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Archival Resource Key (ARK): The decentralized non-paywalled PID

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This talk introduces ARKs (Archival Resource Keys), decentralized non-paywalled persistent identifiers (PIDs) used for decades to identify scientific and cultural heritage of any type, digital, physical, or abstract. Since 2001, 8.2 billion ARKs have been created by over 1400 organizations –data centers, publishers, libraries, archives, museums, and government agencies. With highly flexible metadata and resolution options, ARKs are well-suited for citation, linked-data, and identifying component parts, such as IIIF image details. In 2018, multiple organizations partnered to form the ARK Alliance in order to sustain the ARK infrastructure and guide its future.

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