

Object Documentation in Times of Digital Change



First Public Museum of Austria

The Universalmuseum Joanneum

- is considered the biggest of its kind in Central Europe
- has 17 collections with about 4,7 million items, which form the basis of a richly faceted 'universal' exhibition and events schedule
- has 12 museum sites and around 30 permanent and alternating exhibits provide an overview of science, fine arts and culture

Styrian Armoury

- the biggest historic armoury in the world
- it houses an inventory of **32,000** individual pieces of weapons:
 - Defensive arms
 - Fire arms
 - Edged weapons
 - Polearms
 - Atillery
 - Rocket-making equipment
 - Ammunition



History Museum

Cultural History Collection

a collection with over **35,000** objects

- testimonies of Styrian history
- examples of aristocratic and bourgeois home décor
- handcrafts made of different materials
- Collection of costumes
- Collection of musical instruments



History Museum

Multimedia Collections

with over two million items in the inventory one of the most important audiovisual collections in Austria

- **9,100** audio objects
- **1,300** films
- **2,500** videos
- **2,3 million** photographic documents



Eggenberg Palace

Alte Galerie

- Collection of graphic art with about **15,000** sheets
- Collection of Renaissance and Baroque art
- Collection of medieval art



Neue Galerie Graz

the collection contains around

- **2,500** paintings
- **650** sculptures
- **40,000** original and printed drawings
- **1,500** photographic works
- **300** works of video and media art



Natural History Museum

- permanent display of a small part of the collection
- earth-science and biological section
- experimental stations
- workshops



The Universalmuseum Joanneum

- has 18 conservators, which
 - care for about 30 exhibitions per annum and 4,7 million items in the collections
- they
 - photograph the objects
 - print the photos
 - do the condition reports by hand
 - collect the condition reports (together with the registrars) in an analogue archive

Condition Reporting

now!





- discolouration
- yellowing
- browning
- light damage
- acid migration
- ...

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Newspaper „Der Bund“ from 16.07.2004

Condition Reporting



in the future?!

Thank you for your attention!

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