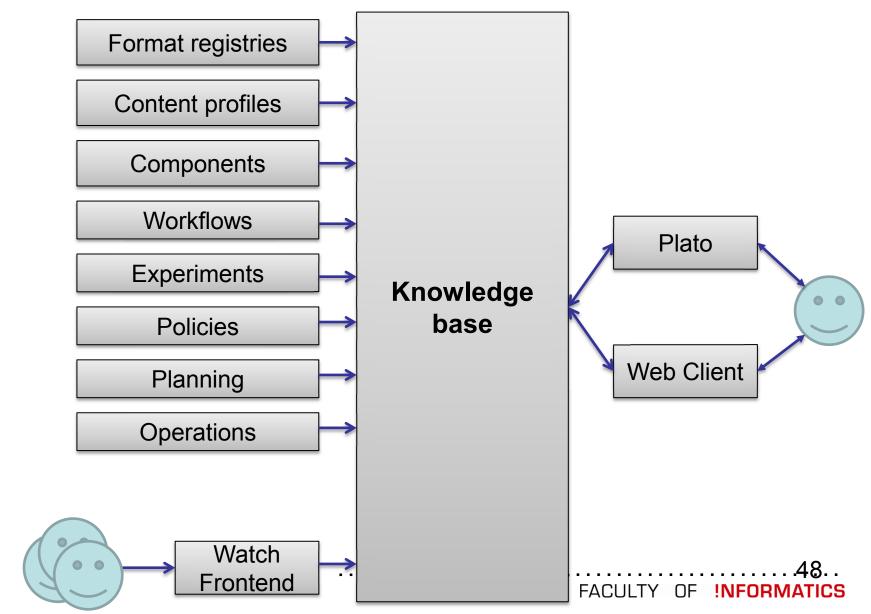
Compliance, risk and opportunities



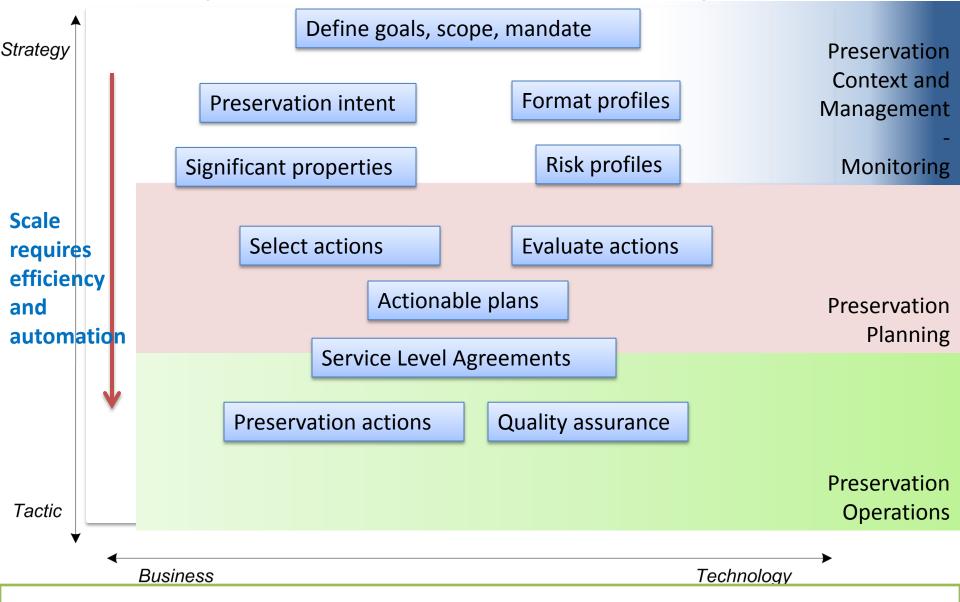
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|TU| |Information sources to be monitored



