

Digital Information Gateway: Archaeological Data, Reuse, and Sustainability

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While recent initiatives supporting the preservation and dissemination of archaeological data are gaining traction in the community (i.e. tDAR, ADS, Open Context), new datasets—if published—are still commonly distributed in printed tables or appendices. DIG, the Digital Information Gateway from the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology Press, addresses this barrier to reuse by publishing data—in sharable formats with structured metadata and documentation—within the context of archaeological monographs. This poster presents the tools and workflow developed by the DIG team so that the data and surrounding information can be gathered from the authors while they are engaged with the Press in preparing their manuscripts. Additionally, DIG aims to incorporate preservation practices into the evolving archaeological publication framework. DIG architecture is designed to facilitate interoperability with current institutional and domain repositories and all data published on the platform are deposited in a repository.