Selecting Digital Authenticity Levels in Repositories

Authenticity Levels depend on user needs and the nature of the archive and its records.

Two Red Flowers: An Example

- Individual image
  - Used by botanists studying plant for research.
  - Found in academic science archive.
- Included in pictures of garden.
  - Casual, non-specific use.
  - Found in general public archive.

Which image should be authenticated to a greater degree?

The Benefits:

- Fewer unnecessary steps.
- Images processed quickly.
- Patron needs met to greater degree.

Archives have records with certain authenticity requirements

Users need to use records with certain authenticity requirements

Same description; Same content

Same look and feel; Same in functionality and context

Same as original for all intents and purposes