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Synergies

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Project Information

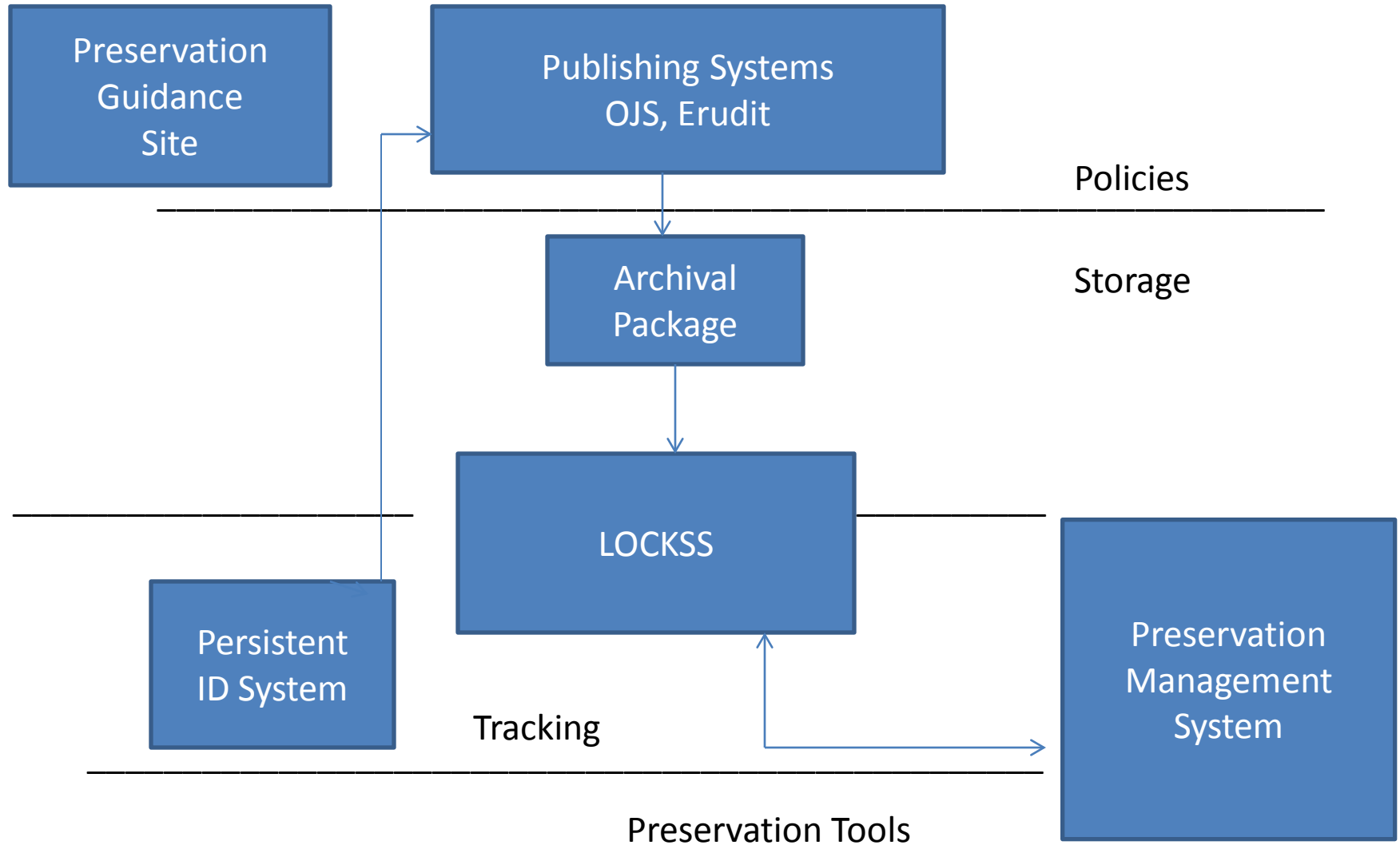
- A national CFI-funded project with matching contributions from provincial agencies, vendors, and participating institutions
- National Partners: SFU, UofC, UofT, UdeM (lead), UNB
- Synergies Prairies
 - Funding partners: CFI, AET, UofC, Dell
 - Athabasca University, University of Winnipeg
- Began in 2007 and is coming to a close

Project Goals

- Build capacity for online publishing in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- Provide national access to peer-reviewed journals, data sets, theses, conference proceedings and scholarly monographs
- Build a pilot technical infrastructure to support digital preservation

Preservation Program

- Self managed Private LOCKSS network
- Distributed network of repositories (Calgary, Vancouver, Winnipeg, Athabasca, Montreal)
- Persistent Identifier technology using the Handle system





Content Preserved

- 22 journals including current and back issues
- Working on procedures for ingest of new archival units
- Plan to preserve ongoing thesis collection at UofC
- All the partners also preserve material in the COPPUL PLN

http://synergiesprairies.ca

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <http://www.synergiesprairies.ca/>. The browser's address bar includes navigation buttons (back, forward, home, stop, reload) and a search bar with the Google logo. The website's header features the Synergies Prairies logo, which consists of a stylized flower-like icon with five petals in red, orange, yellow, green, and blue, followed by the text "synergies PRAIRIES". Below the logo is a large banner image of a dirt road winding through a green field under a blue sky with white clouds. The navigation menu is located below the banner and includes links for Home, Journals, Journal Services, Preservation, FAQ, and News. The Home link is currently selected. On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with a "Quick Links" section containing a list of links: National Synergies Project, Open Journal Systems (OJS), SSHRC: Aid to Scholarly Journals, and Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ). The main content area of the page is divided into two columns. The left column contains a paragraph about Synergies being a national project creating a country-wide network for the production, storage, and dissemination of, and access to digitized knowledge produced in Canada. It will focus on Social Science and Humanities peer-reviewed journals initially but eventually will include datasets, theses, conference proceedings, scholarly books and grey literature. Below this paragraph is a section titled "A Spotlight on... the Canadian Journal of Counselling" which contains a quote from Kevin Alderson, editor of the Canadian Journal of Counselling, praising the Synergies project for making the journal available to individuals around the world in an instant. The right column contains a paragraph about Synergies bringing Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities research into the mainstream of worldwide research discourse using a cost-effective public/not-for-profit partnership to maximize knowledge dissemination. Five regional centres across Canada make up this partnership. Below this paragraph is a section titled "The Prairie Node is led by the University of Calgary and includes journals from Athabasca University and the University of Winnipeg." which describes the role of the Prairie Node in making the transition online, enhancing their accessibility dramatically. Each centre also provides back issue digitization services. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text "The Synergies Project guarantees the long-term preservation of SSH knowledge. This is the key contribution the Prairie Node is providing to the national project. The preservation aspect will feature a distributed network of repositories, developing the first trusted digital repository for scholarly content."

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The Prairie Node is led by the [University of Calgary](#) and includes journals from [Athabasca University](#) and the [University of Winnipeg](#). Each centre offers supported use of the [Open Journals System \(OJS\)](#) to assist journals in making the transition online, enhancing their accessibility dramatically. Each centre also provides back issue digitization services.

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A Spotlight on... the Canadian Journal of Counselling

"...working with the Synergies team at the University of Calgary has been a godsend....I am amazed when I think that our Journal is now available to individuals around the world in an instant -- all at no cost to the consumer, with the exception of the most current issues..." -- Kevin Alderson, editor Canadian Journal of Counselling, talking about the experience of transforming his print-only journal to an online-only, mostly open access journal through the Synergies project. [Read the rest here.](#)

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