

Voyager and ETDs

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What is an ETD?

- ETD is short for Electronic Thesis and Dissertation
- An ETD is an electronic representation of a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation accessible via a Web browser, and readable through a PDF reader

History of ETDs at WVU

- Since August 1998, all theses and dissertations have been required to be submitted in an electronic format
- As of February 2002, there are 1,161 ETDs in the WVU collection

ETD Facts

- Access to WVU ETDs has increased 5,000% over their print counterparts
- WVU ETDs were accessed over 1 million times in 2001
- WVU ETDs were accessed over 3,000 times per day in 2001

ETD Facts (Cont.)

- The most popular WVU ETD had been accessed 13,805 times by the end of 2001
- 93 countries have accessed WVU ETDs
- WVU graduate students submit an average of 350 ETDs per year

(Facts compiled by John Hagen (WVU Libraries))

ETD Facts (Cont.)

- As of February 2002, there were 1,093 ETDs cataloged in WVU's Voyager system

ETD Web Distribution Options

- World – ETDs available to the world without restriction
- Campus Only – ETDs limited to on-campus access, ILL electronic or print access.
- Campus Encrypted – ETDs limited to on-campus access and encrypted (password protected)
- No Access – ETDs that have a patent pending or involve proprietary data. Withheld from public access for one year

Where can I find ETDs?

- From the WVU Libraries homepage:
<http://www.libraries.wvu.edu/>
- From the WVU ETD search page:
<http://etd.wvu.edu/Search1.html>
- From the WVU ETD browse page:
<http://etd.wvu.edu/browse.htm>

Who catalogs the ETDs?

- Library Technical Assistant (LTA II)
- Authorities/Cataloging Librarian
- Please see the “Cataloging ETDs at WVU” handout for details

How do ETDs differ from their paper counterparts?

- ETDs do not take up any physical space
- The authors provide keywords
- ETDs do not contain a copyright statement

How do ETDs differ? (Cont.)

- ETDs are cataloged as published works (Paper theses are cataloged as manuscripts)
- ETDs often do not contain a vita
- ETDs may contain multimedia files

What are the advantages of ETDs?

- ETDs are cataloged in a more timely manner than paper (1-2 months v. 1-2 years)
- ETDs are more easily accessible for descriptive cataloging
- ETDs do not need to be sent to bindery (affecting their accessibility)

What are the problems with ETDs?

- More serial than monograph
- URLs sometimes need to be updated
- No access ETDs
- Password protected
- Web browsers and Internet access

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