

## VITAL ORGANIZATION

### Communities and Collections

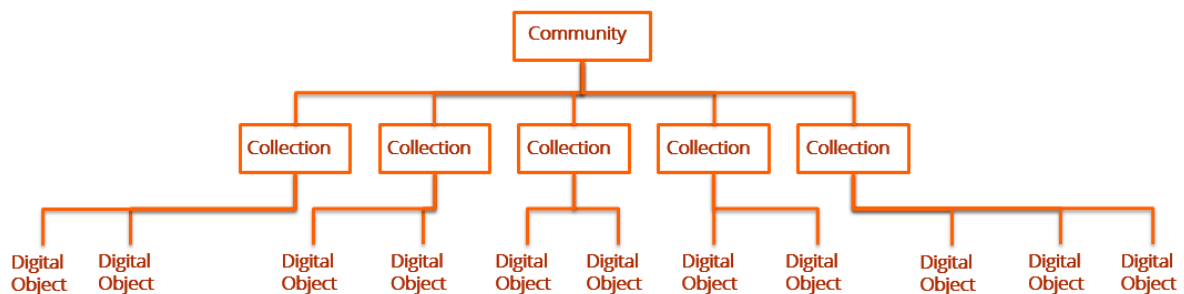
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#### Introduction to Communities and Collections

Communities and collections are a means for organizing digital objects within the repository. Vital can be configured to contain collections (sets of digital objects) and communities (groups of collections).

**Note:** Each community has one or more collections linked and each collection has one or more digital items linked.

This image provides an example of a single community containing multiple collections.



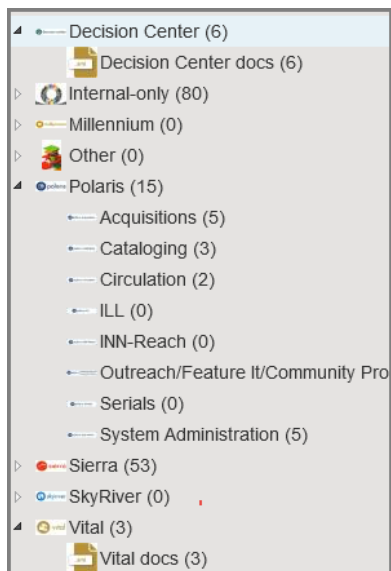
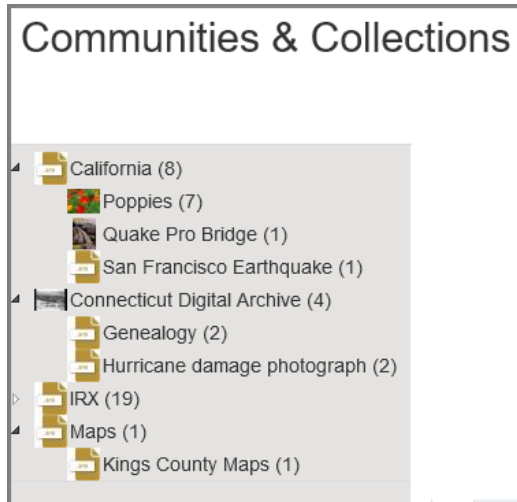
#### Basic Concepts:

- A community is used to group together collections.
- One or more communities belong to a site (consortia have multiple sites)
- A collection is used to group together digital objects.
- Digital objects are linked to collections, not communities
- In combination, digital objects are presented to the user with descriptive metadata and organized in collections and communities.
- The Communities & Collections browse allows you to view a hierarchical, nested list of communities and collections in the repository, and perform keyword or browse searches for objects within a selected collection. For a selected collection, you can choose to browse by Title, Creator, or Subject.

# Training

## Sample Communities and Collections Hierarchy

The image below shows a hierarchy of communities and the collections under each community.



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