



Software Collection Committee

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Why we Are Here

- Software collecting and preservation is a very important existing goal of the Computer History Museum which is being reinvigorated
 - The new “Software Collection Committee” has just been formed to provide new energy
- Collecting and preserving software will involve and rely on many communities of interested parties
- We hope to learn from this workshop

The Software Collection's Space

- The Software Collection Committee works with 3 other museum committees:
 - The Hardware Acquisition Committee (John Mashey)
 - The CyberCollection / Hardware Collection Committee (Grant Saviers)
 - The Software Exhibit Committee (Gardner Hendrie)
- The goals and activities of these committees are different, but related

Founding Goals

- We are recruiting now for the committee
- Within a couple of months we hope to have:
 - A longterm mission and charter
 - Initial goals
 - Regular meetings
- We are keen to leverage the efforts of others

DRAFT MISSION

“To guide the Computer History Museum in collecting all the important artifacts and stories needed to preserve and document the history of computer software”

DRAFT CHARTER

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Membership

- Committed members:
 - Bernard Peuto, Chairman
 - Len Shustek
 - Eric Hahn
 - Ike Nassi
 - Mike Powell
 - John Toole
 - Kirsten Tashev
 - Sharon Brunzel
 - Dag Spicer
- Invited members (Hope they will say yes!)
 - Grant Saviers
 - Gardner Hendrie
 - John Mashey
 - Grady Booch
- This is a recruitment pitch!

Initial Tasks

- Refine charter and mission
- Make precise the relationship with other committees, and this Classic Software preservation activity
- Recruit and engage other members and advisors
- Decide what it means to collect software
 - Artifact categories
 - Scope (what we do and don't do)
 - Priorities
- Pick few test cases and pursue them in depth
- Establish policy and procedures for ongoing collecting activities