



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

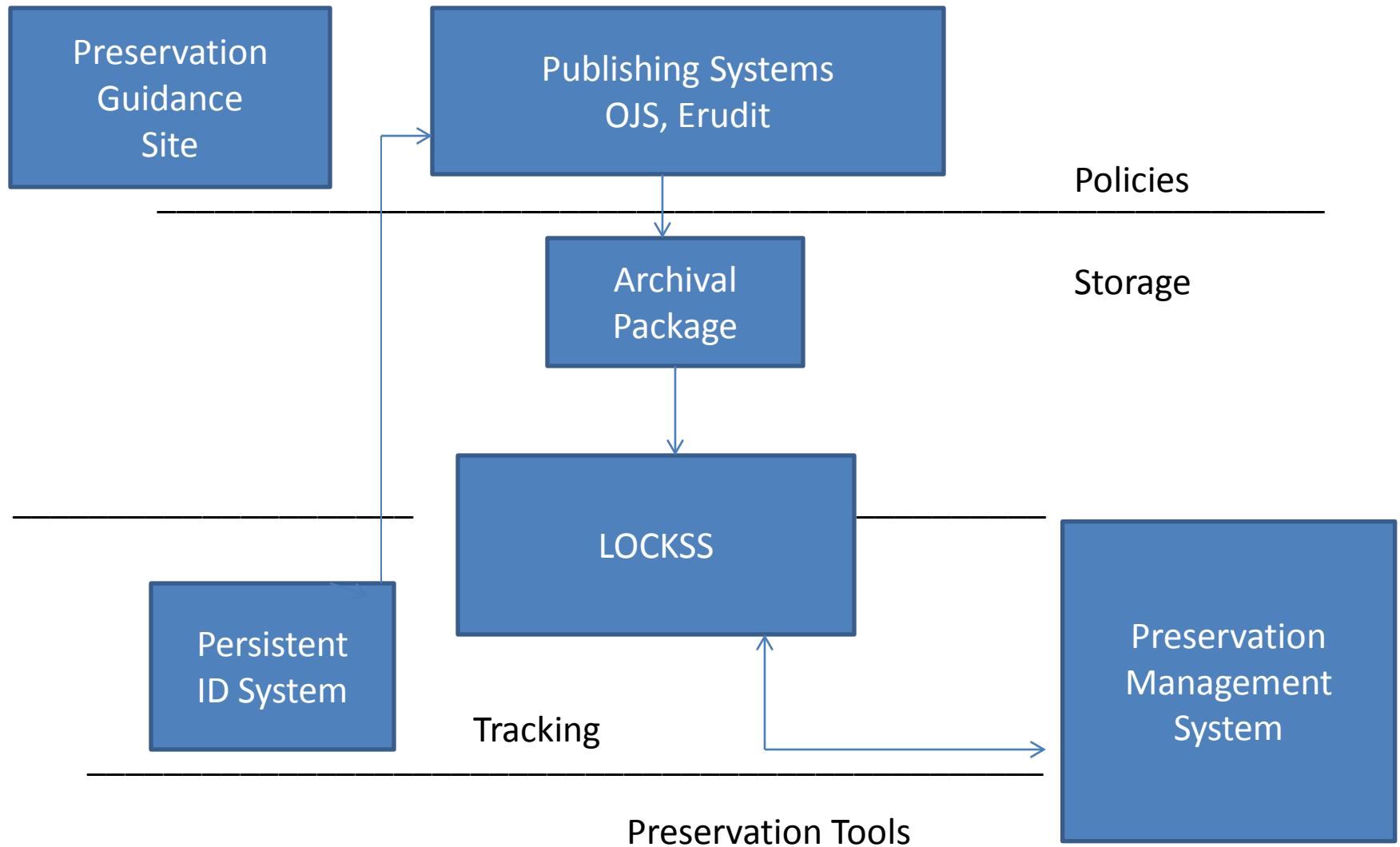
- Build capacity for online publishing in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- Provide national access to peer-reviewed journals, data sets, theses, conference proceedings and scholarly monographs
- Build a pilot technical infrastructure to support digital preservation



