

McGill University Archives Office Systems Survey Form

Description of Unit
Name of Unit:
Function of unit:
Contact person(s) and job title:
Phone number:
Email address:
Date of initial visit:
Visited By:
Electronic Records Location
(Campus Novell Servers, Departmental Servers, Stand-alone workstations) Please identify these by their unique names and provide paths.
Which Novell Server is your unit on?
How much space has your unit been allocated (in megabytes or gigabytes)?
How much space do you currently use (in megabytes or gigabytes)?
How does your unit use its space on the Novell servers (primary storage, backup, other)?
What are the backup policies?
Do you keep any records on your local hard disks?
Is the save default for your user directories mapped to the network server?



Classification

Describe in broad terms the folder structure that your unit has created to conduct its business. For example, shared folders, user folders, and public folders are a common method of organizing Novell servers. Describe the folder structure at least 2 levels down i.e. root level and sub-level. Print from Windows Explorer view the network folder structure and attach as documentation.

Does your network contain confidential administrative electronic records?

Does your network contain essential electronic administrative records?



Hardware and Software Environment

What kind of computing environment exists within your unit (PC, MAC, UNIX, Sun, other)? Specify operating system name and version.

List productivity software (applications) used (for example, MS Office [specify name and version]) and describe their usage (do you use them for word processing, database creation, graphic design, etc).

Are there any legacy file formats and software to run it on your network?

Is there a data migration policy or system in place?

Are the electronic records ever purged?



List the records series:

For each records series complete a separate Electronic Records Series form



Electronic Records Series

Name of Unit:

Contact person(s) and job title

Records series name: eg. Banner finance Reports, POPS payroll files, correspondence files

Inclusive dates:

Principal or Secondary Record

Is this records series a principal record, generated as part of the mandate of the unit, or a secondary record, a copy of a principal record or a record circulated to the unit for information purposes?

Description: The purpose and function of the record.

Retention: Currently, how long are the records kept?

Format and Location:

Document type	File types e.g.	Directory on	Directory on	Storage Space
	Doc, pdf	Server – (Please	Local Hard Drive	used in
		name the server	(IP address with	megabytes
		with path)	path) eg. Web	
			server or other	
			major set of e-	
			records	
Word Processing				
documents				
Spreadsheet files				
Database files				
Email files				
Web pages				
POPS				
Other				



Classification:

Do you print out these electronic records and place them into the paper filing system?

Describe the classification plan. Are the electronic records organized in folders according to function or activity? eg. Microsoft Exchange/Outlook has provided a rough classification scheme, e.g. items sent, items deleted, inbox, but is a more sophisticated system being used that includes all e-records using a structured functional approach?



Extra Notes