

Intro to DP – DEMO Sheet

1. Word Document demo – a simple digital object (Slide: 23)

- Ask people if they know what a Word Doc (.doc) was and what the difference between that and a .docx is (then explain it)
- Insert a photo – add “This is a header” into the header
- Save the file to Desktop – change the file extension to .zip (maybe explain extensions and how they tell a computer what software should be used to open the file)
- Open the Zip file and show them the folders – find the image and then the metadata with “this is a header” in it

2. PRONOM DEMO – file format identification (Slide: 46)

- <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/PRONOM/Default.aspx> - other file format signature registries do exist, but this is one of the most used
- Search for JPEG and show them the features of the site – run through the background (shows versions)
- Show the SIGNATURE tab – say that it outlines the properties a JPEG must follow to be considered a JPEG based on the file format specification
- If they want to learn more – file formats course

3. Siegfried online demo (Slide: 48)

- <https://www.itforarchivists.com/siegfried>
- Available for download, but has an online demo of how the identification software works
- Unlike DROID it uses three file format signature registries for identification – uses PRONOM as well
- Drag image file onto the anvil
- Discuss results – of course best to use downloaded version for collection content, but a good example

4. Checksums and Fixity – checking the Word Doc (Slide: 51)

- <http://onlinemd5.com/>
- generate a checksum for the document in the first instance – this is an MD5
- copy the checksum to the lower box and drag the file over to validate again
- open the Word Doc and change one letter in the header – save as
- validate again – show that it doesn't work – it can detect the merest change – now I know what change I made, but a checksum cannot tell you – it can only tell you that something is altered in the file – you have to find out what – or you can find an unaltered backup and restore that

5. Emulation – emulated environments (Slide: 65)

- Classic Mac OS 7.0.1 (1991): https://archive.org/details/mac_MacOS_7.0.1_compilation
- From Internet Archive – it recreates the look and feel of the environment
- a lot of organisations are working on creating Emulation as a Service – so they can deliver software and older files in their collection in compatible, but emulated environment – none of them are live yet though