Preservation Program

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

Synergies Infrastructure

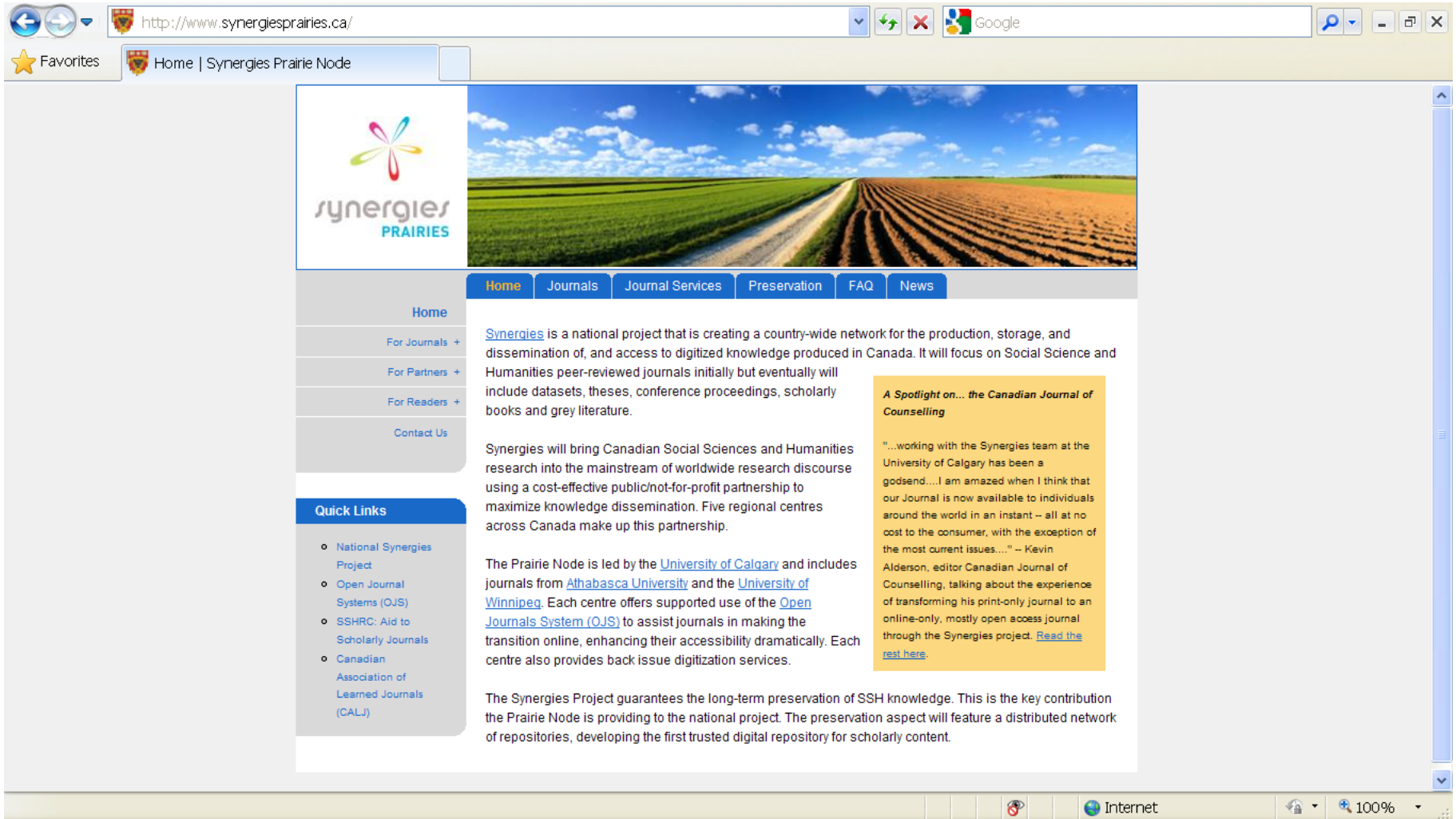




Content Preserved

- 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 displaying the homepage of the Synergies Prairies website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.synergiesprairies.ca/>. The website features a header with the Synergies Prairies logo and a navigation menu with links for Home, Journals, Journal Services, Preservation, FAQ, and News. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Home' section with links for 'For Journals', 'For Partners', 'For Readers', and 'Contact Us', as well as a 'Quick Links' section with links to the National Synergies Project, Open Journal Systems (OJS), SSHRC: Aid to Scholarly Journals, and the Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ). The main content area includes a large banner image of a dirt road in a field, followed by a navigation bar and a main text block. The main text block contains a paragraph about the Synergies project, a section titled 'A Spotlight on... the Canadian Journal of Counselling' with a quote from Kevin Alderson, and a paragraph about the Prairie Node's role in the project. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Internet Explorer icon and a 100% zoom level.

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- National Synergies Project
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[Synergies](#) is a national project that is 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.

Synergies will bring 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.

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.

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.

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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