

Electronic Thesis and Dissertation Project

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For a good overview, see the Sept. *D-Lib Magazine* coverage:

National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD)
A Scalable and Sustainable Approach to Unlock University Resources
<http://www.dlib.org/dlib/september96/theses/09fox.html>

Purpose:

Our project is primarily an effort to improve graduate education. We will work so that graduate students become information literate, learning how to become electronic publishers and knowing how to use digital libraries in their research. True success in these projects will potentially mean a permanent change in graduate education and scholarly publishing, with digital libraries playing a more dominant role in supporting and disseminating research.

History:

- * 1987: Discussion about SGML for dissertations in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- * 1992: Project discovery meeting led by Coalition for Networked Information, UMI, Council of Graduate Schools(CGS), and Virginia Tech
- * 1994: Monticello Electronic Library meeting at Virginia Tech decided to use PDF and SGML (with templates and conversion tools)
- * 1996: Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) funds pilot project in South, led by team at Virginia Tech
- * 1996-99: U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education supports NDLTD along with:

ACM, Adobe, ArborText, Council of Graduate Schools, Coalition for Networked Information, Cornell Digital Library Research Group, Council of Southern Graduate Schools, IBM, Microsoft, OCLC, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, SOLINET, SURA, UMI, and University of Utah Graduate School

Invitation:

Please investigate given the pointers above, or contact Ed Fox (fox@vt.edu) for more information. We welcome every institution of higher education to participate, so ultimately every thesis, dissertation (and related reports) will become a part of this comprehensive digital library of research results.