Digital Curation Pre-Class Survey

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Description

This survey can be used to gather information about students' access to technology prior to teaching technology-based lessons. This information can be used to tailor hands-on exercises that may require a specific technology setup (e.g., a Windows operating system or a computer with 8GB RAM) and to determine which students may need additional support.

Learning object type

Instructor support

Learning objectives

This learning object might be used in a lesson to satisfy the following learning objectives:
- Determine the technical requirements and dependencies for installing open-source tools to process born-digital materials
- Practice using tools in the BitCurator Environment

Pre-Class Survey

1. What are you most excited to learn from this course?
2. Is there any aspect of the course that you are nervous about or intimidated by?

The following series of questions relate to your technology setup.

3. Do you have access to a desktop or laptop computer to use for this course?
   a. Yes
   b. No
4. Which operating system is this computer running?
   a. Windows 10
   b. Windows 7 or 8
   c. Mac OSX 10.15, 11 or 12
   d. Mac OSX 10.14 or earlier
   e. Linux variant
   f. None of the above
5. If you answered "Windows" to the question above, what type of CPU is it?
   How to determine CPU type (Windows only):
   https://www.howtogeek.com/howto/21726/how-do-i-know-if-im-running-32-bit-or-64-bit-windows-answers/
   a. 32 bit
   b. 64 bit
6. How much memory aka RAM does your computer have?
   How to determine your RAM/memory:
   > *Mac: Apple Icon at top left > About This Mac > read the Memory section of information panel*
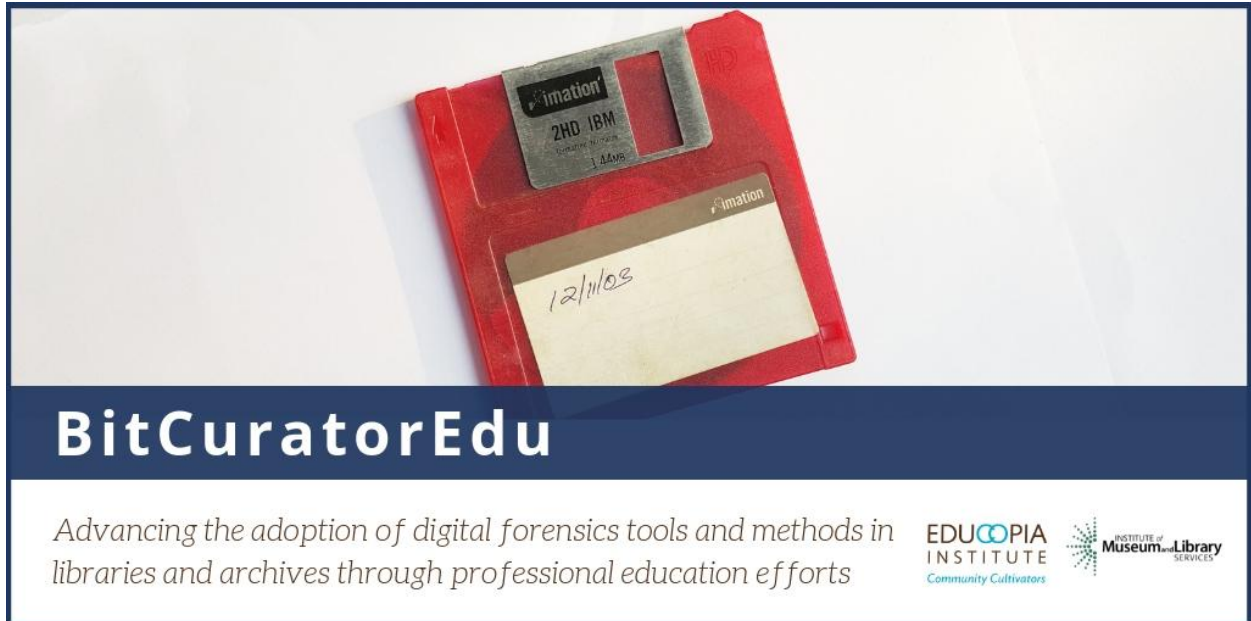   > *Windows:*
   > *https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/how-much-ram-do-i-have-in-my-pc*
   a. 4GB
   b. 8GB
   c. 16GB or greater
7. How much free disk space do you have?
   a. 5 GB or less

   b. 5-10 GB

   c. 10-20 GB

   d. 20 GB or more

8. Do you have the ability to install software on your computer? (i.e. it's a personal computer and not a computer assigned to you by your workplace without administrative rights).

   a. Yes

   b. No

9. Is there anything else you'd like me to know about your attendance in this course - technology-related or otherwise?

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