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Metadata as a key to access to archival materials

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Agenda

- The paradigm of contemporary archives
- The role of metadata
- Program of retroconversion and its results
- The question s for the nearest future

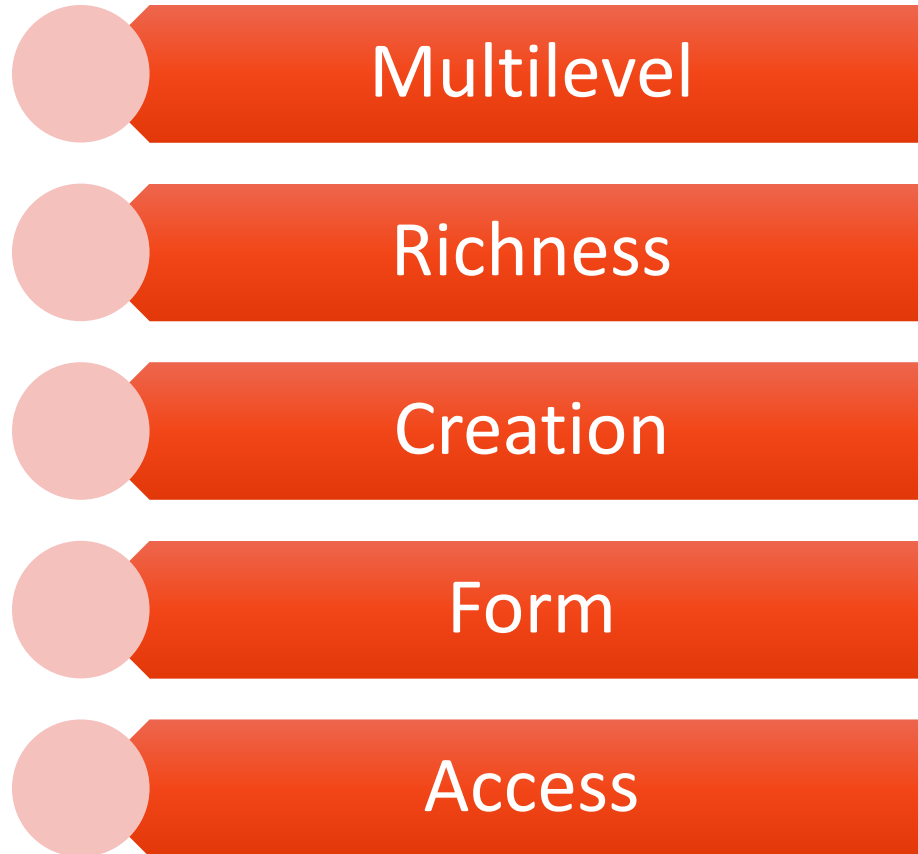
The paradigm

- How could we define contemporary paradigm in archives?

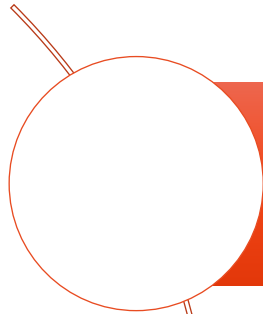
User first!

- creating traditional finding aids using computers
- information about archives in the form of database
- inventories accessible online
- connection between archival descriptions and digital copies of archival materials
- archival description in the context of big data, linked data and digital born records

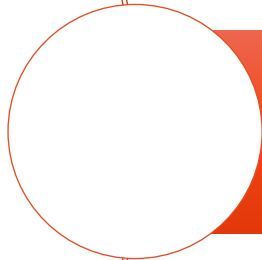
Metadata



The diagnosis



How many archival description on the file level should we have?



