

Arquivística: de ciência auxiliar a ciência interdisciplinar

Archivistic: from auxiliary science to interdisciplinary science

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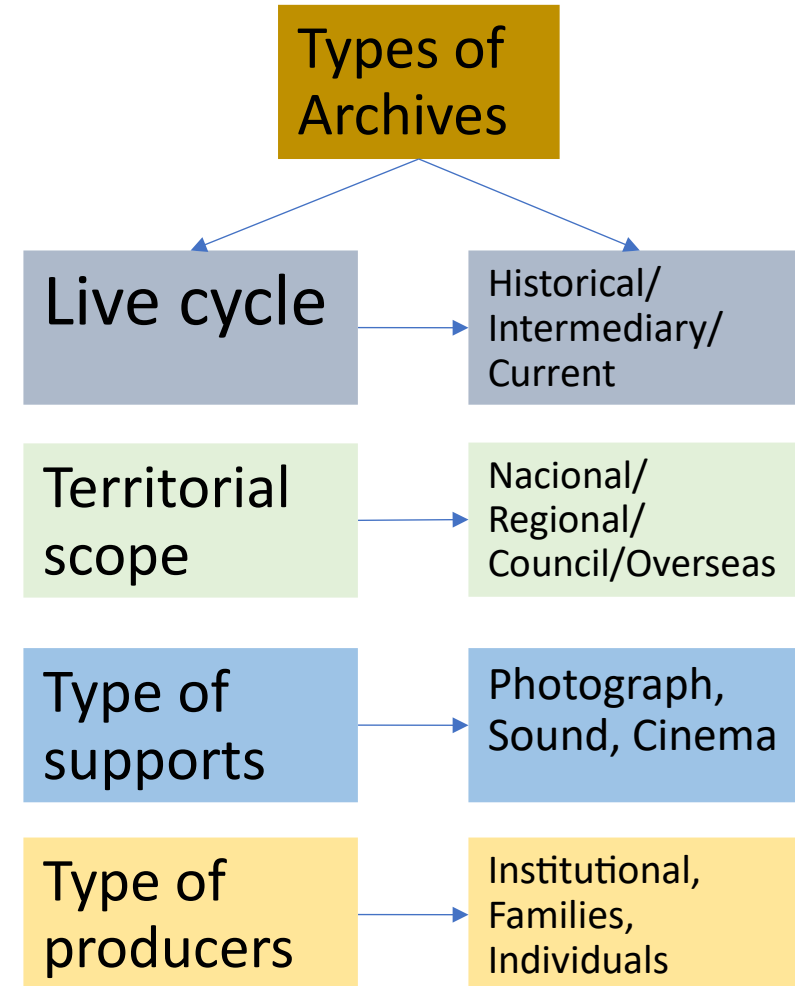
