

Loading digital content into Islandora

Getting Started

FL-Islandora is a great place to showcase your digital materials: campus photos, yearbooks, newsletters, digitized books, and more. Whether you already have digital objects or are just getting started, FLVC staff can help you get organized and setup for uploading materials into FL-Islandora.

An FLVC liaison is available to help you organize your site and your content. Questions to get started are:

- About how many objects do you have (# of objects and size on disk)?
- What kind of materials do you have (images, PDFs, videos, etc.)?
- What kind of workflow do you want to have? (Preparing objects ahead of time for batch load, or uploading objects one-by-one and editing metadata in Islandora, for example.)

Preparing & Uploading Your Materials

Every FL-Islandora object should be paired with descriptive metadata – either MODS XML or MARCXML are acceptable for upload. FLVC staff can help you with examples of metadata files. FLVC can also advise on transforming existing metadata into MODS, if necessary.

Files can be uploaded singly or in batches; you can also prepare your metadata ahead of time, or work on describing individual items from within FL-Islandora's editing screen.

Presenting Your Materials - Collections

You'll also want to think about how you'd like to organize your materials. FL-Islandora has a very flexible collection / subcollection system, and items can appear in more than one collection. Collection administrator users from your institution can create and organize collections, assign objects to collections, and move objects from collection to collection if need be. While objects can be reorganized at any time, it's wise to have some idea of how you'd like to organize your materials before uploading. FLVC can present examples from other institutions and advise as appropriate.

