

author browsing) compare with searching in terms of discovery? -- Where is the demand coming from – Europe, Eastern Europe, Africa, India, China, Korea, Japan? -- Is demand hampered by known bandwidth problems, as in Africa and the former Soviet Republics?

This paper reports on the tools and methods developed to perform this analysis, as well as the conclusions reached.

Title: Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) at ETSU

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Abstract: East Tennessee State University (ETSU) began working to implement electronic publication of theses and dissertations in 1999 through a collaborative effort initiated by the Graduate School with the Sherrod Library. The Graduate School saw electronic publication as a way to reduce turnaround time and cost to students in the publication process and to increase the visibility of ETSU research. The Sherrod Library saw the partnership as an opportunity to integrate access to ETSU theses and dissertations in both print and electronic formats, gain experience with building and managing a digital library collection, and reduce operating costs associated with storing, cataloging, and providing interlibrary loan service for theses and dissertations. After pilot testing in 2000, ETDs became mandatory at ETSU in 2001.

The Sherrod Library Systems Department manages both the ETD and Voyager library collection management systems at ETSU. Working with both systems provided an opportunity to explore ways to link the two for resource discovery and access purposes. We developed Perl scripts to create MARC bibliographic and holdings records for ETDs from data in the ETD database, load them into the library catalog, and send a summary log to the Cataloging department by e-mail so that staff could review and correct the records if needed. A more recent script-writing effort built support for the OAI Protocol for Metadata Harvesting into the ETD archive so that ETSU ETD metadata can be included in the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) Union Catalog.

This electronic poster session (web site) reports on ETSU's experience to date with ETDs from the perspective of the Sherrod Library.

Title: Building-up a Co-ordination Agency for online dissertations and post-doctoral theses in Germany

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Abstract: During the project "Dissertations Online", the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft supported the development of solutions and assistances for