

Deposit@Harvard

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Project summary:

The purpose of the project was to develop a unified web-based interface deposit tool that enables the user to submit scholarship simultaneously to multiple internal and external repositories. Valerie Weis and Luke Gadreau (Kennedy School Library) drafted the language in the original proposal for the grant and contributed research and thoughts in the initial stages. (Additional feedback from them (and others) will be sought from them once the tool's development has progressed further. In scoping out the terms of the project, there was a conscious decision to focus on DASH and SSRN as that seemed to benefit the largest number of potential users of the tool. Additional discussions were held with OpenScholar which has also experimented with integrating repository deposit into their own tool.

Accomplishments:

http://li175-96.members.linode.com/users/sign_in

An initial application has been developed. In its current state, the application could theoretically be extended to any SWORD-compliant repository. According the developers, there is a standard (ideal) SWORD vs. how people generally do it, but any repository that used DSpace would be work.

Challenges:

At present, only DASH is working within the system and could theoretically be extended to any SWORD-compliant repository. According the developers, there is a standard (ideal) SWORD vs. how people generally do it, but any repository that used DSpace would be work. Because SSRN is not at present SWORD-compliant, the developer is looking at ways to work around it.

Next steps:

The developer will try adding SSRN using scripts and its submission form. Once the system works with SSRN, we will seek feedback from other schools that might use the tool and work with them to see if content can be transferred between Deposit@Harvard and local systems. We will touch base with MIT about potential sharing. There will also be some adjustments to the interface for the tool (fields, labels, etc.) Michelle will be participating in a subsequent library lab proposal project with Amy Brand to scope out the feasibility of developing a shared tool for publication metadata deposit.

Budget spent:

\$18,430 (including salary, benefits, overhead and administration)(total development hours: 184.30)

Presentations:

Library Lab Showcase