Converting Hub and Spoke Preservation Packages to Bagit

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An individual **Hub and Spoke** preservation package consists of a directory containing **content files** and **METS metadata files**.

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<package directory>/
    mastermets.xml
    echodepmets_0.xml
    [additional echodepmets_n.xml files]
    [one or more content files]
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We started out with about **5000** Hub and Spoke preservation packages.

Individual packages ranged in size from **3 KB** to **1.6 GB**. (Although, most were under **100 MB**.)

Packages also varied in the number of content files, ranging from just a few to well over a hundred content files.

For each package, our tool copied all the files into a zip stream—calculating the **CHECKSUM** values along the way.

For each file in the preservation package, the **FILENAME** and **CHECKSUM** values are used to write **manifest-sha1.txt**.

After all the files had been added to the zip stream, bagit.txt, manifest-sha1.txt, and package-info.txt were added as well.

The zip stream was then serialized into a zip file according to the **Bagit spec***.

*http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/bagit/bagitspec.html

Once all the packages had been converted, we were left with a directory containing **5000 bags**.

Finally, we converted that directory of bags into a huge *masterbag*, using the same process.

It took several hours to process all **5000** packages.

The result was a **16 GB** *masterbag*, which we then put up on a web server for LC to retrieve.

We also created a **CHECKSUM** value for the *masterbag* to ensure transmission accuracy.

Questions?