

Chapter 1: DAITSS Overview

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DAITSS is a digital preservation software application developed by the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) with some support from the IMLS. DAITSS is used by the Florida Digital Archive (FDA), a long-term preservation repository service provided by FCLA for the use of the libraries of the eleven publicly-funded universities in Florida. The FDA has used DAITSS in production since 2006; a second, completely rewritten version (DAITSS 2) went into production in December, 2010.

The FDA is a “dark archive”, which here means that it offers no online or public access. DAITSS allows depositors to get their own materials back on request, but not to access the materials of other depositors. Non-depositors have no access at all. If an institution wanted to provide a “light archive”, it would have to couple DAITSS with another application designed to provide end user access.

Similarly, DAITSS provides no support for assembling information packages suitable for submission to the archive. DAITSS’ functionality begins at the point where a potential depositor submits the package. To support author self-archiving or package creation as part of various institutional workflows, other applications would have to be provided.