

Building a Model for Sharing Proprietary Software

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The Software Company Archives

- Resource/priority limitations
 - Can't save everything
 - Usage drives preservation
- Barriers to access
 - How would a researcher get access to Microsoft retail software today?
 - What about source code?

The Source Code Parlor Collection

Benefits

- Creates a safe haven for sharing
- Allows for consistent preservation
- Better Research
- Positive PR

Risks

- Legal
- Financial
- Negative PR

The Answer? The License!

- Or in other words, the donor agreement form.
- Volunteer/multidisciplinary effort within Microsoft.
- Goal? An archival agreement whose terms protect both the archiving organization and the donating organization.

Issues/Discussion?

- How should the archive be used?
- Who should be able to access the software within it?
- What limitations will exist on the use of the material?
- In what form will the software be stored?
- How broadly accessible should it be?