



Trust in Archives Initiative



Practical tools for informed AI choices in audiovisual archives

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Preserving authenticity, sustaining trust.

Cross-sector coalition of archivists, producers, technologists, and rights stakeholders.

Why archives need shared guardrails now

TAI focuses on decisions archives can make today, even before expensive provenance infrastructure is widely available.

Authenticity is harder to prove

Provenance, custody, and AI modification need documentation that smaller archives can actually use.

Licensing is no longer neutral

AI use, disclosure, approval, and model-training rights now need explicit contract language.

Tech partnerships need diligence

Archives need a way to assess risk, value, leverage, and mission fit before signing.

The practical question is no longer “AI or no AI?” but:
Which uses preserve integrity, who decides, and how do we document that choice for future users?

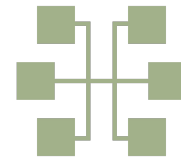
What TAI is publishing now

A living toolkit built by four working groups. The aim is not abstract principle alone, but reusable tools archives can adapt.



Due Diligence Questions

Accessible provenance questions for depositors and for materials already held in archives.



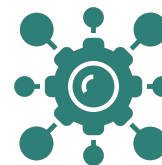
Taxonomies

Recommended fields for describing AI-generated and AI-altered media in a consistent way.



Licensing Templates

Two addenda: one prohibits AI use; one allows limited use with disclosure, review, and approval.



Strategic Engagement

Decision rubrics and questions for evaluating scraping, training, and collaboration offers from AI companies.

What this enables for archives

Make better technology choices without treating every AI tool as equivalent.

Set clearer boundaries between restoration assistance and generative alteration.

Document provenance and attestation for researchers, rightsholders, and the public.

Negotiate from a stronger position when vendors or model builders want archival material.

TAI's toolkit is intentionally collaborative and updateable.

The value is not just a set of documents, but a shared process for archives to stay open, responsible, and trusted as AI evolves.

Explore the toolkit



trustarchives.org/tai-toolkit

Toolkit hub with links to the current TAI tools, templates, and working-group outputs.

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