

DIGITIZATION AND PRESERVATION OF ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS

Цифровизация и сохранение архивных документов Raqamli ma'lumotlar bazalari va ularning saqlanishi

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Abstract: The digitization of archival documents is a critical development in the management and preservation of historical records. This thesis explores the processes, benefits, and challenges associated with the digitization and preservation of archival materials. It examines various digitization techniques, the role of metadata, and the strategies for ensuring the long-term preservation of digital records. By analyzing case studies and best practices, this research provides insights into effective methods for digitizing and preserving archival documents to ensure their accessibility and longevity.

Keywords: Archival digitization, digital preservation, historical records, digitization techniques, metadata, digital storage solutions, long-term preservation, quality control, optical character recognition (ocr), data management, backup and recovery, format obsolescence

Аннотация: Цифровизация архивных документов является критически важным развитием в управлении и сохранении исторических записей. В этой работе рассматриваются процессы, преимущества и проблемы, связанные с цифровизацией и сохранением архивных материалов. Изучаются различные технологии цифровизации, роль метаданных и стратегии обеспечения долгосрочного сохранения цифровых записей. Анализируя примеры из практики и лучшие методы, данное исследование предоставляет представление о эффективных способах цифровизации и сохранения архивных документов для обеспечения их доступности и долговечности.

Ключевые слова: Цифровизация архивов, цифровое сохранение, исторические записи, технологии цифровизации, метаданные, цифровые решения для хранения, долгосрочное сохранение, контроль качества, оптическое распознавание символов (OCR), управление данными, резервное копирование и

восстановление, устаревание форматов.

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INTRODUCTION:

Archival documents are invaluable resources that provide insight into historical events, cultural heritage, and organizational histories. The digitization of these documents has become increasingly important as institutions seek to improve access, protect fragile materials, and ensure the long-term preservation of historical records. This thesis aims to investigate the key aspects of digitization and preservation processes, focusing on the methods and technologies used to manage archival documents effectively.

Literature review:

1. Overview of archival digitization:
 - Definition and objectives of digitization.
 - Historical context and evolution of digitization practices.
2. Digitization techniques and technologies:
 - Scanning and imaging technologies.
 - Optical character recognition (OCR) and data extraction.
 - Quality control and digital storage solutions.
3. Metadata and data management:
 - Importance of metadata in digital archiving.
 - Standards and best practices for metadata creation.
 - Integration of metadata with digital archives.
4. Preservation strategies for digital records:
 - Approaches to digital preservation and long-term storage.
 - Backup and disaster recovery plans.

- Challenges in digital preservation, including obsolescence and data degradation.

Methodology:

This research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining qualitative analysis of case studies with quantitative data from surveys of archival institutions. Case studies provide detailed examples of successful digitization projects and preservation strategies, while surveys gather insights into current practices and challenges faced by institutions.

Findings:

1. Benefits of digitization:

- Enhanced accessibility and increased reach of archival materials.
- Protection of fragile original documents and reduced physical handling.
- Improved searchability and data retrieval through digital formats.

2. Challenges and solutions:

- Technical challenges in capturing high-quality digital images and metadata.
- Financial and resource constraints in digitization projects.
- Long-term preservation issues, including format obsolescence and data integrity.

3. Best practices for digitization and preservation:

- Implementing robust digitization protocols and quality assurance measures.
- Developing comprehensive metadata standards and data management policies.
- Establishing sustainable digital preservation strategies and backup systems.

Discussion:

The findings reveal that digitization offers significant advantages in terms of accessibility and preservation but also presents challenges that must be addressed. Effective digitization and preservation require careful planning, investment in technology, and adherence to best practices to ensure the long-term viability of digital records.

CONCLUSION:

The digitization and preservation of archival documents are essential for maintaining the accessibility and longevity of historical records. By adopting best practices and addressing the challenges associated with digitization, archival institutions can enhance their ability to preserve and provide access to valuable historical materials. Future research should focus on emerging technologies and innovative approaches to digital preservation.

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