Databank

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Fedora as a Datastore

How do you store complex/compound objects?



- Example: website
 - Create a Web archive file and ingest it as a single object
 - Break the site into each part and ingest the parts as objects

What's needed

- Should have all the benefits of a native file system with the advantages of using a repository
 - Access and preserve the dataset
 - Keep the structure of the dataset
 - Easy discovery
 - Versioning
 - Audit Log
 - Access the file system through the web (have a RESTful interface, persistent URIs)

Databank API

- RDF-enhanced storage API, pairtree-backed
- Have a small footprint
 - Manifest
 - Primitive directory level metadata tags exposed via filenames (Namaste)
 - Owner (who)
 - Date created (when)
 - Identifier (What)
- Indexing of metadata for easy discovery
- Organised as Silos, datasets and items

Where we are

- Alpha release
- We have setup a simple web service
- Testing the pilot version in conjunction with research units at the Zoology department

- Code available at github
 - https://github.com/anusharanganathan/RDFDataba nk