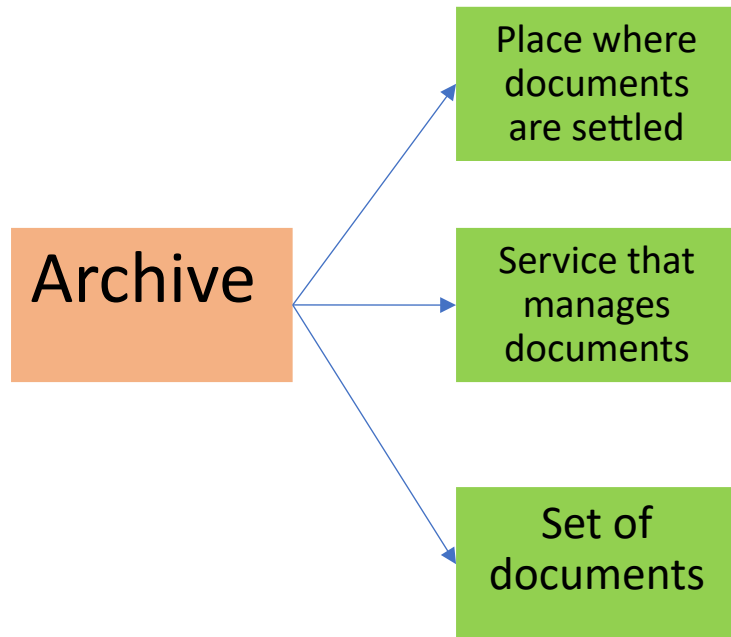
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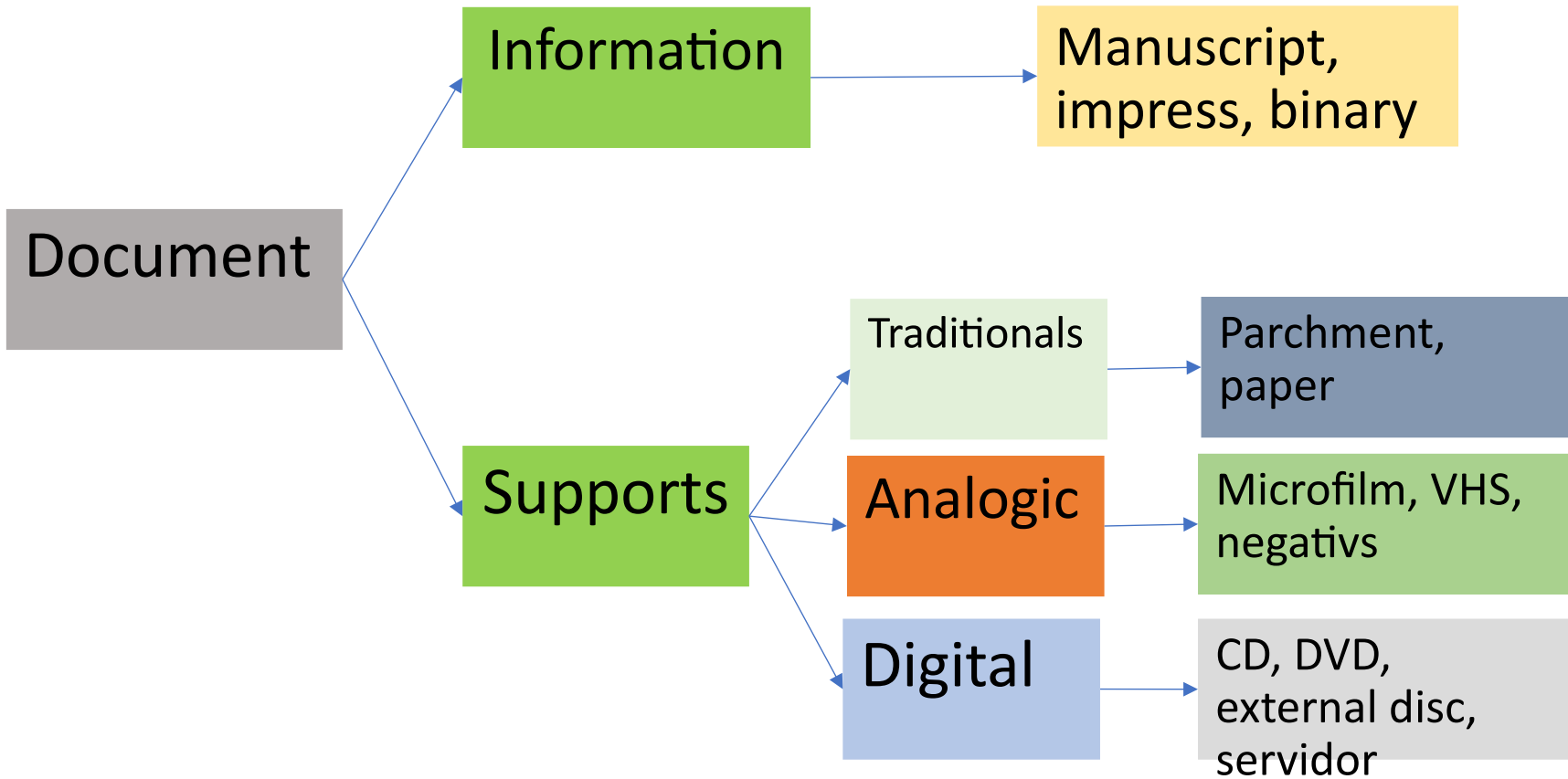
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Concepts

