

HubbuB: News from the Archives Hub, January 2022

Welcome to new contributors

We have been working closely with Cambridge University Library in order to update their descriptions on the Hub. As a result of this work we have been able to welcome some new contributors via Cambridge University Archives:

- British and Foreign Bible Society Library
- Cambridge University Library Map Department
- Royal Commonwealth Society Library
- Royal Greenwich Observatory Archives

These collections are all held at CUL, but they are recognised as separate repositories, so on the Hub they have their own presence.

Other new contributors in 2021:

- Islamic Relief Worldwide Archive
- Institute of Modern Languages Research, University of London
- Lloyd's Register Foundation, Heritage and Education Centre
- Harris Manchester College Archive, University of Oxford

Excel spreadsheet upload

We are now up and running with spreadsheet upload to the Editor (editing and cataloguing tool).

Find out more about this at: <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/spreadsheetsrecords/>

It is early days, and we expect to develop this facility over time. Contributors have already uploaded descriptions created in spreadsheets to the Archives Hub. Please do let us know if you are interested in this service.

We have had a few contributors wanting to upload box lists, or file/item lists, to add to collection descriptions. We've done a short video tutorial about how to do this. The combining of two descriptions (box list and collection level) is generally best done by us, but you can prepare and upload the box list to the Editor in order to check, preview and correct any errors. We can then combine the files for you when you are ready.

Preparing a box list for upload to the Editor: <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/spreadsheetsrecords/#boxlists>

Archives Hub Labs is Go!

We have now officially kicked off our first 'Labs'¹ project - 'Images and Machine Learning'. We have 10 contributors working with us: Borthwick Institute at the University of York, the University of Hull, Queens University Belfast, Cardiff and Bangor Universities, Design Archives at the University of Brighton, the Paul Mellon Foundation, the Geological Society, Lambeth Palace Archives.

We will be blogging about this as we go. We have asked our participants to fill in a short survey that will help us plan the project and look forward to analysing the results this month.

The project consists of 3 main areas:

- A digital object store
- IIF enablement (International Image Interoperability Framework)
- Machine Learning

We are particularly interested in exploring how hierarchical archive descriptions should be treated in terms of IIF descriptive data files (called manifests). We will be attending the IIF Archives Community Group² and speaking at a meeting in April. If you are interested in IIF you may like to join this group. We will let you know about this and other events via our contributors list.

Archives Hub User Survey 2021

Thank you to everyone who encouraged researchers to fill in our survey. It really really is a big help to us.

The survey is now published at <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/value/>.



1 - Overall satisfaction scores for surveys carried out over the last 10 years.

We are hoping to introduce a filter by country/region this year.

We have been hoping to provide a download (for print) for some time now. It is actually more difficult than it sounds because hierarchical descriptions are broken into component parts in our database. But we will be making renewed efforts to get this done.

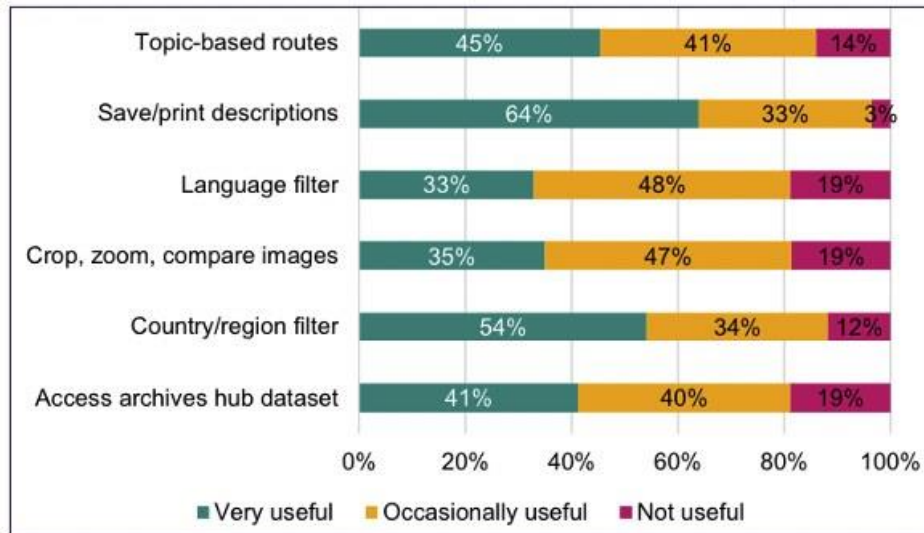
We are continuing to work on subject and name based searching and presentation.

¹<https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/labs>

²<https://iiif.io/community/groups/archives/>

Our Labs work will address presentation of digital content through IIIF (see <https://archiveshub.jisc.ac.uk/labs>)

It is interesting to see that providing the Hub as a dataset has become more popular. If we were to develop this we would start with a consultation process with you, our contributors, as it has implications for the openness of the data.



Results of our 2021 survey on new features