

Digital Security Learning Table Workshop: Organizing Databases and Security



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Please share:

What database tool are you using?

How are you and your organization using the database?

What are the pros and cons of using your database?

Aspects of Database Security

Know Your Providers

Know Your Tech Support

Know Your Staff and Volunteers

Know Your Mission

Aspects of Database Security

Know Your Providers (Internet databases)

- Protection from subpoena
- Protection from seizure
- Protection from online attacks
- Protection from disk failures

Aspects of Database Security

Know Your Tech Support

- For self-hosted databases (Filemaker or Access), tech support are also our "providers"
- Help balance conflicting security concerns

Aspects of Database Security

Know Your Staff and Volunteers

- **What is their comfort level** in using the database and technology?
- **What are individual practices** in accessing database?
- **Do they have capacity** to collect and enter data regularly and consistently? Is system easy to use?
- **Do you have someone responsible for the database?**
- **Are you using reports** to verify data?

It takes time to build an organizational culture of collecting data.

Aspects of Database Security

Know Your Mission

- **Review your Security Risk Assessment** (worksheet) and **find a balance** between creating too many restrictions and moving your organizing work
- **Data collection practices should be consistent with your mission**
- **Minimize data collection** to information required for your mission
- You will **need to collect enough data to do your organizing**
- **Think critically and politically about your tech choices**

Application of Security Aspects to Databases

	Corporate Hosted Databases	Non-proprietary / Open-Source Databases	“Roll Your Own” Databases
Know Your Providers			
Know Your Tech Support			
Know Your Staff			
Know Your Mission			
Examples	NationBuilder, Salsa, Salesforce	PowerBase / CiviCRM	Access, FileMaker

Discussion, Questions & Wrap-Up