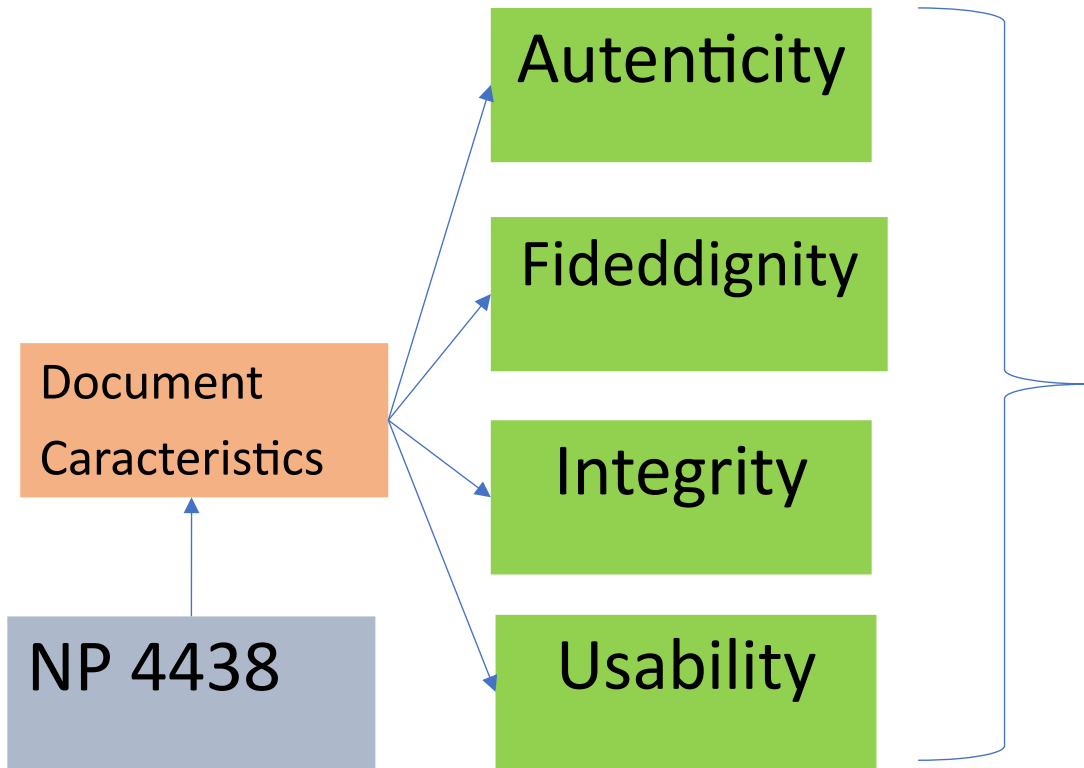


Concepts



Which kind of information and support implicates different knowledge and technology

Concepts



The verification of this characteristics depends on the knowledge of different areas: diplomatic, paleografy, forensic sciences, conservation and restoration, linguistics, computer sciences.

From the Crown to the Nation



REAL ARCHIVO

TOMO I



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ARCHIVO NACIONAL

TOMO I

- Until the 18th century, the archives served the producing institutions, usually the Crown, the Church, the nobility and the municipalities.
- In the 18th century, interest in history began a process of change in archives, which were increasingly valued as repositories of memory.
- The French Revolution accelerated the process of historicizing archives, which ceased to belong to the monarch and became national: archival science became at the service of history.

Auxiliating History...

- Archives became historians' laboratories;
- The narratives that supported the emergence and affirmation of nationalisms in the 19th century were based on historical archives;
- States invested in collecting, processing and making available historical sources so that historians could build national histories.



Auxiliating History...

- Archives and archivists submitted to the “nationalist wave” by supporting historians:
 - Laws were passed to incorporate State and Church documentation in public archives;
 - Public lecture was established;
 - Documentation was organized and described according to the needs of historians;
 - The State created the General Inspection of Scholar Libraries and Archives to implement archival policies;
 - The formation of a librarian-archivist had a strongly historicist bent;
 - Current and intermediate archives have been devalued.



Alexandre Herculano

Historian, writer,
politician of the XIX
century

...the return of administrative archives

- In the 20th century, the informational explosion on paper and digital information dictated the reevaluation of archives in the intermediate and current phases.
- Archival science focuses on managing the life cycle of documents from production to conservation.

