The State of samvera

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Washington University in St. Louis

Hannah Frost (Stanford University)
on behalf of Samvera Steering Group

Overview

- State of the Community
- State of the Software
- Looking Forward and Outward

State of the Community

Vital Statistics

- 36 partners
  - Notch8
  - Ubiquity Press
  - University of Utah
- 924 Slack members
  - Up from 756 last year!
- 21 active Working Groups & Interest Groups

Connect 2019 by the numbers:

- 140 attendees
- 40 organizations
- 4 countries
- 2 continents

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Service Providers

- CoSector
- DCE
- Notch8
- Ubiquity Press

Steering Group

- Three seats elected annually; members serve 3-year rotation

  For 2019-2022

  1. Carolyn Caizzi (Northwestern) - *special election in late 2018*
  2. Hannah Frost (Stanford)
  3. Simeon Warner (Cornell)

- Continuing with governance recommendations

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Governance Recommendations

1. Steering Will Become an Elected Body from Partners ✔
2. **Steering Will Hire Centralized Staff**
3. **Partners Will Develop a Contribution Model**
4. Partners Will Establish a Roadmap Council ✔
5. Newly Established Steering Will Update Bylaws ✔
6. **Partners Will Assess Governance at the End of 2019**

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Finances

$176,000 — balance from 2018
$ 72,500 — running costs in 2019
(includes bridging for community operations)
$160,000 — raised in 2019
$276,000 — cash balance July 2019

THANK YOU!

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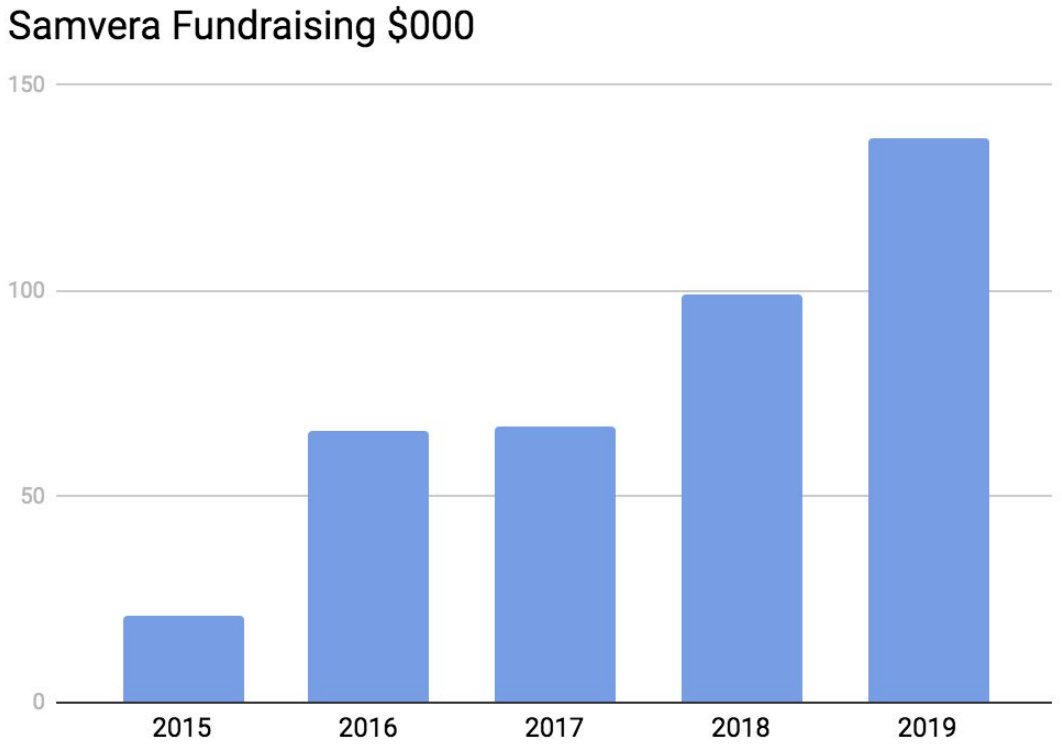
Fundraising (2015-2019)



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Contribution Model, Staffing

Partner contribution model coming up for vote

Two staff job descriptions in draft now

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Working Groups and Interest Groups

Reporting out later today / tomorrow

- Component Maintenance Working Group
- Samvera Repository Managers Interest Group
- Samvera Fundraising Working Group
- Samvera Geo Predicates Working Group
- Samvera Marketing Working Group
- Samvera Metadata Interest Group
- Samvera Newspapers Interest Group
- Samvera Vision Statement Working Group
- Samvera Roadmap Council
- Samvera User Experience Interest Group

Working Groups and Interest Groups

Other Active Groups

- Hyrax-Valkyrie Development Working Group
- Hyrax Working Group
- Machine-readable Metadata Modeling Specification (M3) Working Group
- Samvera BrowseEverything Interest Group
- Samvera Code Stability Working Group
- Samvera CONTENTdm Migration Interest Group
- Samvera Contribution Model Working Group
- Samvera Documentation Working Group
- Samvera Governance Working Group
- Samvera Hyku Interest Group

Samvera Virtual Connect

April 2019

- Seven hours over 2 days
- ~123 attendees each day
- 48 presenters!

