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Summary:

- Official documentation related to the MetaArchive Cooperative as an organization is on the MetaArchive website.
- Working documentation related to the everyday business of MetaArchive can be found in Google Docs.
- Technical documentation and workflows covering how to do digital preservation is here in Confluence.
- As a principle, we try to make as much of our documentation safely available as we can, so that the larger digital preservation community can benefit.
- By joining MetaArchive, you can contribute to our documentation by signing up with the Community Facilitator.

Where to find the documentation you need:

- **General information** about MetaArchive and Distributed Digital Preservation can be found on the [website](https://www.metaarchive.org) (although editable versions are in [Google Drive](https://drive.google.com)).
  - [Mission/History/Members/Governance/Committees/Staff](https://www.metaarchive.org)
  - [Distributed Digital Preservation](https://drive.google.com)
  - [How and Why to Join MA](https://drive.google.com)
  - [Documentation (Charter/Member Agreement/Tech Specs/Governance/Audit/20 Cost Qs/Audit/Policy Template)/Workflows/Publications/Presentations/R&D/For Members](https://drive.google.com)
  - [News and Events](https://www.metaarchive.org)
  - [MetaArchive Q/A](https://www.metaarchive.org)
    - Ask a Question
    - Answer a Question
    - See answers

- **Governance, technical specifications, committee work, and outreach/advocacy** documentation is in [Google Drive](https://drive.google.com) – (although the latest versions may also be on the website)
  - See the guide: [How to Access and Use Google Drive](https://www.metaarchive.org)
  - [Governance Procedures/Member Agreement/Charter](https://drive.google.com)
  - [Network Technical Documentation](https://drive.google.com)
  - [Committee work](https://www.metaarchive.org)
  - [Outreach and Advocacy](https://www.metaarchive.org)
  - [Research](https://www.metaarchive.org)

- **Technical information** (ingest process, setting up and maintaining servers, etc.) is here in this wiki in Confluence.
  - [How MetaArchive Works](https://www.metaarchive.org) includes "big picture" guides on how MetaArchive members preserve digital content, including overviews, technical specifications, and which member institutions use which tools in their workflows.
  - [Technical Workflows](https://www.metaarchive.org) are step-by-step guides on how to complete certain tasks, including preparing content for ingest, ingesting and monitoring content, and resolving problems.
  - [Knowledge Base](https://www.metaarchive.org) pages serve as a glossary and include information about individual terms and tools, as well as best practices and additional contextual information that is helpful.
  - [Network Administration](https://www.metaarchive.org) (restricted) pages include technical workflows for network administrators. If you need access to these pages, please contact the Community Facilitator.
  - [Technical Team](https://www.metaarchive.org) (restricted) pages include technical documentation for MetaArchive central staff developers. If you need access to these pages, please contact the [Community Facilitator](https://www.metaarchive.org).
  - Note that technical information included here is tagged with user roles:
    - For data wranglers
    - For content managers
    - For server administrators

Using and editing this wiki:

- Anyone can read through the public pages of this Confluence site, and suggest changes by contacting the Community Facilitator.
- Members of MetaArchive can contact the Community Facilitator to request access to:
  - edit this Confluence site
  - see and edit documents in Google Docs
- Members interested in improving documentation are invited to join the Documentation Committee!