

Data management plan

Because the individual elements, such as CSV spreadsheets, KML georeferenced image files, and JPEG and PNG image files are based in industry standard formats, they are fungible. Currently Google Docs provides exemplary online storage for spreadsheets and Yahoo's Flickr is a good option for storing images, but all that is required for MapScholar to use another provider is the service's ability to deliver resources using a URL. Scholars who create MapScholar sites maintain this data on their own, supplying URLs to it to MapScholar.org. Our primary role after the development of the web tool is to make available a list of these sites built for it and cull those projects from the site that no longer function because their creators no longer maintain the data behind them. The code that governs MapScholar will amount to no more than 500 kilobytes of data that can be maintained through a commercial web hosting service such as WordPress. The visualizations and images that readers come to the site to view are distributed as requested and do not need to be stored or cached by MapScholar.org.