Who? What? Why? When? A Tale of ETD Metadata

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What?

The TDL ETD Metadata Working Group will provide guidance to TDL member institutions and other ETD practitioners on metadata for electronic theses and dissertations, with a particular focus on works published through the Vireo ETD submission and management application.

- (1) Update the "Descriptive Metadata Guidelines for Electronic Theses and Dissertations (Version 1)" to reflect current and emergent practices;
- (2) Evaluate the recommended metadata guidelines for **divergences with current Vireo functionality** and make recommendations to the Vireo Users Group for correcting those divergences;
- (3) Publish and **promote use of the updated guidelines** among TDL members and Vireo users.

All work of the group will be done in close cooperation with the Vireo Users Group and TDL staff.

What's metadata?

PLAYING SOLDIERS:

MARTIAL SUBJECTS IN EARLY MODERN ENGLISH DRAMA, 1590-1660

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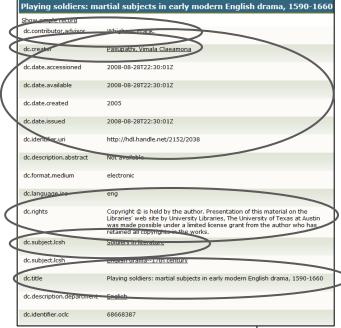
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Rights information Subject headings

Title



The University of Texas at Austin

August 2005

Why is it important?

Facilitates discovery.

What is this thesis about? Find everything about "soldiers in literature."

Helps with management and tracking of records.

Who owns the rights to this work? Can we make this ETD publicly accessible?

Clarifies relationships among objects.

What else has this author published? How do I know that this John Smith is the same person as that John Smith?

2008 Guidelines

The 2008 group's charge:
To "support TDL's goal of a single,
unified collection of ETDs" by
working to "identify the issues and
policies involved with ETDs in the
member institutions, and make
recommendations to the team
charged with the development of an
ingestion application [Vireo]."

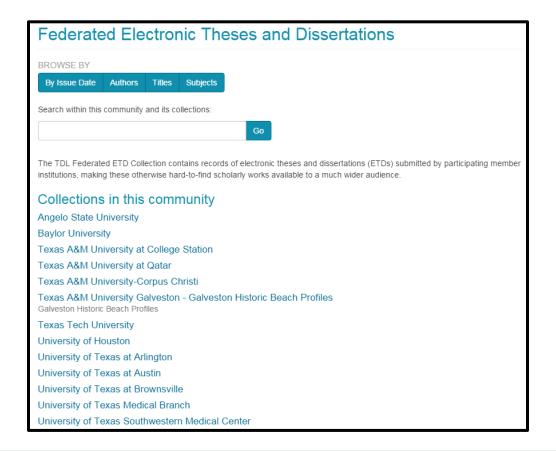


Texas Digital Library Descriptive Metadata Guidelines for Electronic Theses and Dissertations

Version 1.0

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"A single, unified collection of ETDs..."

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"...make recommendations [for an] ingestion application..."

Why update?

Inconsistent application

New use cases

Vireo development

Need for systems & standards to work together

Approach

- Gather data: Review of existing standards
 Feedback from stakeholders
- Engage with Vireo Users Group
- Develop use cases
- Draft recommendations
- Use "Task and Review" Group

Use Case 1:

Name disambiguation

Motivating problem:

Institutions have come up with local approaches to name disambiguation to address problems and create workaround solutions. These issues were not addressed in the original ETD guidelines.

Columbus, Christopher vs Columbus, Christopher

Columbus, Christopher vs Columbus, Christopher, 1958-

Problems:

It is difficult to accurately search by author within a repository - potential problems with harvested metadata causing further ambiguity

Problems:

Exposure of birth years is not a workable option for all institutions

Lyon, Colleen, active 2013

Problems:

Students don't consistently provide all the necessary information in order to create a unique name heading, or the information provided is inaccurate.

