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UCF's Student Digital Scholarship: Graduate and Honors Electronic Theses and Dissertations

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Hosting, Supporting, and Preserving

- Goal of sustainable, long-term access and preservation on limited resources
- [Graduate ETDs](#) - 2004
- [Honors Electronic Theses](#) - 2011





Do you host ETDs in your institutional repository?

- Well...
- What if I don't have an IR?
 - ETDs/ETHs are [hosted by FLVC](#)
 - Link in the [catalog](#)
 - Metadata is reconfigured and made available in a CONTENTdm [collection](#) for purposes of web searching and harvesting



Can people find our ETDs?

- Always a work in progress – SEO
 - Google, Yahoo, Bing
- Specific ETD sites
 - [Networked Digital Library of Theses & Dissertations](#)
 - [OATD](#)
- Specific searching in [digital collections](#)
 - Author, Advisor, College, Release date
- What if they don't want to be found?



Should we submit to ProQuest or another proprietary company?

- Mandate vs. [Option](#)
- Student authors hold the copyright to their works
- They can choose to deposit in any repository or with any proprietary company
- Metadata is online and harvestable, but no ***requirement*** for depositing materials with ProQuest or others



Will our ETDs be accessible 20 years from now?

- If the past 10 years are any indication – yes!
- If not...
 - Begin with the end in mind – Digital Preservation
 - [Florida Digital Archive](#) → Format Migration
- Discussion to move to “digital dissertations” beyond the PDF



Is there validity in retrospective digitization projects?

- YES!
 - Interlibrary Loan
 - Applying to graduate programs
 - Proof of research for employment
 - Lost originals
 - Format obsolete
 - Open Access





Can ETDs inform methods for additional student digital scholarship?

- Definitely!
 - Hosting
 - Digital Preservation
 - Copyright
 - Future use of content
 - Author Rights
 - Embargo periods
 - Open Access policies
 - Data storage
 - Data use agreements
 - Literature review
 - Citation management



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