

University of Iowa Library Conservation Documentation  
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For all treatment reports we print out a hard copy and file it, for now. I have a MS Word Doc version that I would give a student for help in filling out the form for the first time. The drop downs help. Any additional documentation, specifically for loans, (survey or condition reports) are simply MS Word docs and hard copies are kept on file by exhibit and year, along with any other documentation for the exhibit or loan. If we do a treatment for an exhibit or loan, then it's entered into the database. We are starting to use Aeon so that hopefully will keep a better record of what's been on loan and exhibit and for how long as it's called again by a curator.

**Andrew Holland, Web Developer:**

It is a Microsoft SQL database run by ITS. That would not have been my first choice were I to do it over again, but this project had already been started there when I was hired so I just kind of went with it. Searchability and storage are the main purposes of the actual database. At least from my standpoint. One upside to ITS managing the database server is that we're really not in any danger of ever losing data. They have several redundancies.

The application itself is built on with bootstrap. There is a javascript library I used to help with the tabbed format, but all the calendar and form functions are bootstrap. I used PHP and SQLSRV on the backend. It's running on Apache. The print view and image storage are all homegrown.