Methodology:

- Conversations with stakeholders
- Reviewing standards around name disambiguation
- Reviewing methods of name disambiguation

Current practices:

- Locally created authority files
- Crosswalking from/to MARC
- ORCiD integration

Recommendation:

Option 1: ORCiD integration

Recommendation:

Option 2: Integration with campus information systems

Use Case 2:

Problems with Dates

Motivating Problems:

Thesis Offices, libraries, and users are confused by the dates found in each record-- where did they come from? what do they mean?

Current (2008) TDL Guidelines on dates:

- Date of Creation [dc.date.created]
 - Graduation date <u>or</u> date degree is conferred
- Date of Publication [dc.date.issued]
 - Date ETD released to public
- Author Birth Date
- Advisor Birth Date
- Committee Member Birth Date
- Record Creation Date
- Record Change Date

Problems:

Growing pains in moving away from simple best practices

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Degree	PhD
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Advisory Committee	Advisor Name Title Dudley, Larkin S. Committee Chair Gooden, Susan T. Committee Member Svara, James Committee Member Wamsley, Gary L. Committee Member Wolf, James F. Committee Member
Keywords	Public Management Charlotte managed competition normative theory
Date of Defense	2005-04-25

Problems:

Unclear what various date fields mean for users and administrators

- Example:
 - dc.date.accessioned
 - dc.date.issued
 - dc.date.available

Problems:

Local uses of dates include customizations that may diverge from existing guidelines.

- Example:
 - Graduation date stored in:
 - dc.date.created
 - dc.date.graduation
 - dc.date.graduationMonth

Methodology:

- Analyze standards around dates in ETD guidelines
- Analyze how dates are generated in and packaged by Vireo
- Benchmark sample ETDs from NDLTD institutions

Results:

Identified few dates that were purely descriptive

- coverage dates
 - dc.coverage.temporal
- dates associated with subjects
 - dc.subject
- dates included in other descriptive fields
 - dc.title
 - Innovation in the Electronics Industry (1955-2010)
 - dc.description.abstract
 - "Using a broad panel of US and Japanese publicly listed IT firms in the period 1983-2004, it shows this change in the nature of IT..."

Results:

Identified dates that were both descriptive/administrative

- author or advisor birth dates
- date of defense
- date of graduation
- date of publication
- period of embargo
- Some institutions are specifying copyright dates
 - dc.date.copyright
 - dc.date.description

Results:

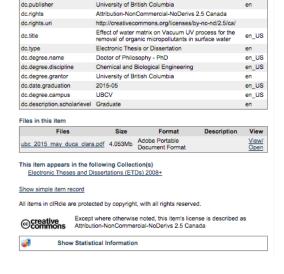
Awareness that systems [such as Vireo and DSpace] are generating or packaging the dates we are capturing and exposing to the user.

Results:

Variations in how 'readable' institutional metadata is.

Example, simple (9) and full (19) item view:

http://hdl.handle.net/2429/52252

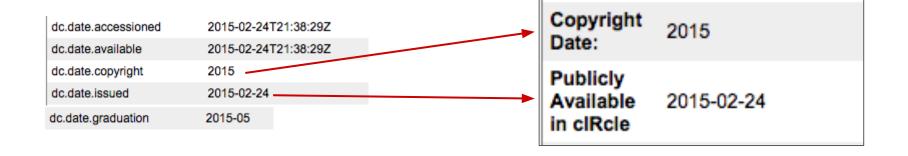


dc.language.iso

en_US

Results:

Variations in how 'readable' institutional metadata is.



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Results:

Most frequently used dates correspond to lifecycle management / administrative data, which has not necessarily been addressed by descriptive metadata standards.

Examples:

- date accessioned
- date available
- date approved by committee
- date submitted
- date of license approval

Recommendations:

Future standards should:

- (1) identify dates to be collected by Vireo, stored with ETD, and exposed in a repository
- (2) define how these dates are coded/populated

Example: "dc.date.approved should be filled as YYYY-MM with the date that the graduate school approved the ETD"

Recommendations:

Dichotomy of descriptive/administrative does not hold up when it comes to ETDs.

