CollectionSpace is...

A web-based, open-source collections information management system in daily use at dozens of museums and collections.

From cataloging and loans to inventory and digital asset management, CollectionSpace is used to manage many of the day-to-day activities of collections professionals who work with art, artifacts, objects, and specimens.

LYRASIS is the organizational home for CollectionSpace. LYRASIS manages human and financial resources; provides engineering talent to strengthen and improve the application; and creates partnerships to expand our community and improve our domain expertise.
An Innovative Technical Platform

The CollectionSpace data model is designed to be domain-agnostic, focusing on activities and practices common to all museums. The core schema is based on the SPECTRUM Documentation Standard and informed by you.

The architecture starts with the “common” installation. Communities then work together to develop extension sets for specific domains (e.g. art or anthropology).

Organizations can also create extensions specific to institutional needs.
Community-Led Collaboration and Growth

• Have a voice in the on-going development of your collections management system through the CollectionSpace Wiki

• Contribute to our functionality conversations and meet other users through the Talk List

• Tell your story through the LYRASIS Collections website and webinar series
New Technical developments

• In 2020, launched 6.0: advanced search capabilities, public access portal, import/export tools to facilitate data cleanup; use of collection procedure to track research visits.

• We are always actively planning our technical roadmap with inputs from our community of users.
Exposing CollectionSpace for Better Connections

All CollectionSpace data is available via native API

- APIs provide a more efficient means of sharing data and supporting integrations
- API allows CollectionSpace to evolve as our users’ needs change
- Most organizations stick with a collections management system for more than 10 years; we need to make choices that can grow with us
Take it For a Test Run

Demo site available – core.collectionspace.org or demo.collectionspace.org

Join a public walkthrough – collectionspace.org/calendars

Ask for a one on one meeting – email collectionspace@lyrasis.org

Try a personal sandbox free for 30 days, add sample data, test out everyday workflows, and decide based on real world experience collectionspace.org/try-before-you-buy/
CollectionSpace and ArchivesSpace Integration webinar:

The foundation of this discussion will be the initial feedback received on the recent survey: bit.ly/aspace_cspace disseminated by CollectionSpace about what our community wants in an ArchivesSpace / CollectionSpace integration.
What is your institution type?
35 responses

- Museum / Gallery
- Archives
- Museum / Gallery and Archives
- Historical Society
- Academic Special Collections and Archives
- We work with both archives and cataloging
- special collection in an academic library
- Historic House Museum and off-site archives
- Seminary Library
- Library
- Library/Archive/Museum
- Museum/Cultural organization/Library
How many objects do you have in your collection?

35 responses

- Fewer than 10,000: 45.7%
- 10,000-100,000: 37.1%
- 100,000-1,000,000: 11.4%
- 1,000,001+: 

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Is your primary responsibility for:

35 responses

- 60% Archival collection
- 28.6% Both
- We don't differentiate between the two types of collections - we manage them together.
- Library
What percentage of your collection is archival vs. museum/object?

35 responses

- 37.1% Archival materials 10% - Objects 90%
- 25.7% Archival materials 25% - Objects 75%
- 11.4% Archival materials 50% - Objects 50%
- Archival materials 75% - Objects 25%
- Archival materials 90% - Objects 10%
- Another department is responsible for archives
- Archival 70%, Rare Books 24%, Objects 6%
- Archival materials 97% - Objects 3%
- maybe 1-2% of collections are objects
What collections management system do you currently use or are you considering?

35 responses

- Using ArchivesSpace: 27 (77.1%)
- Considering ArchivesSpace: 2 (5.7%)
- Using CollectionSpace: 4 (11.4%)
- Considering CollectionSpace: 3 (8.6%)
- Developed BentoSpace: 1 (2.9%)
- Integration & sharing: 1 (2.9%)
- We are currently migrating to both ArchivesSpace and CollectionSpace: 1 (2.9%)
- Islandora and custom developments: 1 (2.9%)
- PastPerfect: 1 (2.9%)
- FileMaker Pro: 1 (2.9%)
Use the Q&A to tell us your integration use cases.

- Describe a workflow
- What are your challenges?
- What type of questions are your patrons asking?