The Problem

“The scholarship that is being produced today, both print and digital, is at serious risk of being lost forever to future generations.”
What we believe

• Universities don’t have a cost-effective, fail-safe way to preserve the scholarly record

• Preservation repositories exist but are often single points of failure

• The rapid growth of digital scholarship and research exacerbates the problem
Don’t solutions already exist?
Other vulnerabilities...

Natural Disasters (Katrina or Sandy)

Political Upheaval
Then....
the Library of Alexandria
And now...
The Bibliotheca Alexandrina

17 Dot Com failures and their modern counterparts
27th October 2011 by Harrison Weber
The Current State is a Recipe for Disaster
a solution based on collaboration

ACADEMIC PRESERVATION TRUST
APTrust is...

a consortium committed to creation and management of an aggregated preservation repository
APTrust Partners

Duke University  Columbia University
Emory University  University of Michigan
Johns Hopkins University  University of Notre Dame
University of Maryland  Stanford University
University of North Carolina  Syracuse University
N. C. State University
University of Virginia
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APTrust: a unique collaboration
How are we doing?

• Advisory group formed in 2012
• Each partner has invested $20,000/year (2 yrs.)
• U.Va. is dedicating 3.0 staff through 2014
• On track to be in full production by Jan 2014
How does APTrust fit into the landscape?

THE PRESERVATION LANDSCAPE
The Emerging Digital Preservation Stack
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DPN Backbone

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Access Services
- DPLA
- Sloan Digital Sky
- CRL
- Institutional Repo.
- Publishers

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The bottom line...

• Success requires investment in multiple efforts
• Cost is a part of the picture
• We need solutions produced by and for the academy
• We’ll go farther by working together than going it alone
What’s in it for you?

APTrust partners speak ...