Title: St. Mary of Egypt in BL MS Cotton Otho B. x: An HTML ETD
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Abstract: At the University of Kentucky, Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) is the required ETD format. Although Adobe promotes PDF as a standard it is, in fact, a proprietary format that must be created and viewed using Adobe software. A committee of government, industry, and academic representatives is currently attempting to develop an International Standards Organization (ISO) specification for a subset of PDF (PDF/A) that will serve as an archival digital preservation format. In the meantime, the only way to ensure long-term preservation of a PDF document is to print it on archival paper.

In addition to the required PDF format, UK also accepts an additional alternative version in Hypertext Markup Language (HTML). In 2001, as one of the first UK graduate students to submit an ETD, I elected to write my thesis in HTML, then converted that version to PDF to meet the format requirement. HTML was designed specifically for displaying an electronic document that includes digital images and hyperlinks from one location in the document to another. In contrast to PDF, no special software other than a plain text editor is required to create an HTML document, no special software other than a Web browser is required to view an HTML document, and even if an HTML document "breaks" the text can still be read.

In 2003, I received the Council of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS) Master Thesis Award for the Humanities and Arts Division. My electronic poster will be a computer-based demonstration of my award-winning ETD. In the narrative accompanying my demonstration I will explain why I decided to submit an HTML ETD, will illustrate the differences between the HTML and PDF versions, and will discuss why, if I were creating an ETD today, I would write it in eXtensible Markup Language (XML).

Title: AUSTRALIAN DIGITAL THESES PROGRAM – EXPANSION, PARTNERSHIP AND REDEVELOPMENT
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Abstract: The continuing evolution of the Australian Digital Theses [ADT] Program, with the aid of Federal Government funding, sees it redeveloping the existing central metadata repository [http://adt.caul.edu.au/] to increase its coverage and utility to the national and international research community. The repository's content will expand to include metadata about all Australian higher degree theses, whether in digital form or not. This goal responds to a clearly stated desire of the Australian research community, who report difficulty in finding information about theses. This new project, scheduled for completion within the 2004 calendar year, will also identify and test software solutions to support compliance with the Open Archives Initiative's Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). The ADT partner institutions involved in the redevelopment project will also be seeking to address common solutions for local