Growing the MetaArchive Cooperative:
ETDs (electronic theses and dissertations)

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Background of the MetaArchive

http://www.metaarchive.org

- MetaArchive of Southern Digital Culture
- LOCKSS
- Dark Archive
- Conspectus Database
- Charter
- Membership Agreement
Virginia Tech
http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses

- 1st university to require ETDs
  - Jan. 1, 1997
  - ~12,000 ETDs

- NDLTD: National >> Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
  - http://www.ndltd.org
MetaArchive + NDLTD

- Share a goal
  - Help higher education institutions provide long-term open access to ETDs

- Demonstrate a need
  - Survey
  - http://lumiere.lib.vt.edu/surveys/
# 98 Responses to ETD Survey

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Viewing Results for Digital Preservation of ETDs

1. Does your institution accept electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs)?
   
   If not, please go to no. 9 below.

   ![Pie chart showing 97.96% Yes, 2.04% No]

   97.96% of the people who took this survey (96/98) answered this question.

1a. If so, does your institution accept only electronic versions?

   ![Pie chart showing 80.74% No, 19.26% Yes]

   78.57% of the people who took this survey (77/98) answered this question.

1b. If so, does your institution also maintain print copies?

   ![Pie chart showing 56% Yes, 44% No]

   76.53% of the people who took this survey (75/98) answered this question.
8. Does your institution have a formalized preservation plan for its ETDs?
If so, and you are willing to share, please send it to gailmac@vt.edu.

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(70/96 responses)  (26/96 responses)

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Would your institution be interested in participating in an ETD-specific LOCKSS-based collaborative distributed archive sponsored by the NDLTD?

- Yes: 41.67% (40/96 responses)
- Maybe: 50% (48/96 responses)
- No: 8.33% (8/96 responses)
ETD Preservation Workshop
June 4, 2008, Aberdeen, Scotland
11th International Symposium on ETDs

- DDPN, LOCKSS, MetaArchive
- Roles, responsibilities; ingest basics
- Collection prep, metadata, copyright
- Charter
- Membership Agreement
Ohmygosh they want to join!!!

- **MetaArchive Charter**
- **MetaArchive Membership Agreement**
  - Categories
  - Benefits
  - Responsibilities
  - Fees
    - Really realistic?
    - Discounts for dual membership: MetaArchive+NDLTD?
- **Define steps to joining and implementation**