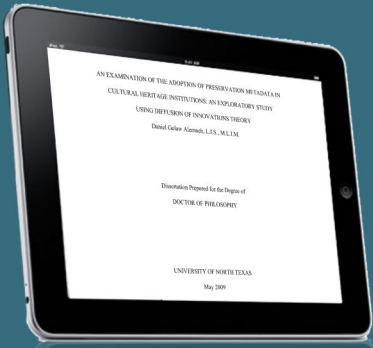


Providing the ETDs of Today for the Researchers of Tomorrow

Background and Scope



Project Period: 10/2011-09/2013

The transition from traditional paper and microfilm formats to electronic theses and dissertations presents a number of significant challenges for academic libraries, which are charged with curating and preserving this digital content.

To promote good practices and to increase the capacity of academic libraries to reliably preserve ETDs, the project participants are researching, developing, and sharing a toolkit of guidelines, educational materials, and a set of software tools for life-cycle data management and preservation of ETDs.

Deliverables

- **Guidance Documents for Lifecycle Management of ETDs** will address areas of special interest identified by ETD program planners, managers, and stakeholders.
- **Education Materials and Associated Workshop** will provide a set of educational materials on the theory and practice of lifecycle management of ETDs, and will be utilized in a workshop that will be offered in the second year of the project.
- **Lifecycle Tools** will develop and disseminate a set of software tools to address specific needs in managing ETDs throughout their lifecycle. These tools will be created as completely modular micro-services.

Toolkit Topics

- Access Levels and Embargoes
- Copyright Issues and Fair Use
- Implementation Roles and Responsibilities
- Usage Metrics and Demonstrating Value
- Formats and Format Migration Scenarios
- Metadata and Lifecycle Events
- Record-Keeping
- Cost Estimation and Planning
- ETD Program Design and Options

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