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Workshop: Digital Preservation of Cultural Data

Scalability in preservation of cultural heritage data

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Types of scalability

Thinking about a repository/archive …

- Total number of digital objects
- Individual size of digital objects
- (Rate of ingest of digital objects)
- Complexity of digital objects
- Heterogeneity of collections

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Aspects of cultural data

Who are the designated communities?

How is ingest done?

What types of data? What variety? How packaged?

Validation of preservation actions

Access restrictions and DRM

Importance of provenance

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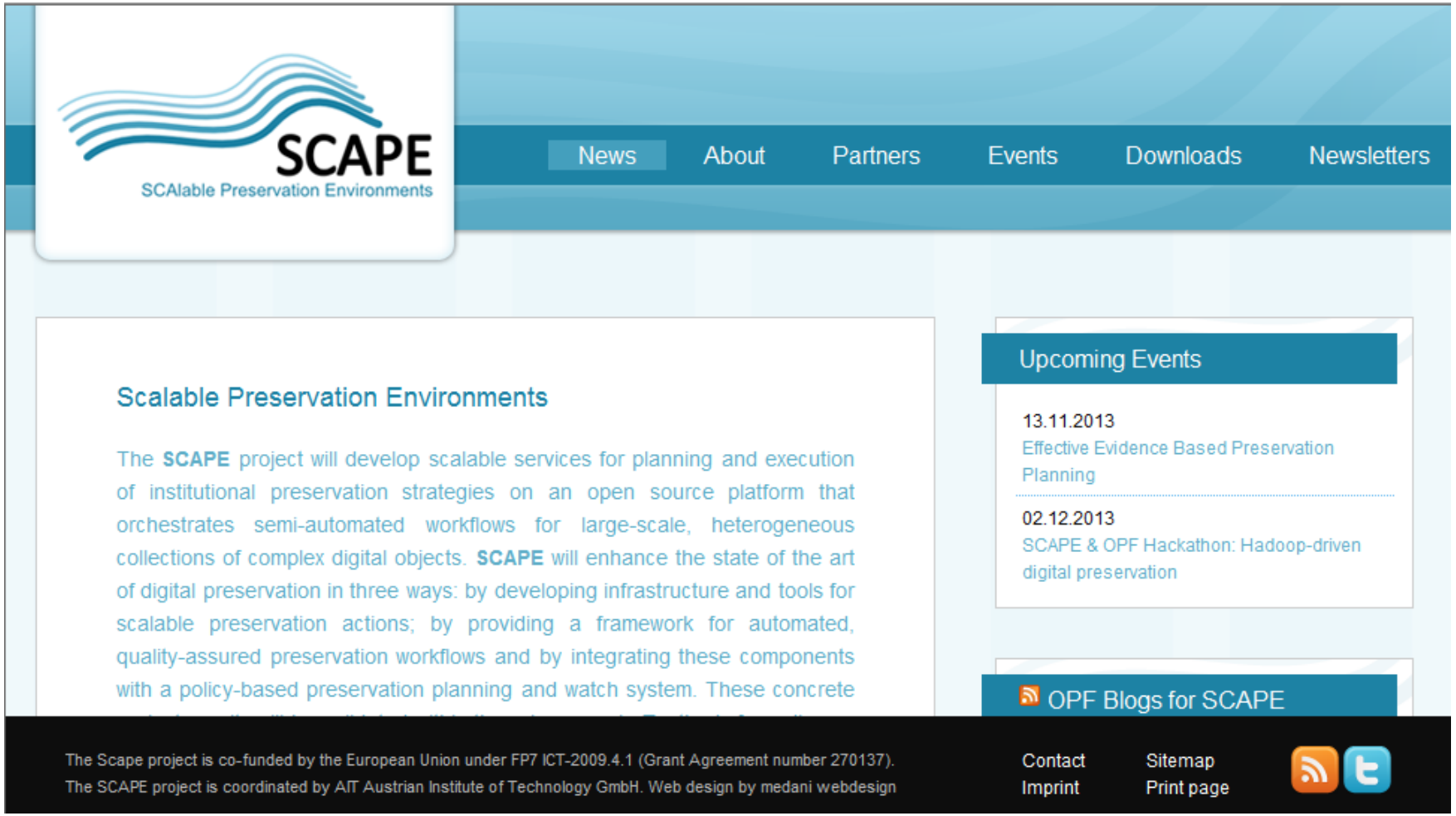

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Introducing SCAPE

The SCAPE Consortium brings together a broad spectrum of expertise from

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SCAPE's contribution to digital preservation

The volume of digital content worldwide is increasing exponentially

Preservation activities must become more scalable and automated

SCAPE is enhancing the state-of-the-art of long-term digital preservation in terms of

