User-Centered Design of a Resource Center about Geospatial Data Preservation
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Geospatial data are valuable assets for science, education, business, government, and society. The data may not be replaceable if representing characteristics of a location at a particular time. Preserving geospatial data and related information products can improve their longevity and enable their use in the future. The Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center has been developed to improve awareness and understanding of geospatial data preservation. The user-centered approach that informed the first release of the online resource center will be described.

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