

“Overview - Why this course? Intro to Digital History Platforms”

Notes

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Digital History Platforms

- Model site: [Justice For Janitors DC: A Digital History](#)
- Possibilities of Digital History
 - Large scale (and open) access
 - Hyperlinking to sources
 - Distributed Contributions
 - Distributed Collaboration
 - Archiving Oral Histories (Audio and Video)
 - Flexible, multiple-indexed organization of material
 - Searchability
 - Dynamic annotation and commentary
- Problems of Digital History
 - Copyright and permissions
 - Material may arrive disorganized
 - Digitization may be challenging
 - Authenticity
 - Integrity
 - Significance,
 - Personal vulnerabilities
 - Loss of control of the narrative