Use Case 2: Problems with Dates

Out of scope / longterm goal:

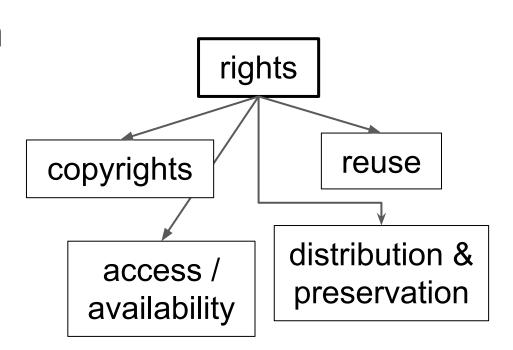
We need more robust systems for generating and including administrative metadata as object persists in a published state.

Use Case 3:

Rights, Availability and Access Metadata

Motivating Problem

 New element to the TDL metadata standard



The Recommended Practice

Methodology

Section 3: Metadata Elements

3.1 free to read 3.2 license reference

Access and License Indicators

(RP-22-2015) Section 4: Recommended Mechanisms for Distributing Metadata

Section 5: Use Case Review

- 5.1 Use Case: End User Seeks to Discover, Identify, and Access Free-to-Read Items.....
- 5.2 Use Case: End User Seeks to Know the Readability Status of an Item ..
- 5.3 Use Case: End User Seeks to Know Re-Use Permissions of an Item.
- 5.4 Use Case: End User Seeks to Know Re-Use Permissions of a Sub-Component of an Item
- 5.5 Use Case: Repositories Seek to Expose Free-to-Read Items
- 5.6 Use Case: End User Seeks to Text Mine Content
- 5.7 Use Case: Ensure Author/Publisher Rights Assertions Align with License Statements
- 5.8 Use Case: Funding Agency Seeks to Track Compliance of Research Outputs to Open
- 5.9 Use Case: Institution Seeks to Report on Open Access Compliance of Research Outputs

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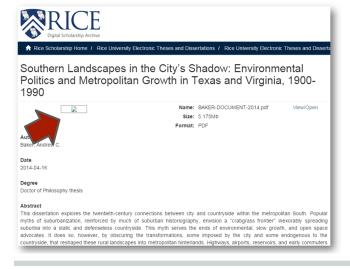
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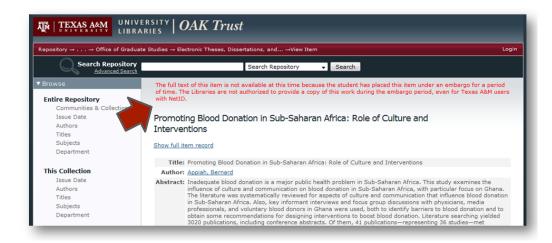


Practices

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statementofresponsibility dc.rights dc.rights.uri dc.rights.availability





Access levels examples

NDLTD ETD-MS (rights levels)

- Not publicly accessible
- Limited public access
- Publicly accessible

OATD/Dowling

- restricted
- unrestricted

Open Data Project

- public
- restricted public
- non-public

Recommendations

dc.rights.accessRights

Proposed Levels:

- Publicly accessible
- Access restricted to campus
- Access restricted due to embargo. Release date xxxxxx-xx.

Recommendations

- dc.rights.rightsHolder
 - e.g. Copyright 2013 © John Smith
- dc.rights
 - e.g. The authors of the theses and dissertations are the copyright owners. The Digital Library and Archives has their permission to store and provide access to these works.
 - e.g. Copyright © is held by the author. Digital access to this material is made possible by the University Libraries. Further transmission, reproduction or presentation (such as public display or performance) of protected items is prohibited except with permission of the author

Recommendations

- dc.rights.uri
 - Creative Commons: Attribution 3.0 Hong Kong License
 - http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/us/





Next steps

- Draft report expected April, 2015
- Task & review group
- Vireo User Group approval
- Final report will be made available

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Discussion

- How are you disambiguating names? Who handles this in your university?
- Do you understand what the dates in ETD records mean?
- In the work you do to curate ETDs, what dates do you think are most important?
- What dates in the provenance field (hidden from immediate view and, in some cases, restricted from public access entirely) should be exposed, and how should they be exposed?
- Have you encountered cases of complex rights-- for example, where students have previously published their T or D as an article or articles, with copyright transferred to the publisher?