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Anubis: Long-Term Preservation of Digital OER

Digital Open Educational Resources we create are assets (full texts, rich media, learning objects, etc.) with values that can persist far into the future. Without ongoing maintenance, these assets will fall into disrepair. The Swiss academic community has so far eluded such OER long-term archival issues. Accumulating digital resources and assigning them persistent identifiers (URN) without thinking on how to preserve them could lead to unreasonable choices and unmeasured risks. Provisioning secure storage systems, refreshing aging media, fixity checks and replication in multiple systems, format migration, and other techniques to keep information safe and accessible over time are however complex operations. Preservation, irrespective of time scales, does not however restrict to technology, but must take account of end-user needs, which in turn are constantly evolving, expanding and diversifying. Anubis, presented in this poster, represents a prospective Switch-AAA project focusing on all these issues.

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