ArchivesCanada Upgrade

WIREFRAMES:
Advanced Search
Import
Digital Objects
Browsing Archival Descriptions Tree

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Advanced Search
Improvements to the advanced search interface were identified during Usability Testing and UX analysis of this feature.

Using a search phrase instead of disjointed drop downs.

Should be obvious to users now how this works. Next page shows what happens when user clicks on the drop downs in the search phrase.
When user types a phrase in the search field, a new row appears below it, this way, the user can enter any number of search terms in various fields.

The 3 layers show what happens when the user selects the drop downs in the intro sentence.

In the repository layer, the user should also be able to search so that he can jump directly to a repository without scrolling through the long list (especially important on Archives Canada).

Search tips are crucial to be linked here to help users understand the finer points of how they can search.
If the user selects a media type instead of "Archival Description", we assume that he wants to find media types with digital objects. He can uncheck the checkbox though if he does not want this.
One large search field to allow users to type complex search queries using boolean logic and terms.

Query language support link will direct users to a wiki page with extensive examples and explanations about how to search the database.
The new Administrator User Interface for Import includes buttons to control import and provides a list of past imports and their status.

Import data into ArchivesCanada

- XML
- CSV
- Index imported items

Select XML File  Start Import

Past Imports

Import finished Jan 21 at 3:21pm
File imported: ac-data-33.xml
View imported data

Import failed Jan 20 at 1:00am
File imported: my-filename.cvs
The file did not validate. Write a useful error message for all cases and link to a related help article. No data has been imported.

Import finished Jan 4 at 3:21pm
File imported: ac-data-33.xml
View imported data

IMPORT STATEMENTS GET REMOVED AFTER 30 DAYS
"Publish" step does not appear if the global setting is set that all imported items should be auto-published.

"Search Indexing" step does not appear if the user selected not to index this import in the previous step.
Import data into ArchivesCanada

Import started 5min ago
File: ac-data-33.xml

- ✔ Upload file
- ☀ Parse & validate
- □ Save to database
- □ Search indexing
- □ Publish

We are parsing the file. Once the process is complete, you will receive an email to <email>.

Past Imports

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Import finished Jan 4 at 3:21pm
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IMPORT STATEMENTS GET REMOVED AFTER 30 DAYS
20.2 Import 5

Import data into ArchivesCanada

Import started 22min ago
File: ac-data-33.xml

- [✓] Upload file
- [ ] Parse & validate
- [ ] Save to database
- [ ] Search indexing
- [ ] Publish

The file did not validate. Write a useful error message for all cases and link to a related help article.

No data has been imported.

Close

Past Imports

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File imported: ac-data-33.xml
View imported data

Import failed Jan 20 at 1:00am
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Import finished Jan 4 at 3:21pm
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View imported data
The finished screen, when auto-publishing is *not* active.

Import data into ArchivesCanada

Import started 22min ago
File: ac-data-33.xml
- ✔ Upload file
- ✔ Parse & validate
- ✔ Save to database
- ✔ Search indexing

Import successfully completed. Records are draft.

View imported data and publish

Start a new import

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Al Neil collection

The collection consists of audio and moving image recordings of performances by Al Neil and various musical ensembles that performed with him (Al Neil Trio, Al Neil Jazz Probe, Al Neil Quartet, and solo efforts). They include performances at the...
Digital Objects
Following the Usability Testing and a UX analysis of how ICA-AtoM displays digital objects and their related descriptions, enhancements have been made to the UI.

This page shows how a digital object is presented as part of the archival description. Users can use the arrow buttons to browse to the next/previous digital object (if there are any).

Digital Object Metadata is hidden by default and can be revealed with the "show details" link.
Admin View: If there is no digital object attached to an archival description, the archivist can upload a digital object. We reuse the same black area to emphasize where the new digital object will appear.

If the user wants to upload multiple digital objects as children of the current description, he can do so on the left in the tree:
UPLOAD button in tree starts the "Import Digital Objects" process. New descriptions will appear as children of the currently selected description.
The "ADD" button creates a new description underneath the current one (same as the ADD NEW button in ICA-AtoM 1.2)
Once the archivist has selected to import a digital object they are provided with an enhanced UI.
We will ensure that the uploaded items will be ordered correctly by alphabet, i.e. in the same order that the user intended.
Charles M. Defieux collection
ArchivesCanada / Institutions / Vancouver Maritime Museum Library

- image 01
  Filename: mark_twain1902.jpeg

- image 02
  Filename: horsedrawn carriage.jpeg

- image 03
  Filename: elephantman.bmp

- image 04
  Filename: flower.jpg

Add more digital objects with the same settings:

Select Files

WAIT FOR UPLOAD TO COMPLETE
4 digital objects added as children of "Charles M. Defieux collection". You can change their order on the left-hand side.

Save changes to identifiers

Add more digital objects with the same settings:

Select Files
Browsing
Vancouver Maritime Museum Library

History
The City of Vancouver constructed a maritime museum as its project for the British Columbia Centennial of 1958. In 1959, City Council established a board to administer the Maritime and City Museum. The Maritime Museum formally opened in 1960. In 1972, the Vancouver Museum and Planetarium Association took over the management and operation of the Maritime Museum. In 1974, the Maritime Museum designated the City Archives as its official archives, thus many research collections acquired by the Vancouver Maritime Museum have been transferred to the City Archives.

Mandates/Sources of authority
The W B and M H Chung Library maintains and collects items documenting Canadian marine heritage, principally of the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Arctic. More general themes surrounding our interaction with the sea are also included and become more global in coverage. Holdings consist of ephemeral materials, press clippings, vessel documents, and related correspondence, on sail, steam and motor vessels. Other formats include photographs, photo albums, scrap books, log books, ship plans, charts, and manuscripts.

Records management and collecting policies
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Holdings
Total Volume: 75 metres
Inclusive Dates: 1792-2000
Predominant Dates: 1900s

Identifier: VMM
Authorized form of name: Vancouver Maritime Museum Library
Other form(s) of name: W B and M H Chung Library, Vancouver
Clearer treview hierarchy
Access points on right
Clear link to institution and email link which simply opens the user’s email client with the url of the current page and the archivist’s email address pre-populated.
Same screen as earlier. Showing a digital object at item level
We worked hard to make the tree on the left more usable than the current implementation.
The main issue are the long archival description titles which currently wrap in 3-4 lines and make the tree unreadable.
Our solution: when the user rolls over the tree with the mouse, the tree expands towards the right side of the screen.
The expanded tree shows the whole description title. When the user is logged in, he can grab the handles and rearrange the items. Details checkbox activates the expert view of the tree with more metadata showing. ADD button: adds new description here. UPLOAD: replaces the old Import Digital Objects.
Title and statement of responsibility area

- Title proper: Test series 332
- Parallel title: Mario xx0
- Other title information: Blub blib
- Title statements of responsibility: everyone is responsible for everything that there is.
- Title notes: - Variations in title: none

Edition Area

- Edition statement: Blub blib
- Edition statement of responsibility: everyone is responsible for everything that there is and ever can be.

Related Subjects
- Agriculture
- Arts & Culture
- Related People & Organisations
- Commodore J.T. Kirk
- Mike Myers

Related Places
- Windsor, Ontario
- Hope, BC
Move button opens-up a UI to allow the user to select a new location for that archival description. Unlike the 1.2 version, this function no-longer sends the User to a new screen.