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The diagnosis

44 700 000 archival units

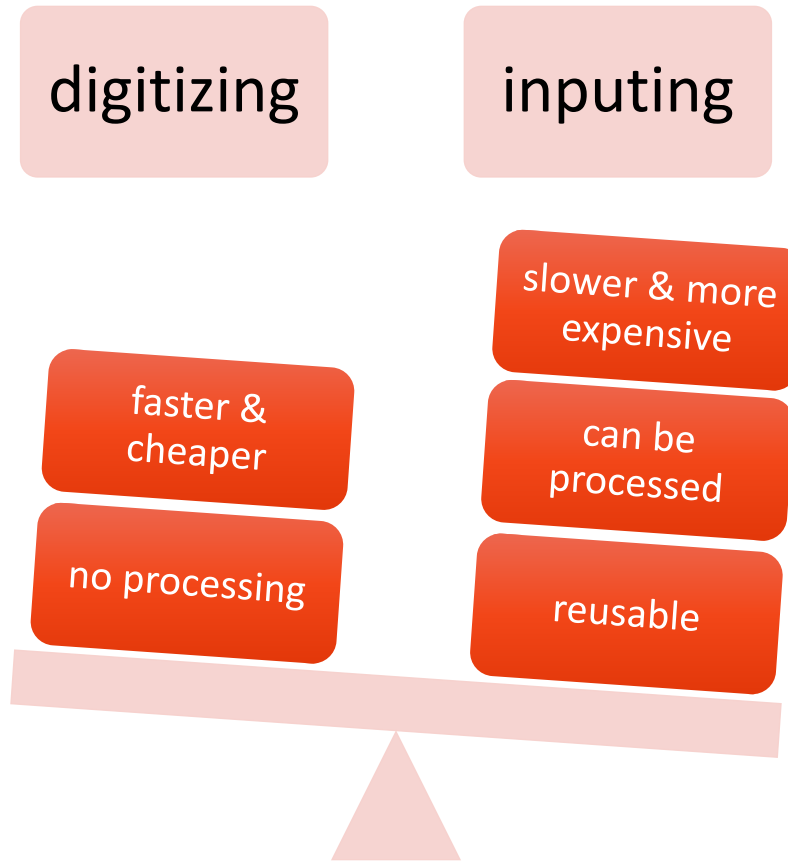
30 500 000 descriptions

10 000 000 without descriptions

17 391 626 descriptions in digital form

13 108 374 descriptions in paper form

How to...?

