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CHRONICLING THE BRAIN TRUST OF SPACE THROUGH TIME: A HISTORY OF KNOWLEDGE  
MANAGEMENT AT NASA AND JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

**Abstract**

From its humble origins as a professional development program, to coalescing a knowledge architecture plan with documented mission safety and Lessons Learned programs and beyond, NASA and Jet Propulsion Laboratory have infused knowledge transfer, capture, and sharing into their enterprise culture by to compiling organizational information with the goal of learning from the past. The authors will present a concise history of knowledge management (KM), explain how it is defined and practiced in the aerospace industry, and will offer a timeline of KM at NASA and JPL, focusing on how knowledge management theory and practice have influenced the agency over the decades.