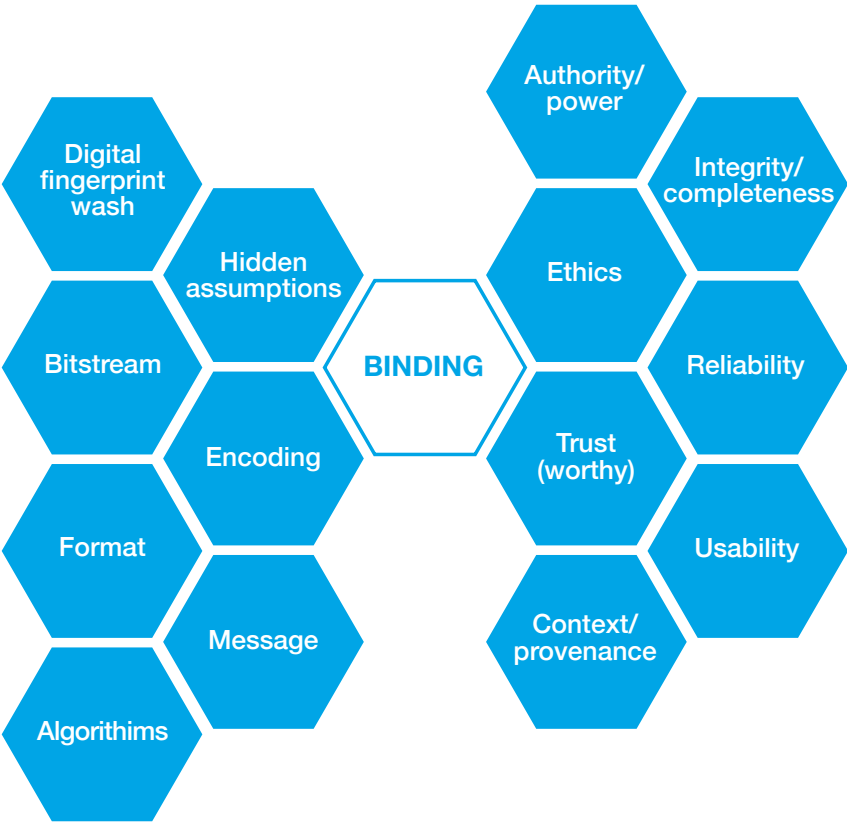


Vision two



This record vision was generated by a group of international participants at a workshop. In this vision we see a very different form of the record from previous academic debates. The record components are held together with a 'binding' that connects the components to deliver recordness. In this vision there are still some 'traditional' record components. There are some explicit and some hidden assumptions. The creators of this record vision discussed the idea of working with probabilities rather than 'absolutes' in terms of defining records and their delivery through time. Bayesian reasoning (statistical probability) was discussed. In this context it was suggested that it is more likely that archival content will survive than not survive over time. Nevertheless, the content also relies on social contextual elements for delivery as an evidential record. In addition, it was noted that provenance has a new found status and significance in a digital world if we are to have context and trust.

What elements would you add or remove from this vision?

Do you think that we should rely on probability calculations as a mechanism for ensuring the survival of our digital evidence base?

Do you consider provenance is critical in trusting information?

What further questions would you ask?

