
WVU Electronic Theses and Dissertations

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Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Why ETDs?

- **Universities open up the potential of their scholarly work**
 - **Virginia Tech has had ETD's accessed thousands of times!**
- **Recruiting tool**
- **Opens new possibilities for creative thesis and dissertation formats**
- **New library services**
- **Reduced library storage space**
- **Universities learn about electronic libraries**

ETD Experience

- **Virginia Tech mandatory since May 1997**
 - 545 ETDs as of October 1997
 - ETD Submission: <http://etd.vt.edu>
 - ETD Library: <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses>
 - e.g. “Contemporary Turkish Coffee House Design Based on Historic Tradition” by Timur Oral
- **Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) collaboration**
 - 22 universities participating
 - WVU a member

ETD Process

- **Student uses word processor**
- **Committee signs approval (“shuttle form”)**
- **Student prints output to postscript file**
- **Student uses Adobe Distiller to convert to PDF file**
- **Student fills out online form and submits files electronically**
- **Library ETD Reviewer approves formatting**
- **ETD is archived**
- **University Microfilms, Inc. retrieves a copy**

Proposed Timeline for WVU ETDs

- **January 1998 - Testbed implementation**
- **January to July 1998 - Volunteer usage**
- **August 15, 1998 - Required usage except by permission of college (date of defense)**
- **January 1, 1999 - Required usage with exception only by permission of the provost's office (date of defense)**

How Does WVU Implement ETDs

- **Set up ETD server and software**
- **Some assembly required**
- **Web information site www.wvu.edu/~thesis**
- **Implement administrative policy**
- **Provide training and information sessions**
- **Provide computer lab assistance**
- **Provide support for students**