A preservation decision space

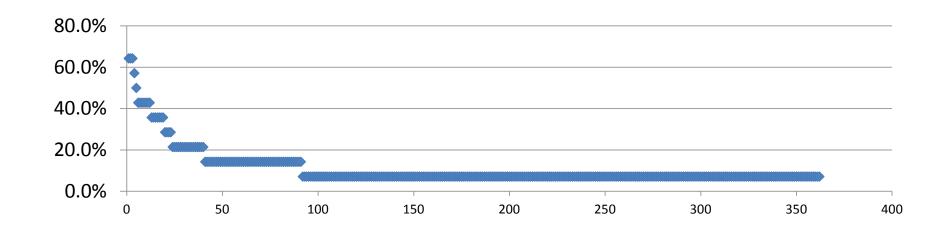


Goal: Efficiency and effectiveness

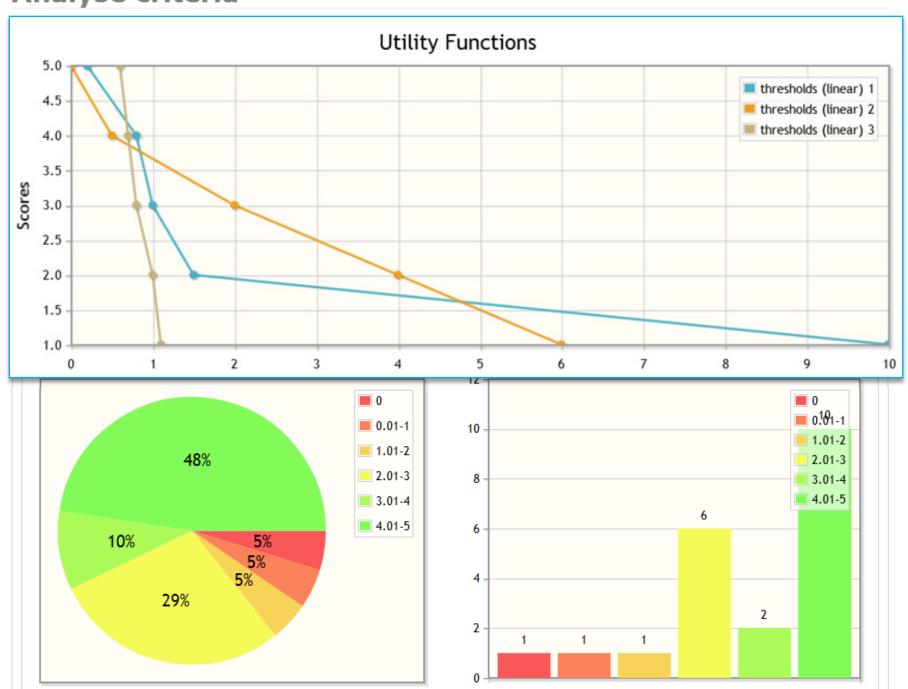
- Challenges
 - Effort for specifying criteria
 - Effort to perform evaluation
- We need effective and efficient near-optimal decisions
- Idea: Leverage scale
 - Standardize criteria
 - Develop quantitative metrics
 - Cross-reference and analyse
 - Provide visual insight
- Opportunity: Standardize, cross-reference, analyze

Collect

- 14 decision cases: Format conversion components
- 631 decision criteria (textually described)



