Bridging the Institutional Repository + Digital Library Gap for User Ease, Added Value, and New Possibilities

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Outline

• Problems facing IRs
• Opportunity with IR+DL
• New Opportunities
• Examples
• Discussion
What is an IR? IRs, Libraries, and Scholars

![Venn Diagram]

**Things on the front page of a university website:**
- Campus photo slideshow
- Alumni in the news
- Promotions for campus events
- Press releases
- Statement of the school's philosophy
- Virtual tour

**Things people go to the site looking for:**
- List of faculty phone numbers and emails
- Campus address
- Application forms
- Academic calendar
- Campus police phone number
- Department/course lists
- Usable campus map

**Full name of school:**
- Parking information
INVEST IN SHARING

http://www.flickr.com/photos/jonathanmcintosh/3746142610/
New Opportunities

- Digital Publishing
- Campus Integration
- Class Integration
Specific Examples from UC Denver

Starting an IR (and a digital repository) from scratch – and on the cheap

Current Status:
• Lots of leeway with no expectations
• No commitments to $$ products
• Enthusiastic local community
Specific Examples from UC Denver

One huge complicating factor...

- Tri-institutional library
- Not much communication between schools
- Library is only common thread
Specific Examples from UF
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[Image of search results for 'Africa' with maps and titles]
Live Demo

Uploading items for IR + Digital Library
Discussion

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