

What is Samvera?

The name Samvera is an Icelandic term meaning “togetherness”. Samvera is a grass-roots, open-source community of library and cultural heritage 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 four major components:

- Fedora repository
- Solr indexes
- Blacklight
- Samvera gems

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<https://samvera.org>

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<https://groups.google.com>

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<https://samvera.slack.com>

Samvera wiki
<https://samvera.org/wiki>

Samvera GitHub
<https://github.com/samvera>



“If you want to go far,
go together”

Welcome to
samvera

Samvera is a **vibrant** and **welcoming community** of information and technology professionals who **share** challenges, **build** expertise, and **create** sustainable, best-in-class **solutions**, making the world's **digital collections** accessible **now** and into the **future**.

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. 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.

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



Hyrax utilizes the Samvera framework to provide organisations with a base-level institutional repository (IR) solution that can be customized. Hyrax combines the best parts of existing Samvera implementations into a common solution, which continues to evolve as new ideas and practices emerge from the community.

<https://hyrax.samvera.org>



Hyku represents a customisation of Hyrax that is designed to enhance what Hyrax can offer as a feature-rich "solution bundle" repository system that is cloud-oriented. Hyku is designed to reduce barriers to effective asset management and preservation for collections and content types of many kinds.

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

Community

The people involved in developing ideas and software within the Samvera Community are also those using the solutions created. 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 or metadata, contributing to documentation and marketing efforts, or simply adopting Samvera and sharing the experience. The Community operates through multiple open Interest and Working Groups, working alongside an open governance structure to ensure that the Samvera technology meets as many shared needs as possible.

