Stratigraphy and the dynamic Build-up of the Record

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The Global Record System

- Incorporates elements of both Database and Journal Recording Systems
- A system that, through programming, creates a record that would never have been possible otherwise
- Reflects changes of understanding in addition to unifying analyses
- Promotes the independence of the person recording

Methods of Documentation

- Database Documentation
- Journal Documentation
- Global Record as hybrid

Browser Edition

- Computer Programming allows us to manipulate text data so that a structured input allows for a highly differentiated output
- This output is saturated with hyperlinks, allowing a nearly infinite number of research paths
- Only a system that is 'born digital' can take advantage of the revolutionary possibilities in a computer system

Urkesh Global Record reflects the process of Archaeology

- The Global Record is an agglutinative record, retaining all observations
- These are kept regardless of pertinence to the final analysis

Independence of Authorship

- Authorship is retained with each 'atom' of data
- The data is entered without the influence of other's data
- Data is kept in the Record even if it overlaps

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Utility of such a System

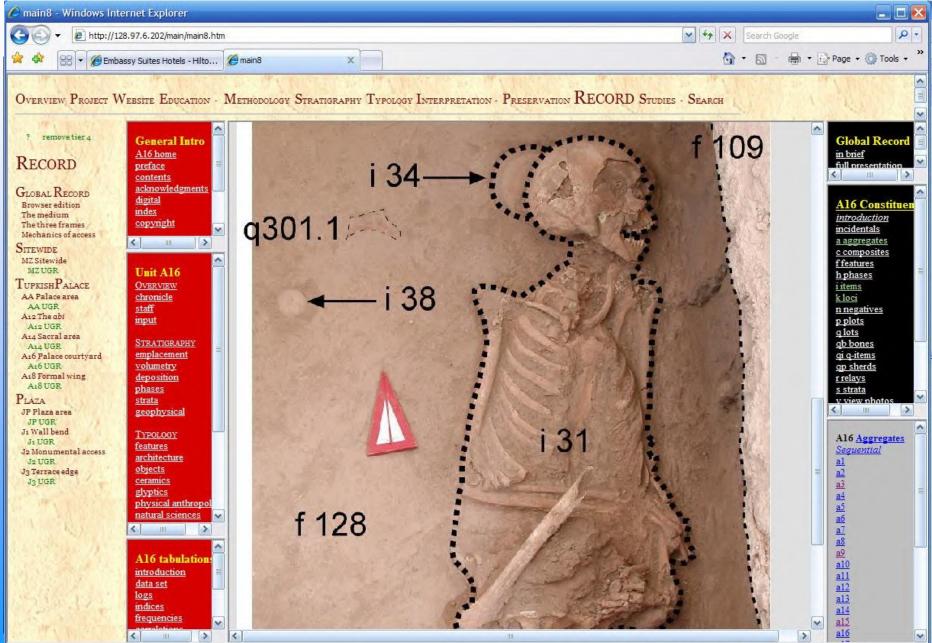
System allows for an Exploration of the Record in three main directions:

- Nesting
- Spatial Homogeneity
- Typological Similarity

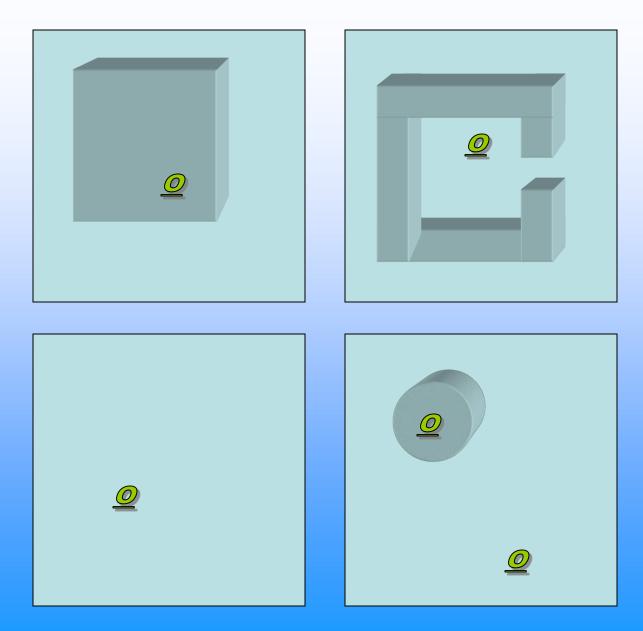
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Spatial Homogeneity



Typological Similarity



Similar elements distributed over diverse spatial contexts I. HybridII. ExplorationIII. Publication

Publication

- Importance of bibliographical permanence
- Data Permanence
- Data Published allows for analysis through other programs

Importance of Bibliographical Permanence

- Perception of the WWWeb as ephemeral
- Scholarship begins to mimic Printed Word
- Global Record as Monograph

Data Permanence

- 'Cryogenics' problem
- Underlying output published in most widespread and immutable format

Data presented so as to facilitate external analyses

- Data presented in Global Record is not only a Record with analysis, but is also a building block
- Intellectual Protectionism vs. Scholarly Contribution

Thank You!