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Title: Global access to electronic Theses in urdu language initiative: problems and perspectives

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Abstract: Urdu language and literature has a high potential for research in many universities especially in subcontinent. India and Pakistan has about two hundred universities where theses and dissertations are being produced in urdu language and script besides many countries of the world. These have not been fully covered by any digital initiative. It is here in the department of library and information science(The university of Kashmir) that an initiative has been taken to cover Urdu etc dissertations of all Indian universities for digitization. The program has been envisaged in two phases. The first phase will include the bibliographic details of the these along with the abstract of the theses. The second phase is intended to digitize them and make available on the web. It is using Ms/sql in the backend and V basic/ ASP in the front end. The use of unicode with qualified Metadata and XML has been experimented. However there are many problems in its implementation which will be thoroughly discussed in the paper along with the solutions.

Title: Why Mess with A Good Thing?: The Search for Improved Efficiency within the ETD Workflow Process

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Abstract: At the University of Tennessee, an increasing proportion of graduate students have chosen the electronic option for thesis and dissertation submission since the ETD program's inception in 1999. Electronic submissions represented 2.5% of total thesis and dissertation submissions in 1999-2000, 5.5% in 2000-2001, 23.5% in 2001-2002, and 38.7% in 2002-2003. Although submitting an ETD is optional at UT, electronic submission is encouraged. Creating an "ETD-friendly" environment involves a careful analysis of the ETD-related activities among multiple departments and the information exchange between them. The workflow process for ETD creation, access, and archiving requires many new activities for the student, academic department, graduate office, campus information technology, library, and user. The UT ETD Technical Working Group is analyzing this process to improve the efficiency of the ETD workflow, to make published ETDs more accessible, and to improve ETD preservation practices. The result