2020: late March/early April

THANK YOU, PLANNERS!

Chrissy Rissmeyer (co-chair)

Ryan Steans (co-chair)

Jon Cameron

Todd Crocken

Rebekah Kati

Kate Lynch

Brian McBride

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Regional Meetings

- UC San Diego (May 2019)
- Samvera Europe
  (December 2018, March 2019, October 2019)

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One word:

Unparallelled

Come to Friday's closing plenary for details!

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State of the Software

Samvera software by the numbers

- 1.5M Lines of code
- 351 Current contributors
- 49771 commits
- 36 Partners
- 37 Adopters
- 8 Non Partner Solution Bundle Adopters

Updates on the major players

Hyrax

hyku

avalon

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Thank you and farewell

Steve Van Tuyl
Hyrax Product Owner

Ryan Steans
Avalon Community Manager

Carolyn Cole
Long-time Samvera Developer

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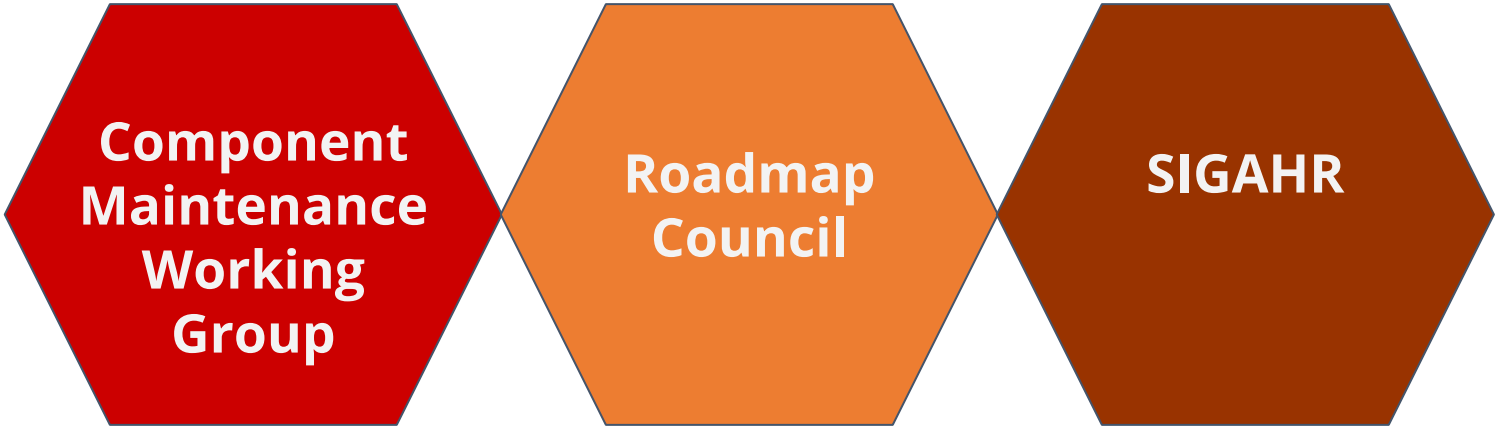
Key Support Systems



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Community Development Efforts

- **Avalon collaboration completed** - Indiana and Northwestern
- **Valkyrization of Hyrax** - community sprints
- **Chimera data repository** - Indiana and University of Michigan
- **Project Surfliner** - UCSB and UCSD

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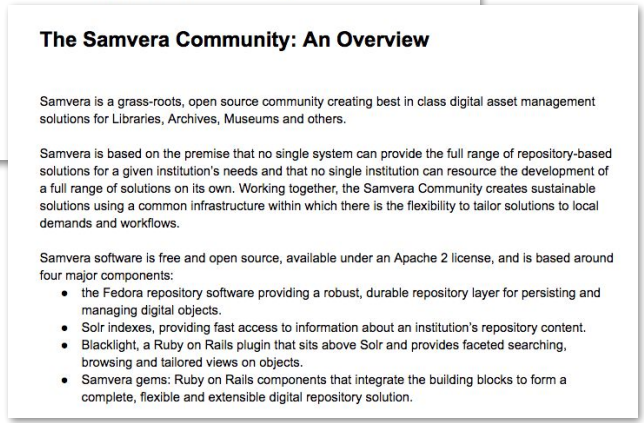
Looking Forward and Outward

Communications

- 2018 Annual Report
- Technology White Paper (March 2019)
- Samvera Community Overview (October 2019)



The Samvera Community: An Overview

Samvera is a grass-roots, open source community creating best in class digital asset management solutions for Libraries, Archives, Museums and others.