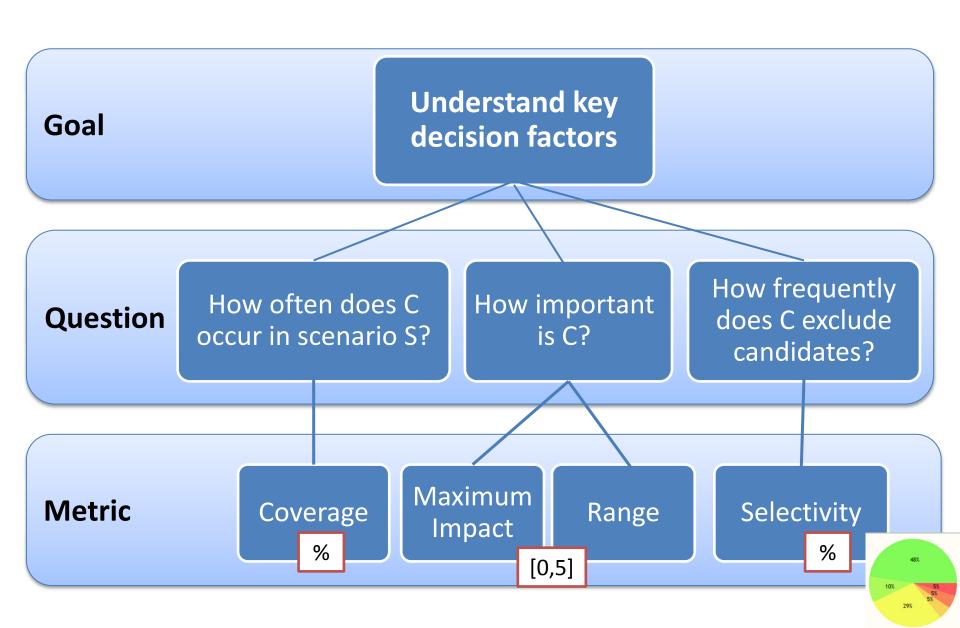
Analyse criteria



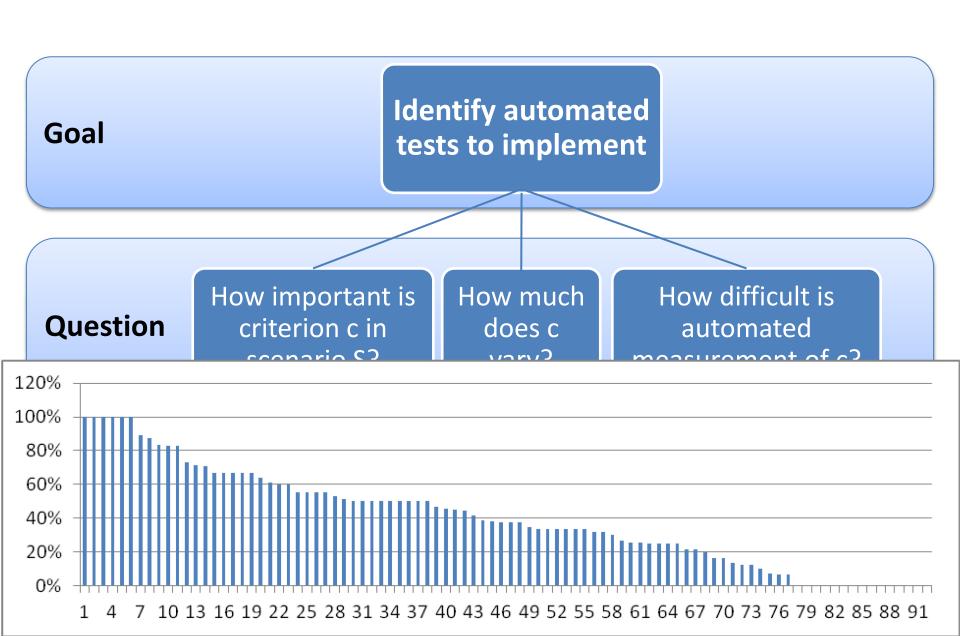
Analyze: Impact Factors

- Factors need to reflect
 - Usage frequency
 - Average weight
 - Sensitivity: How much do the utility scores change when the facts change?
 - Objective evidence
 - Utility function
 - Utility of 0 filters unacceptable candidates
- Using Goal-Question-Metric for selecting factors

Analyse a criterion (set) C



Automation for controlled experiments



Interpret

Sets of criteria ranked by coverage

Criteria Sets Summary

Name ◆	Size ♦	Coverage 🗸	Max Impact ♦	√ Range ♦	Selectivity 🗢	
SQ Functional Correctness (outcome object)	346	100%	3.457	0.95	13.79%	
SQ Functional Correctness - TIP	195	100%	3.457	0.786	10.34%	
Business	18	85.71%	0.33	0.155	2%	
SQ Functional Completeness	44	78.57%	1.022	0.133	4.08%	
SQ Portability	5	78.57%	0.5	0.054	0%	
Format	31	71.43%	0.822	0.198	9.3%	
SQ Performance Efficiency	7	64.29%	0.5	0.103	2.7%	
SQ Resource Utilization	3	64.29%	0.5	0.103	2.7%	
SQ Usability	6	64.29%	0.16	0.035	0%	
SQ Functional Correctness - RIP	15	57.14%	0.156	0.03	2.7%	
SQ Compatibility	5	57.14%	0.085	0.01	0%	
SQ Time Behaviour	3	57.14%	0.5	0.094	3.33%	
SQ Reliability	8	42.86%	0.154	0.016	0%	
SQ Functional Correctness - Image Similarity	12	35.71%	0.401	0.056	8.33%	
SQ Functional Correctness - IP	136	35.71%	0.625	0.135	12.5%	
SQ Maintainability	3	28.57%	0.08	0.007	0%	
Outcome Effects	4	21.43%	1.54	0.137	26.67%	
SQ Capacity	1	0%	0	0	0%	

