

# General considerations about technology implementation

- Placing collections and exhibits online for remote visitors can be problematic to museum staff. The concern focuses on whether museums providing online access to their collections will see a corresponding decrease in physical visits.
- Simplifying the style of the text (no complicated expressions or esoteric language) and by avoiding the use of references. Surveys have indicated that half the readers prefer to look at brief summaries before choosing whether to read more in-depth presentations.
- The major components of cost calculations are data, software, hardware and telecommunications. Technical elements, annual maintenance and support costs should also be considered. (Booth 1998)