Introduction to NDLTD and Brief History of the ETD Movement

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ETDs for Rookies

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Invitation

• You are encouraged to extend your involvement in the global ETD community!
• You are invited to serve as an ambassador for NDLTD, to connect with those back home, sharing about ETD 2017.
• You are encouraged to ask questions, share your thoughts, and help make both ETD2017 and the ETD movement a greater success.
Acknowledgements

- Family, mentors, teachers, students
- All those working with ETDs
- NDLTD, including its Members, Board, Committees, Working Groups
- ETD 2017 Conference Team
- Sponsors, Presenters, Attendees
- “Rookies” leaders and speakers
Acknowledgements (2): Mtgs

• 1987 mtg in Ann Arbor: UMI, VT, Arbortext, Softquad
• 1992 mtg in Washington: CNI, CGS, UMI, VT + 10U’s
• 1993 mtg in Atlanta: Monticello Electronic Library
• 1994 mtg at VT: std: PDF + SGML + multimedia
• 1996 mtg with funding by SURA and then also by the US Dept. of Education (FIPSE)
• 1997 meetings in UK, Germany, ...
• 1998 – 1st symposium – Memphis TN (20)
• 1999 – 2nd symposium – Blacksburg VA (70)
• 2000 – 3rd symposium – St. Petersburg FL (225)
• 2001 – 4th symposium – Caltech, Pasadena CA (200)
• 2002 – 5th symposium – BYU, Provo, Utah
• 2003 – NDLTD incorporated as int’l non-profit
Acknowledgements (3): Mtgs

- 2003 – 6th symposium – Berlin (215 attendees)
- 2004 – 7th symposium – U. Kentucky, USA
- 2005 – 8th symposium – Sydney, Australia
- 2006 – 9th symposium – Quebec City, Canada
- 2007 – 10th symposium – Uppsala, Sweden
- 2008 – 11th symposium – Aberdeen, Scotland
- 2009 – 12th symposium – Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 2010 – 13th symposium – Austin, TX, USA
- 2011 – 14th symposium – Cape Town, S. Africa
- 2012 – 15th symposium – Lima, Peru
- 2013 – 16th symposium – Hong Kong
- 2014 – 17th symposium – Leicester, England
- 2015 – 18th symposium – New Delhi, India
- 2016 – 19th symposium – Lille, France
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• N D Ltd or Noodle TD

• Vision: Every thesis and dissertation in the world is:
  – Devised to take advantage of the most helpful electronic publishing methods
  – Shared globally and easily found
  – Supported by a suite of digital library services to aid authors, researchers, learners, universities
  – Preserved and migrated permanently
ETDs: Library Goals

• Improve library services
  – Better turn-around time
  – Always available

• Reduce work
  – Catalog from e-text
  – Eliminate handling: mailing to commercial contractor, bindery prep, check-out, check-in, reshelving, etc.

• Save space
What are we doing?

- Aiding universities to enhance graduate education, publishing, and Intellectual Property Rights efforts
- Helping improve the availability and content of theses and dissertations
- Educating ALL future scholars so they can publish electronically and effectively use digital libraries (i.e., are Information Literate/Fluent, Computational Thinkers, and can be more expressive)
Guiding students

• Assuage fears and concerns
  – Time and effort
  – Ignorance regarding publishers, university presses
  – Luddite faculty views of scholarly communication

• Show immediate and long term benefits

• Motivate to be more expressive

• Guide to help ensure easy long-term preservation
NDLTD Incorporation

• Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations incorporated May 20, 2003 in Virginia, USA
• Charitable and educational purposes (501 c 3)
• Officers (now)
  – Executive Director (Ed Fox, fox@vt.edu)
  – Treasurer (Austin.McLean@proquest.com)
How You Can Participate

• Primarily, a volunteer organization

• Local and regional “grass roots” activities

• NDLTD Committees, Working Groups – join:
  – Awards, Communications,
  – Conference, Membership,
  – Union Catalog, Web Content
  – (Wed 5-6pm Committees session -> dinner)
Why ETDs? Short Summary

• For Students:
  – Gain knowledge and skills for the Knowledge Society
  – Richer communication (digital information, multimedia, …)

• For Universities:
  – Easy way to enter the digital library field and benefit thereby (“no brainer” entrée into institutional repositories)

• For the World:
  – Global digital library – large, useful, many services

• General:
  – Save time and money
  – Increased visibility for all associated with research results
Questions?
Discussion?
Recommendations?

Thank You!

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