Scalability of preservation actions

Automation and **Quality Assurance** of scalable preservation workflows

Preservation Planning driven by institutional policies

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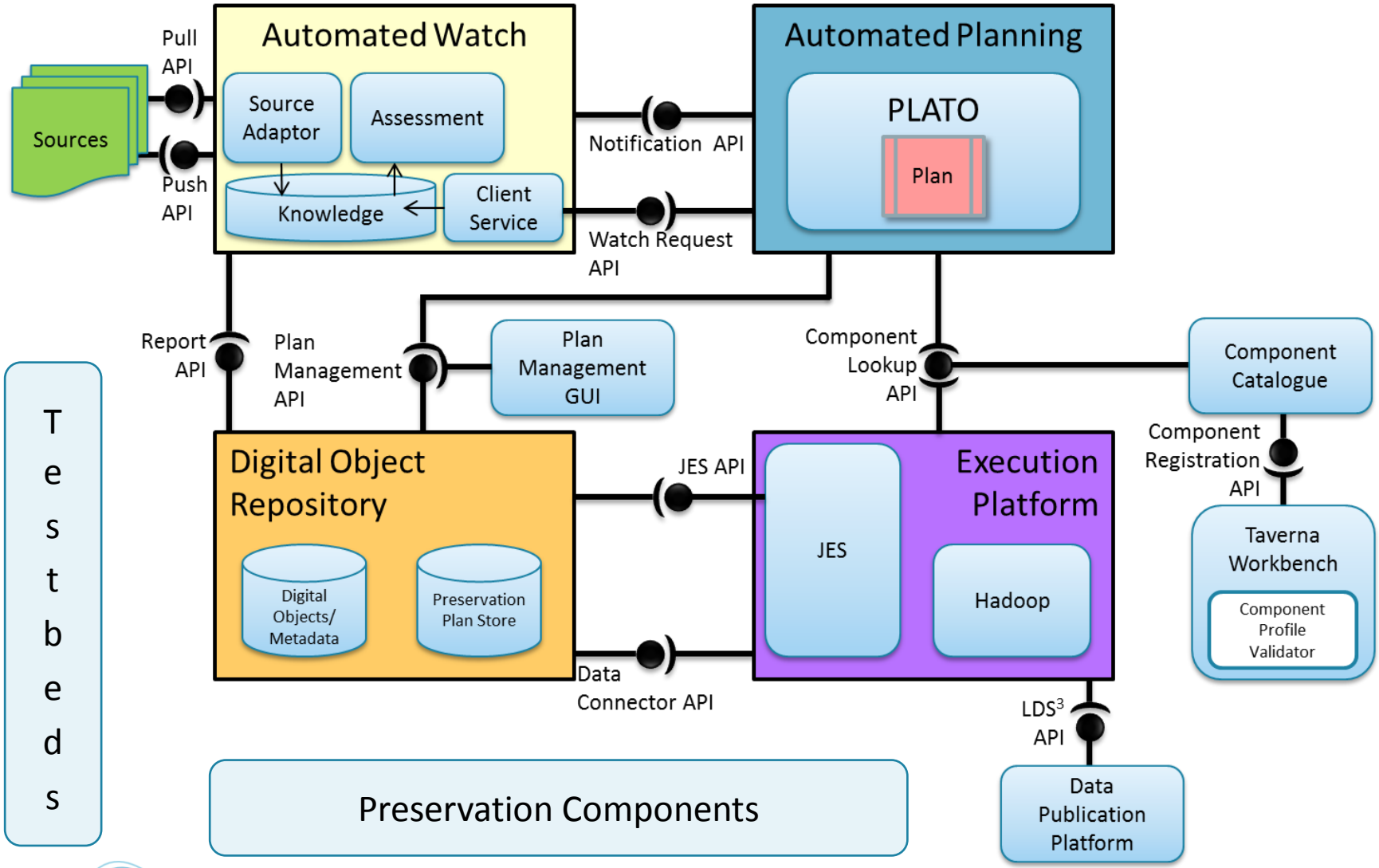
Overview: SCAPE Components



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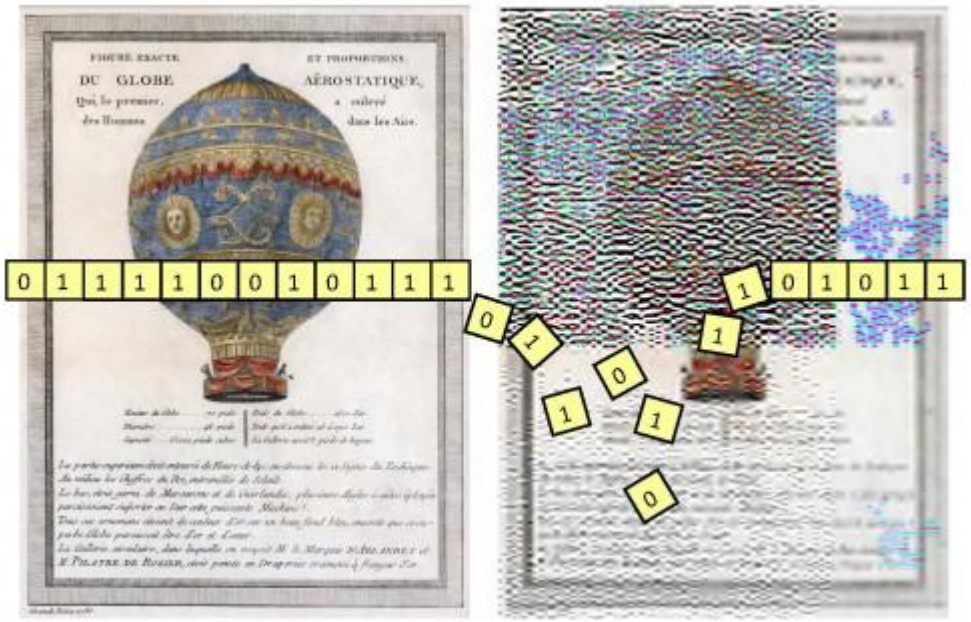
Preservation components