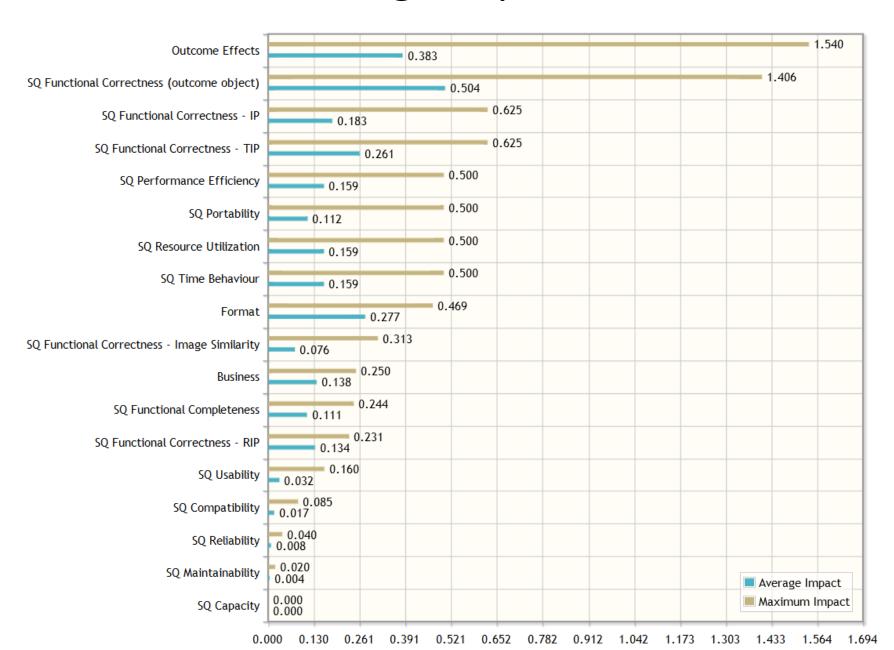
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Maximum to average impact of criteria sets



Interpret

- In the homogeneous set of 6 cases, 219 criteria:
 - Some widely used criteria have negligible impact and/or variation
 - Some "expensive" criteria are not selective, i.e. not necessarily critical
 - 31 of the 105 mapped criteria are dominated
 - None of the low-impact sets is fully dominated
- Some of the criteria that are expensive to measure are in fact insignificant and/or have zero variation
- Summary factors and rankings provide valuable insight

Conclusions

- Formalized semantics increase criterion transparency
 - increases quality and trust
- Set of metrics is helpful for assessing decision criteria in different ways
 - Decision maker: Understand impact of criterion on decisions
 - Researcher: Understand key decision factors in certain scenarios, organisation contexts, etc.
 - Developer: Understand critical success factors of candidates
- Drives improvement of DS environment

DSS improvements

- Filter and shortlist candidates
- Prioritize development of automation
- Rank criteria to measure and cut off data collection
- Approximate non-critical measures
- Remove non-critical criteria
- Recommend criteria based on selectivity and co-occurrence
- Automated suggestion of objectives and criteria based on organisational context

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DPUE

- Today is the deadline for choosing topics
- Next week is the hard deadline for submitting a concept
 - This concept is part of the grading scheme
 - Send it upfront to your contact point if you want feedback!
- Make sure to get in touch with your contact point
 - Discussion time will be helpful in all cases
- Any questions? Get in touch!



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

DPUE task 2 questions?

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