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[JSTOR Forum](#) is the new name for Shared Shelf and is the next generation of the web-based software for managing, describing, and delivering your library and museum collections to maximize their discoverability and usage.

## Looking ahead: An enhanced tool for managing and sharing your content

In future, and following extensive consultation with our user communities, we intend to broaden JSTOR Forum's capabilities to support a wider range of file types. JSTOR Forum will also allow for a new--and optional--publishing destination: an updated JSTOR platform.  The enhanced JSTOR site will make it possible to increase the usage of your content by making it discoverable along with the curated books, journals, and primary sources on JSTOR that are used by thousands of institutions around the world

## As we work towards that goal:

- JSTOR Forum will continue to deliver content everywhere Shared Shelf does and will function in the same way
- All your content will continue to appear everywhere you have shared it with no need for migration

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Will JSTOR Forum have the same functionality as Shared Shelf?*

Initially, yes - if you are familiar with Shared Shelf, JSTOR Forum offers exactly the same functionality. Going forward, however, we'll be working closely with the library community in order to build out JSTOR Forum to support more text content and to distribute content to JSTOR.

*What will happen to the collections of current Shared Shelf users?*

There will be no changes to the collections you currently have managed by Shared Shelf.

*Is Artstor going away and getting absorbed into JSTOR?*

No - while we are exploring meaningful ways of bringing relevant content together, the Artstor Digital Library and JSTOR are distinct resources that serve different purposes. We are exploring ways of co-mingling content in search results when doing so would serve both of those purposes.

*Is Shared Shelf Commons going away?*

We will be retiring the [sscommons.org](sscommons.org) site in the Spring 2018 and are planning to make Shared Shelf Commons collections available at [library.artstor.org](library.artstor.org) where they will be free to view by all internet users as "public collections". Since this is a much more highly trafficked URL than [sscommons.org](sscommons.org) we think that this will mean considerably more discovery and usage for your images.  We will keep all Shared Shelf Commons contributors informed of the changes well ahead of time to provide the opportunity for feedback: you should expect a  detailed communication on the changes in January.

*What is the timeline for implementing the new licensing model and when does the new pricing take effect?*

The new pricing takes effect beginning January 1, 2018. Quote and order forms are being generated now and will be sent to the billing contacts at subscribing institutions before the end of the year.

*How will this impact the development process for Shared Shelf?*

As part of Artstor's alliance with ITHAKA, Shared Shelf is being migrated to ITHAKA's infrastructure. This migration will allow us to develop iteratively, and issue smaller releases that do not require system downtime when deployed. By moving Shared Shelf onto the infrastructure shared by JSTOR and Artstor, the development teams can collaborate more effectively, and we can leverage resources and technology internally, benefitting all three platforms.

Some immediate areas of focus for our development teams include updating and unifying the user interface across the Shared Shelf environments, delivering the ability to publish Compound Objects, and expanding the statistics and reporting capabilities in the administrator environment.

*How does the new pricing differ from the old pricing? What is included in a subscription to JSTOR Forum? (see table below)*

The new pricing model significantly increases the value of your subscription by increasing the amount of storage available while reducing the price of storage overall.

In the new model, base fees are correlated to the Carnegie classification of your institution and every subscription includes 1 Terabyte of storage space. Additional storage is available for $900 per Terabyte annually regardless of institutional size (this can be prorated if purchased mid-billing cycle).

Each new subscriber receives a complimentary 8 hours of tailored implementation support from their designated Implementation Manager, and all subscribers receive an unlimited amount of ongoing responsive support for things like troubleshooting issues and answering users' questions.

*What does "8 hours of implementation support" include, and how does that differ from the current support offerings?*

The 8 hours of tailored implementation support include consultative services that are characteristic of a new subscription. Each subscribing institution has a designated Implementation Manager who serves as the point of contact for all training and questions. These 8 hours are set aside at the beginning of your subscription so you can draw on the expertise of your Implementation Manager for things like metadata design, flat data migrations, project set-up, and tailored training sessions. Existing subscribers will receive 8 complimentary hours of this type of support to be used in 2018.

Beyond those 8 hours of implementation support, your Implementation Manager continues to be the point of contact for questions, troubleshooting, product updates, and enhancement requests. That support is unlimited and ongoing. Consultation and professional services can also be purchased directly if you require additional implementation support beyond the allotted 8 hours.

*Will there be new metadata templates added to accommodate the wider range of material that you plan to support going forward?*

We're open to the idea of accommodating new metadata schema in order to support an increasingly diverse range of content. If you would like to recommend that we incorporate a new schema-based template in addition to our current selection, please reach out to support@sharedshelf.org

*Will interoperability features continue to be supported?*

Yes - we will continue to support all of our existing interoperable features and platforms. This includes:

- Our Omeka plug-in for Omeka.net and Omeka.org sites, as well as our beta plug-in for accessing Omeka's API. As we explore the new Omeka S, we will communicate our plans to support and interoperate with it. To learn more about Omeka, see our support site article: http://support.forum.jstor.org/article/manage-omeka-targets
- API - we will continue to refine our APIs and their documentation
- OAI harvesting - http://support.forum.jstor.org/article/oai-targets-for-discovery-vendors
- DPLA - http://support.forum.jstor.org/article/contribute-to-the-dpla

*What will happen to statically hosted collections?*

Static hosting will continue unchanged in 2018 and those institutions who have statically hosted collections will be contacted individually about any changes to this program.

**2018 JSTOR Forum Pricing**

| Carnegie Class | Enterprise Storage | Annual Fee |
|---|---|---|
| Very Large | 1 TB | **$10,000** |
| Large | 1 TB | **$7,500** |
| Medium | 1 TB | **$5,500** |
| Small | 1 TB | **$4,000** |
| Very Small | 1 TB | **$3,000** |
| Community College | 1 TB | **$2,000** |
| Independent Art School/Museum | 1 TB | **$2,000** |
| ADDITIONAL STORAGE | | **$900 per TB** |