- Jpylyzer: quality assurance tool for validation of images in JPEG 2000 format (JP2)
  - Validation against the JP2 format specifications, which ensures that images are standards compliant
  - Extracted image and encoding properties can be validated against an institute-specific profile



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Preservation components

- xcorrSound package
  - QA tools for comparison of audio files
  - Overlap-analysis: detects overlaps between two audio files
  - Sound-match: finds occurrences of shorter WAV files within larger ones;
  - Waveform-compare: analyses audio files for similarity
- C3PO
  - Content profiling tool for preservation analysis
  - Processes FITS (or TIKA) meta data files and generates a profile of the content set in an automated fashion
  - With the Web App you can visualise, filter, and export the data

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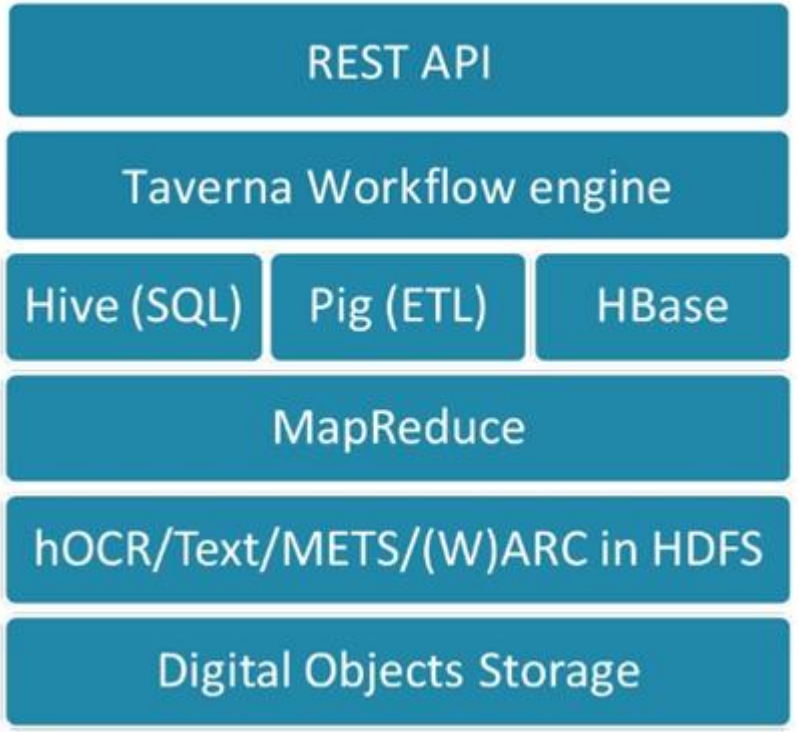
The SCAPE platform

- Reliable storage of voluminous data objects and records
- Parallel execution of preservation tools and workflows close to the data
- Scalable backend which can be attached to different data management systems



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APARSEN and scalability

- APARSEN has a work package on scalability
- Deliverable D27.1 “Recommendations about scalability”
  - Understand what the important scalability parameters are in preservation systems
  - Understand the scalability requirements of the preservation systems for the next few years
  - Identify gaps in technology that prevent us from getting to the right level of scalability
  - Summarize challenges and recommend areas that need to be addressed

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APARSEN and scalability

- Survey of repositories
  - Growth in volume and complexity
  - Majority use home-grown solutions
  - “Creating the next level of scalable systems cannot be achieved by point improvements to non scalable systems”
  - Most use and maintain own storage

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Services for assisting with preservation activities

APARSEN deliverable D21.1 “Overview of preservation services”

OAIS functional entity	High-level services
Ingest	Characterization Quality assurance Policy-based assessment Automated metadata creation
Preservation planning	Environment monitoring (preservation watch) Knowledge model comparison Preservation plan formulation Obsolescence substitution Dependency management
Data management	—
Archival storage	Long-term archiving service
Administration	Preservation actions Transformation Metadata migration
Access	Finding Federated search

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