Samvera is based on the premise that no single system can provide the full range of repository-based solutions for a given institution's needs and that no single institution can resource the development of a full range of solutions on its own. Working together, the Samvera Community creates sustainable solutions using a common infrastructure within which there is the flexibility to tailor solutions to local demands and workflows.

Samvera software is free and open source, available under an Apache 2 license, and is based around four major components:

- the Fedora repository software providing a robust, durable repository layer for persisting and managing digital objects.
- Solr indexes, providing fast access to information about an institution's repository content.
- Blacklight, a Ruby on Rails plugin that sits above Solr and provides faceted searching, browsing and tailored views on objects.
- Samvera gems: Ruby on Rails components that integrate the building blocks to form a complete, flexible and extensible digital repository solution.

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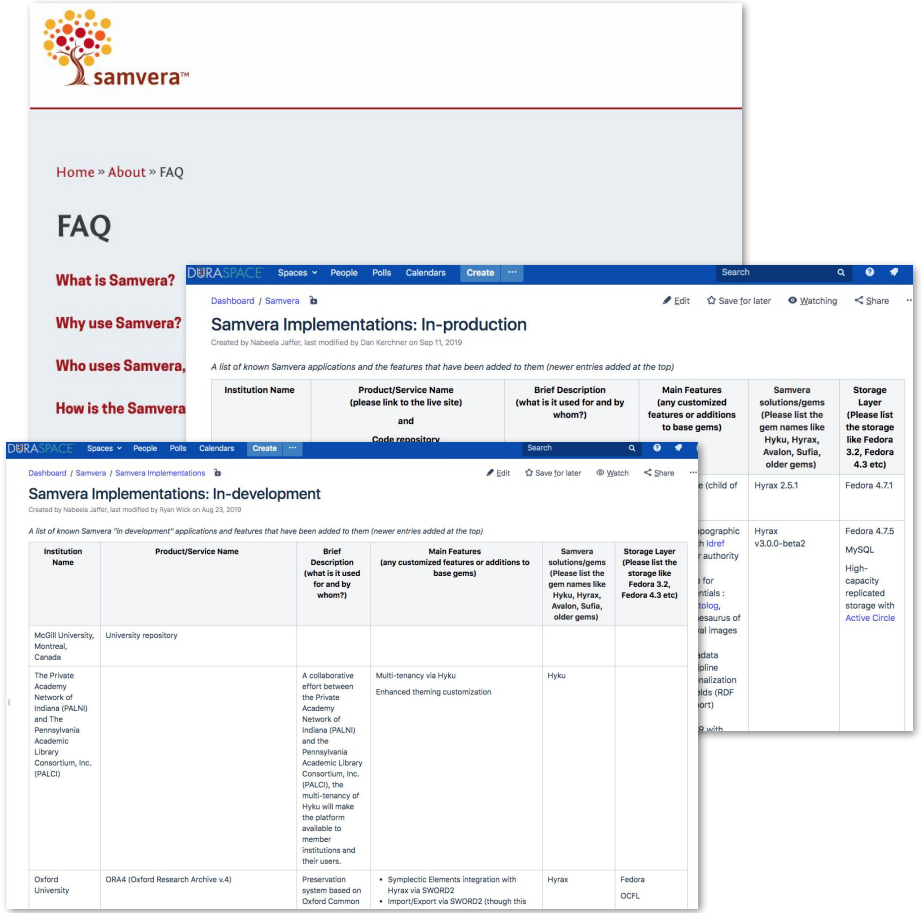
Communications

- FAQs
- Implementations Lists



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Outreach and Presence in Broader Circles

- **Standards for Sustainability: Perspectives from the Repository Community - Fedora and Samvera**
  Mark Matienzo, August 2019

- **Sustainable Digital Repository Solutions & Community of Practice**
  Robin Ruggaber & Jamie Little, October 2019

- **Samvera Overview** at Sierra European User Group, Chris Awre

- **It Took a Village: The evolution of Samvera**
  Rosalyn Metz, Carolyn Caizzi & Jon Dunn, December 2019

SAA SOCIETY OF American Archivists

DLF

innovative

cni Coalition for Networked Information

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Vision Statement

Samvera: 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**.

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Noteworthy Grant Projects

- **Bridge2Hyku Toolkit** — University of Houston (IMLS)
- **Scaling Up a Collaborative Consortial Institutional Repository** — PALNI and PALCI (IMLS)
- **One to Many: Preserving Local Repository Content in Distributed Digital Preservation Services** — UC San Diego (Mellon)
- **Open Impact: Developing Robust Analytics for Hyrax** — Oregon Digital (IMLS)
- **Advancing Hyku: Open Source Institutional Repository Platform Development** — University of Virginia, Ubiquity Press & British Library (Arcadia Foundation)

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Thank you, all.
Keep up the amazing work!

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