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AT / Archon Commonalities

- Archival collection management systems
- Open Source, ECL licensed
- Basic Client / RDBMS
- Historically parallel developments, ca. 2004-current
- DLF “Archivists Workbench” seed bed
- Awards
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AT / Archon Differences

- Archon
 - Institutionally developed
 - Main design objective: web access to archival finding aids and digital items
 - Web application
- Archivists' Toolkit
 - Community developed with Mellon funding
 - Main design objective: staff side tool for collection management and metadata authoring
 - "Thick" Client

ArchivesSpace Planning Project: Partners

- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Libraries
- New York University Libraries
- UC San Diego Libraries

ArchivesSpace Planning Project: Guiding Objectives

- Merge AT and Archon
 - Collection management and metadata authoring functions of AT
 - Web functionality of Archon
- Also
 - Engineer for lower cost maintenance and administration
 - Enable interoperability with other applications such as digital libraries and archives
 - Enable multi-tenant hosting service
 - Improve prospects for sustainability

Aspace Work Plan

- Activities
 - [Functional requirements](http://archivesspace.org/documents/AT_Archon_HiLevel_Reqs--FINAL--2010127.pdf) (archivesspace.org/documents/AT Archon HiLevel Reqs--FINAL--2010127.pdf)
 - [Application specifications](http://archivesspace.org/documents/Accession_Specification--FINAL--20100421.pdf) (archivesspace.org/documents/Accession Specification--FINAL--20100421.pdf)
 - [Technical planning](http://archivesspace.org/documents/ArchivesSpace_Technical_Architecture_Report-FINAL-07302010.pdf) (archivesspace.org/documents/ArchivesSpace_Technical_Architecture_Report-FINAL-07302010.pdf)
 - [Community Survey](http://www.chrisprom.com/stats.html) (www.chrisprom.com/stats.html)
 - Sustainability planning
 - Contracted consultant
 - Drafted Charter for product governance
- Targeted Result: Funding for development phase (20 months beginning 7/11)

Thank you!

Questions?

