

As a first endeavor of doing ETD for both the advisee and advisor, the result can be considered a success and future students are definitely encouraged to produce ETD. Recommendations for future candidates include 1. Learn the ETD process early so that much practice can be done prior to planning the document, 2. Plan to include links among parts of the document from the beginning, 3. Edit sound files and image files to satisfaction prior to imbedding them in the document. 4. Be creative on the design and lay-out but be sure to budget your time so as to finish the document in a timely manner.

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

Authors: Anthony D Smith, Joan Dolence, Linda Behrend, Kawanna Bright (University of Tennessee)

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

of this analysis should provide a strategy that will allow UT campus departments to more effectively handle the rapidly growing number of ETD submissions. This presentation will provide an overview of this newly refined process and outline specific strategies that may help improve the efficiency of the ETD lifecycle.

Title: The Life and Times of Ted: A Fun Look at the Life of an ETD

Authors: Anthony D Smith, Linda Behrend, Joan Dolence, Kawanna Bright (University of Tennessee)

Abstract: The workflow process for creating, accessing, and archiving ETDs requires many new activities for the student, academic department, graduate office, campus information technology, library, and user. In this poster session, the ETD workflow process will come to life through a character named TED (Tennessee Electronic Dissertation). The session will provide a fun and humorous look at the lifecycle of a UT ETD. A large-screen digital display will air a flash-animated production called "The Life and Times of Ted." Using cartoon-like animation, the mini-movie will illustrate the workflow process for creating, accessing, and archiving ETDs at UT. This light-hearted look at the ETD lifecycle is designed to amplify some of the important aspects of the process and provide conference entertainment.

Title: SOME PRACTICAL POINTS ON ORGANIZING ETD CONSORTIA

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Abstract: All over the world, there are consortia of ETD digital libraries. Some are national, like the Australian Digital Theses Program (<http://adt.caul.edu.au/>), while others are regional, like the Tesis Doctorals de Catalunya (<http://www.tdcat.cbuc.es/>).

Organizing a consortium is a challenge since it involves many institutions with different cultures and activities related to the implementation and the operation of the central services.

The implementation of a consortium requires the following organizing actions:

- Developing a model for cooperation and for responsibilities of all parties involved in order to make clear who the participants are and how they are expected to cooperate, from metadata sharing to running servers 24/7;
- Developing relationships with funding agencies, national libraries and commercial initiatives. Support from other institutions helps to strengthen the consortium;
- Adopting a metadata element set in other to create a union catalog that addresses the needs of participating institutions and of other institutions, allowing the consortium to cooperate in an international scale;