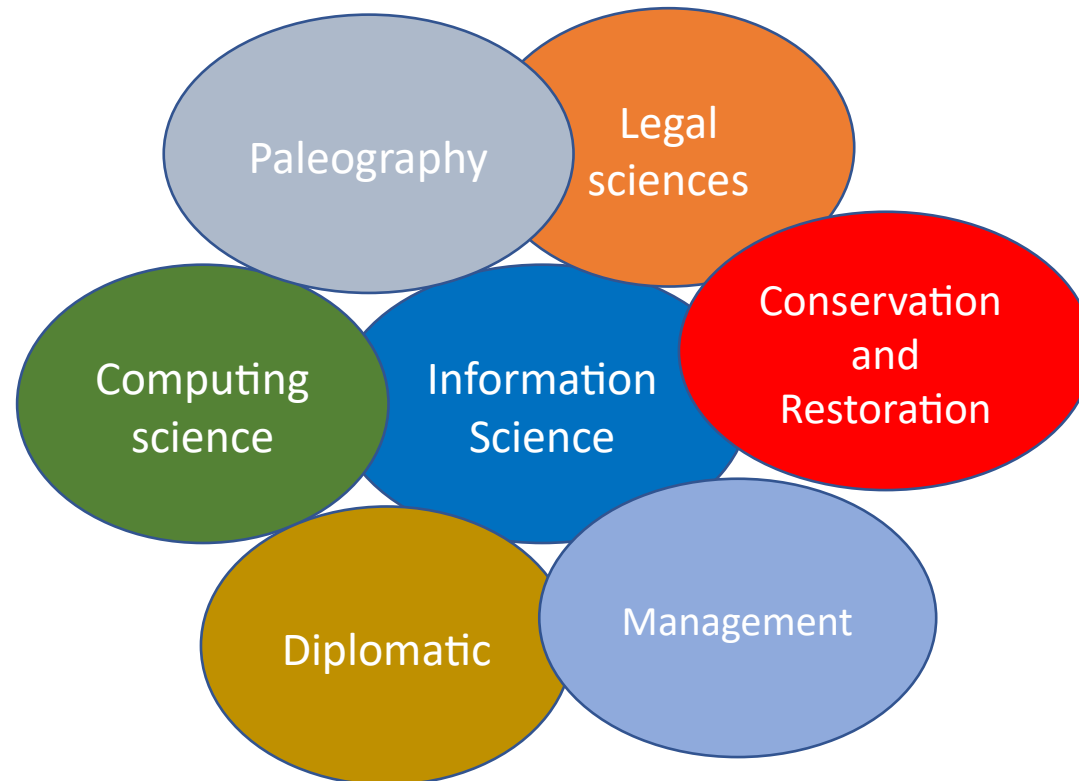


...the return of administrative archives

- Selection and evaluation gain centrality in the performance of archives
- Archivists gradually move out of historical archives and occupy positions in current and intermediate archives



Archives don't live alone...



Plural Archives, multiple challenges

- Archives are in numerous supports (analogic and digital)
- Challenges of digital preservation and document characteristics
- ICT allow managing and disseminating huge volumes of information
- Artificial intelligence (AI) processes archival information
- Conflict between access to information and privacy



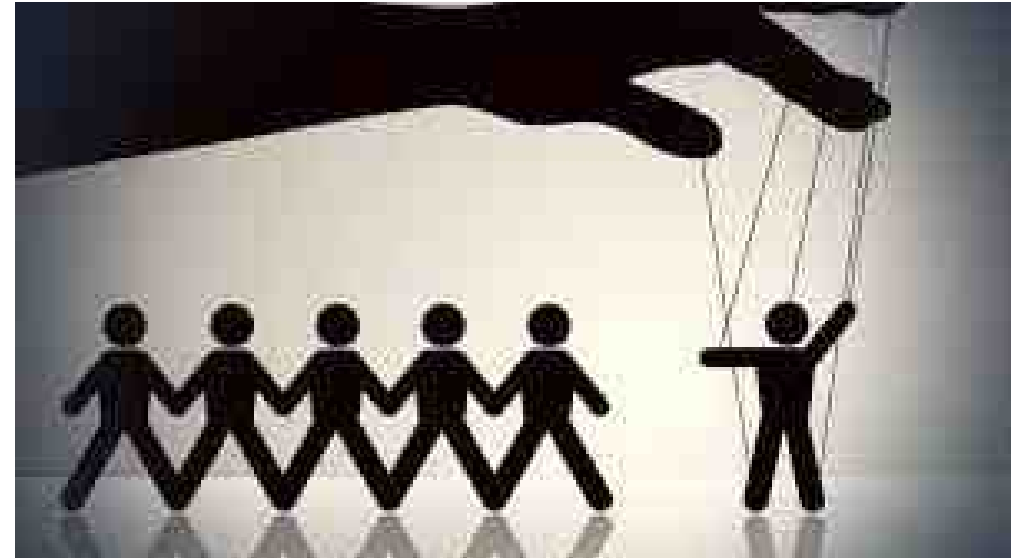
Archives and society

- Archives are today produced in a memory perspective (classification of information in creation phase)
- But:
 - Special supports are still undervalued (cinema, sound, photograph)
 - Appraisal focuses in public information
 - Societal approach is minority



The future of archives

- Reinforcement of interdisciplinarity
- Advances in the societal approach
- Deepening of the use of ICT and artificial intelligence
- Access vs privacy challenges
- Extremist and political menaces



Questions?

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