



Supplemental Content to the article “Managing Your Digital Legacy: Will Others Be Able to Access Your Cloud-Based Files When You No Longer Can?,” appearing in the November/December 2013 issue of *Online Searcher* (Vol. 37, No. 6), pp. 43–48.



Resources

Tools for Managing Your Digital Afterlife

Infographic: What Happens Online When You Die?

www.lifeinsurancefinder.com.au/infographics/what-happens-online-when-you-die

Infographic with slide presentations covering the following topics: 1) Digital privacy after death—what will happen to your online profile when you are gone? 2) Why you should get a digital will and a digital executor. 3) Personality predictors + artificial intelligence = digital resurrections. 4) Digital death day “unconferences.” 5) The challenge of digital preservation. 6) interesting digital-death-related videos where people have recorded last messages. 7) How much digital waste are you accumulating? 8) How do I start preparing now?

The Digital Beyond Online Services List

www.thedigitalbeyond.com/online-services-list

Updated and annotated listing of various online services that help you organize and plan for your digital afterlife or memorialize loved ones. “These services come in all flavors, including digital estate services, posthumous email services and online memorials.” The listing provides a short description of the service, when it was founded, and a link to the provider. It’s amazing how many there are.

Javont Vault

www.javont.com

As reviewed by Jill Duffy, *PC Magazine* (Sept. 20, 2012; www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2409981,00.asp), this

Windows desktop software (\$39.95) is a comprehensive solution to securely storing personal and financial information to pass on to loved ones. It includes an offline backup mechanism. It categorizes all your assets by type (banking, investment, insurance, household bills, etc.). However, it is U.S.-centric and relies on a Social Security number to work.

Google Inactive Account Manager

Google Public Policy blog: “Plan Your Digital Afterlife With Inactive Account Manager”

<http://googlepublicpolicy.blogspot.co.uk/2013/04/plan-your-digital-afterlife-with.html>

“Google RIP: What Inactive Account Manager Means for Your Will,” Philip James and Sheilagh Magee, *The Telegraph*, April 16, 2013

www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/google/9997105/Google-RIP-What-Inactive-Account-Manager-means-for-your-will.html

“How to Set Up Google’s Inactive Account Manager,” Matt Elliott, CNET, April 11, 2013

http://howto.cnet.com/8301-11310_39-57579193-285/how-to-set-up-googles-inactive-account-manager



Tools and Education for Personal Digital Archiving

Library of Congress: Personal Digital Archiving

Personal Archiving: "Preserving Your Digital Memories"
www.digitalpreservation.gov/personalarchiving

Viewshare

<http://viewshare.org>

This is a free platform for generating and customizing views (interactive maps, timelines, facets, tag clouds) that allow users to experience your digital collections.

Activist's Guide to Archiving Video

<http://archiveguide.witness.org>

Excellent guide to managing, authenticating, and archiving video

Library of Congress: Blogs: Digital Preservation

"The How of Email Archiving: More Launching Points for Applied Research," Butch Lazorchak, *The Signal*, July 18, 2013
<http://blogs.loc.gov/digitalpreservation/2013/07/the-how-of-email-archiving-more-launching-points-for-applied-research>

Tools to Leave Recorded Messages for Posterity

IfIDie

<http://ifidie.net>

A Facebook app enables you to create a video or a text message that will only be published after you die.

Lifenaut.

<https://lifenaut.com/mindfile/how-it-works>

Mindfile is a database of personal reflections captured in video, image, audio, and documents about yourself that can be saved, searched, downloaded, and shared with friends. It is free, and the company's tagline is "Eternalize."

Sites That Track News Stories on the Topic of Digital Legacy

Death and Digital Legacy.

www.deathanddigitallegacy.com

Blog by Adele McAlear from Montreal. Follows and posts about social media and mainstream media articles and happenings related to death and digital legacy.

The Digital Beyond

www.thedigitalbeyond.com

Written by John Romano and Evan Carroll. Follows stories and conferences and collects and shares resources

pertaining to archival, cultural, legal, technical, industry, news, and video on topics of the digital beyond.

Digital Passing

www.digitalpassing.com/author/admin

Blog written by James Lamm, an estate planning attorney, on estate planning for passwords and digital property.

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*"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work.
I want to achieve it by not dying."*

—Woody Allen