

Title: ETDs FOREVER! Pragmatic Preservation from Philosophy to Technology

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Abstract: Keep alive, intact, safe from injury and harm; save from decomposition—these are standard definitions of PRESERVATION but not necessarily standard practices with ETDs. A panel of thinkers and doers from academia and business will address long-term preservation of graduate student research and scholarship.

Title: ETDs - Cooperation within three Nordic countries

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Abstract: The DiVA -project (Academic Archive On-line) was initiated at Uppsala University in Sweden. The DiVA-project has produced a system for submitting, retrieving and archiving ETDs and reports. The DiVA-project has evolved from being a project at one university to a joint project with partners from seven universities in three different countries (Denmark, Norway and Sweden). Taking part in a joint project offers several advantages both financially and when it comes to implementation and further development.

Economic advantages: With partners from three different countries and seven universities, we are able to look for financial resources from a number of different sources (university and national sources).

It also offers possibilities to operate the system more economically, this because it is possible to host every single installation of DiVA on the same server within the co-operating network.

Development: Through this joint project we are able to pool our human resources and collaborate when it comes to system architecture, development, monitoring of standards and best practises etc. Different universities can take the main responsibility for different aspects of the further development of DiVA, thus creating a creative and highly qualified community of people interested in electronic publishing.

Implementation: The Nordic countries share a lot of similarities when it comes to the university system and how (especially) doctoral theses are being processed within the university libraries. The thesis has to be publicly available 2-4 weeks before an official defence of the thesis. It is also printed in a fairly large number of copies, which are distributed to other universities and colleges nationally and in other Nordic countries. The libraries at the different universities and colleges are also taking part in a system of inter-library loans.