# Indexing LANL's Historical Collections in Less Than 1,000 Years 

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Thousands of years to catalog/index


Requirements
$\rightarrow$ Auto-metadata extraction
$\rightarrow$ Aid self-guided search and discovery

## Key capabilities

$\rightarrow$ Recognize text
$\rightarrow$ Extract metadata
$\rightarrow$ Natural language processing
$\rightarrow$ Present relevant result


- search terms
- relational concepts

6 month pilot
$\rightarrow$ connected 4 repositories
$\rightarrow$ tested permission persistence
$\rightarrow$ tested formats and fonts
$\rightarrow$ created small taxonomy


Data Ingest Tool
Launch

## CDP PLATFORM STATISTICS




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## If we don't change it will take 2,800+ years to catalog

## History is the foundation for the future



Divider: last nuclear test 1992


Knowledge transfer


Current geopolitics

## What it takes

| Task | LANL Config | Cost |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Identify repositories | Archive, Shared Drives, <br> Sharepoint Sites | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Build ontologies | 3 FTEs | $\$ 500 \mathrm{~K} / \mathrm{yr}$ |
| Software | 2 dev, 1 enterprise license | $\$ 2.5 \mathrm{M} / \mathrm{yr}$ |
| Infrastructure | 1PB encrypted storage <br> 0.6 FTE | $\$ 500 \mathrm{~K}$ equip <br> $\$ 130 \mathrm{~K}$ FTEs |
| Connect repositories | 1 FTE | $\$ 300 \mathrm{~K}$ |
| QA Testing | TBD | TBD |

## Can you afford thousands of years?

