What is Samvera?

The name Samvera is an Icelandic term meaning "togetherness". Samvera is a grass-roots, open-source community of library professionals, including repository managers, developers, metadata experts, content owners and users, working together to create best-in-class digital repository solutions.

Samvera software is based around an open source framework that combines 4 major components:

- Fedora repository
- Solr indexes
- Blacklight
- Samvera gems

Join us!

- Samvera website
  https://samvera.org

- Samvera Connect and Virtual Connect events

- Samvera Google groups
  Search for Samvera at
  https://groups.google.com

- Samvera Slack channels
  https://samvera.slack.com

- Samvera wiki
  https://samvera.org/wiki

- Samvera GitHub
  https://github.com/samvera

Welcome to Samvera

If you want to go far, go together!

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Why use Samvera?

We believe no single institution can resource the development of a full range of solutions on its own. Samvera is an open-source repository solution built collaboratively to address a broad range of repository needs. Rather than being one-size-fits-all, Samvera leverages an ecosystem of components that lets institutions assemble and deploy robust and durable repository applications that are tailored to their users' needs and workflows.

Drawing on hard lessons learned in the past about developing software locally rather than working with others, the Samvera Community ensures that multiple hands are in play to keep the software growing and improving. Managing digital collections in this way provides the content with its context and value over time and reduces the work and cost of maintaining it.

As a grass-roots, open-source software producer, the Samvera Community is accountable only to its users, which ensures its sustainability.

Samvera solutions

http://hyr.ax

Hyrax utilizes the Samvera framework to provide Adopters and Partners with a base-level institutional repository (IR) solution that can be customized. Hyrax combines the best parts of previous implementations into a common solution. It continues to evolve as new ideas and practices emerge from the community and are taken on board through the Samvera Interest Group for Advising the Hyrax Roadmap (SIGAHR)

https://wiki.duraspace.org/display/hyku/

Hyku is the product release from the Hydra-in-a-Box (HyBox) project. Hyku represents a customisation of Hyrax that is designed to enhance what Hyrax can offer as a feature-rich "solution bundle" repository system. Hyku is designed to reduce barriers to effective asset management and preservation for collections and content types of many kinds. The Hyku Interest Group is exploring how Hyku can be utilized to serve a range of repository service needs.

The Samvera Community is built around a core group of Partners committed to the success of the project and more importantly to the success of each other.

Community

The people involved in developing ideas and software within the Samvera Community are also those using the solutions created. They thus have a close understanding of the needs. Participation in the Samvera Community is invited at different levels: organizations can join as Partners or Adopters.

Contributing to the community can take many forms: developing the codebase, developing metadata, contributing to documentation and marketing efforts, or simply adopting the Samvera technology and communicating about that experience. Much of this is managed through multiple open Interest and Working Groups. Work is organised in concert with other users to ensure that the Samvera technology meets as many shared needs as possible.