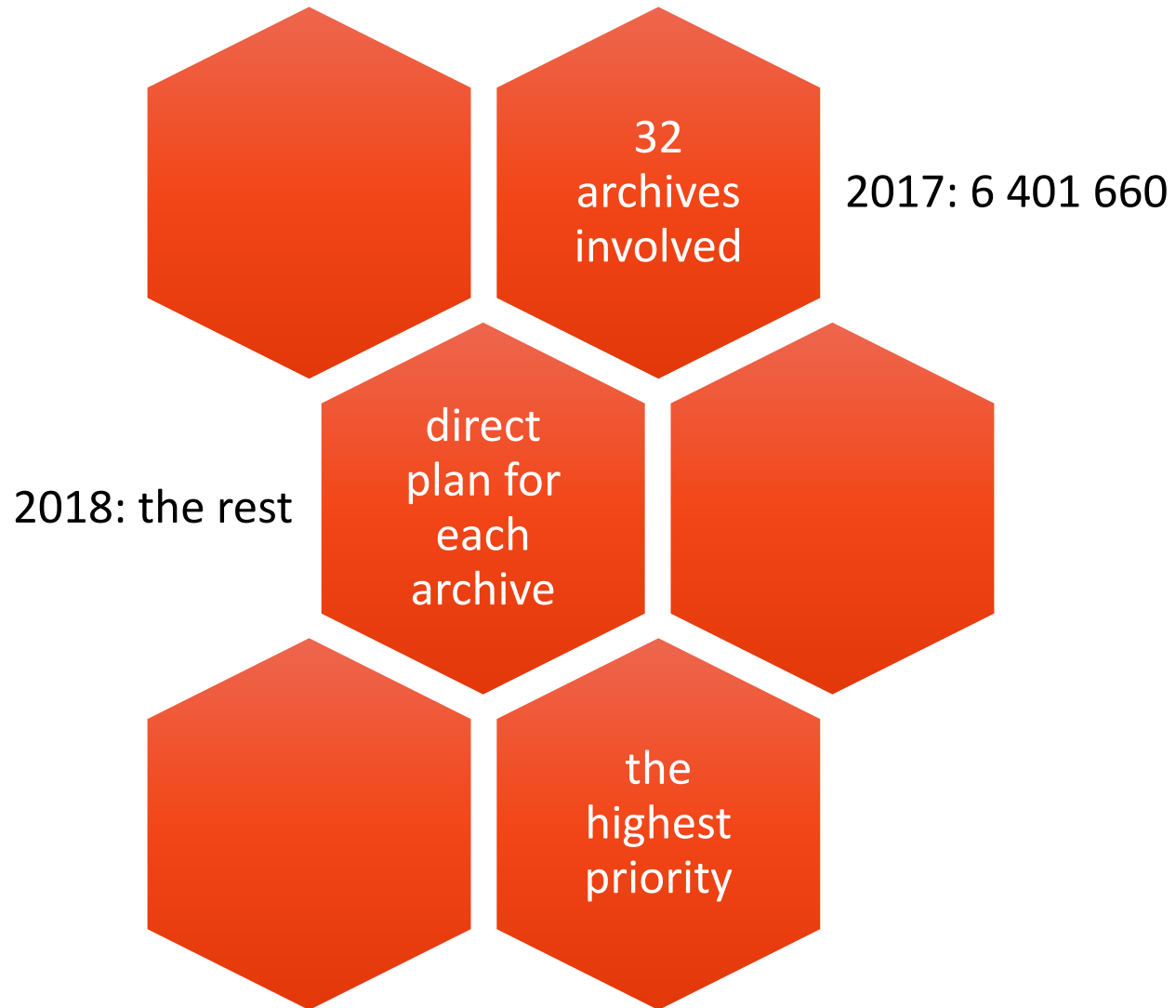


Costs

- hiring people = cost almost 23 000 000 złotych (it's about 5 400 000 Euro)



The plan



The outcome in (almost) the halfway

5 406 610

- descriptions moved

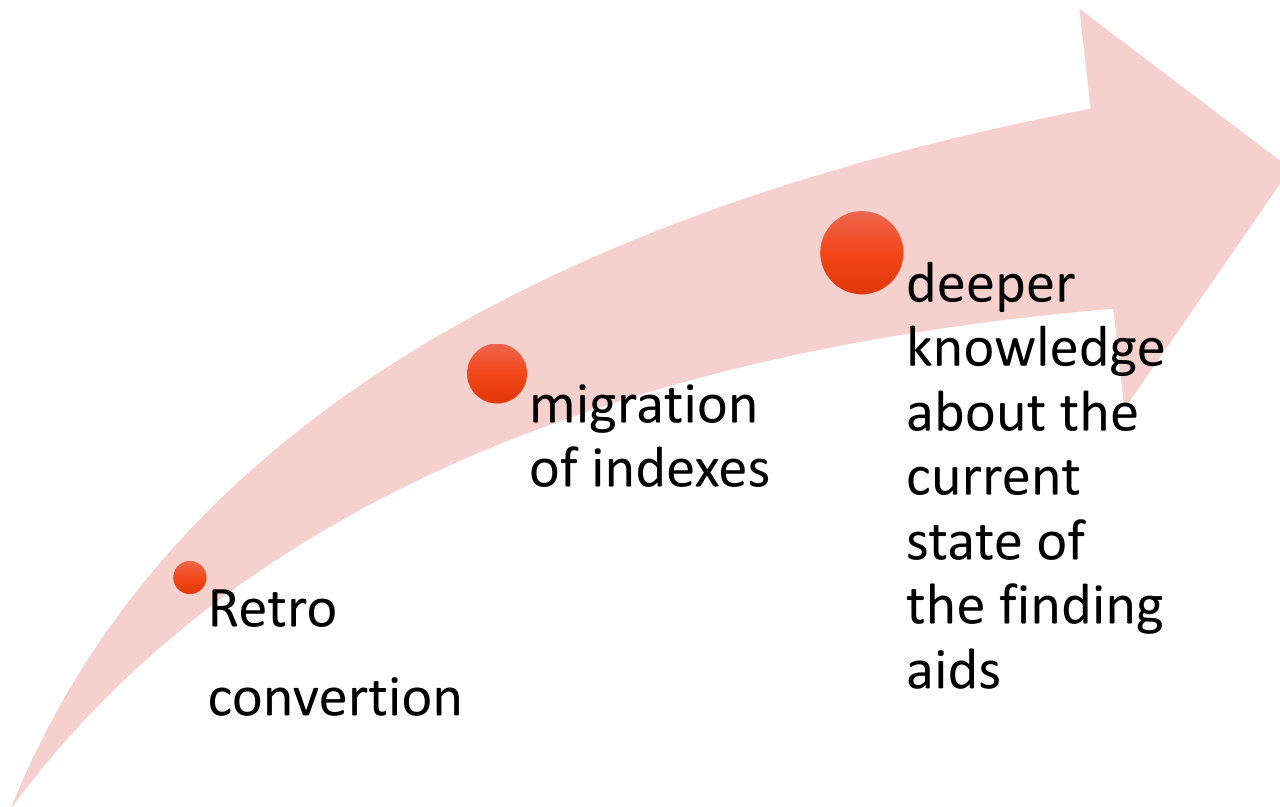
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- archivists involved

100%

- Increase of descriptions accessibility

Additional advantages (“side effects”)



Lesson learned



complex task forcing many decisions and showing the real condition of archival information

checking of adequacy of finding aids is a necessity

detailed planning and checking of work in archives

simple work = great effect

Questions remain

digital and analog metadata in one information system

Arrangement and description of electronic records

Artificial Intelligence



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Thank you

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