ETD's: A Collaborative Project of the Washington State University Graduate School and the University Library

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Sends her regrets
CHRONOLOGY

- 10/98--Graduate School & Library meet with UMI; Graduate School & Library discuss ETD project
- 01/99--Finalize Proposal for WSU Digital Dissertations Service; Deans & Provost approve
- 04/99--Faculty Senate approves
CHRONOLOGY, cont.

- 06/99--Dissertations Server Online
- 07/99--Graduate School & Library Develop ETD Process
- 12/99--Graduate School & Library Finalize Process; First Digital Dissertation Submitted
PROCEDURE

- Student, Advisor, and Committee decide if thesis or dissertation is digital
- Student files “Application for Degree” and receives guidelines including procedures for submitting in digital format
- 5 days after successful defense, sends digital dissertation or thesis to Library Digital Dissertation Server
PROCEDURE, cont.

- Server sends automatic e-mail to Library Systems
- Systems checks for legitimacy & notifies Graduate School
- Graduate School checks that corrections have been made and notifies Library Systems
- If not OK, student must resubmit
PROCEDURE, cont.

- If OK, Library Systems moves it to permanent location, gives it archival file name & permanent URL, and notifies Library Technical Services
- After cataloging, original copy of Title Page, Signature Page, & Abstract sent to Library Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections
PROCEDURE, cont.

- Library Technical Services sends copy of Title Page and Signature Page to UMI
- UMI gets copy of PDF file from Library ETD server
- Entry in WSU Libraries online catalog 856 field is for copy on Library ETD server
ARCHIVING

- ETD server backed up every night to tape and tapes rotated to off-site storage
- ETD server backed up monthly to separate RAID
- Considering CD-ROM in addition
ADVANTAGES

- ETD project “easy” to implement
- ETD’s easier and faster for Graduate School to process
- ETD’s cost students less
- ETD’s cost Libraries less (but…)
- ETD’s allow enhanced content possibilities
- ETD’s may be accessed anytime/anywhere
CHALLENGES

• ETD project “easy” to implement, but...
• Developing and maintaining digital libraries is not to be undertaken lightly
• Sustainable access to durable information
• New costs and new responsibilities: to graduate students, to University, to scholarly communication
PROGRESS REPORT

• In 2000, 10% of dissertations and theses submitted as digital
• Fall 1999--1 dissertation
• Spring 2000--7 each
• Fall 2000--5 theses
• Spring 2001--Expect big increase