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Brief History of ETD Center

- Initiated by the Ohio Regents Advisory Committee on Graduate Studies (RACGS)
- Became operational in 2000
- By 2004 there were 5,100 ETDs
- In 2009 the number of ETDs had grown to 19,000
- Currently there are 42,000+ ETDs for 50 programs from 29 Ohio institutions

Strategic Planning

- March 2011 – original developer of the ETD Center left OhioLINK
- July 2012 - Meeting with representatives from the ETD Graduate community and OhioLINK libraries
- November 2012 - Task force appointed to:
 - Determine processes for ETD participating institutions
 - Set priorities for future development and growth of the ETD Center

Reality Happened

- January 14, 2013--OhioLINK community notified that ETD server was down for emergency maintenance
- Other services on same server were restored within a few days
- January 16, 2013—Official statement
 - “*Server incident*” caused by “*suspicious activity*”
 - “*Limited in scope*” and “*no personal data was at risk*”
 - “*Best practice*” to take system down
- January 18, 2013—Further information
 - First public mention of “*rebuild*”

Challenges for the Community

- Uncertainty
- Timing
 - Coincided with our Fall 2012 document release
 - Spring 2013 submission deadlines fast approaching
- Access
 - Inability to release documents or xfer to ProQuest
 - “Frozen” database of released documents
 - Our IR *is* OhioLINK
- Management of processes and resources

Triage

- January 29, 2013--Search and display was restored for previously published ETDs
 - 800+ submitted but not published manuscripts in “limbo”
- Legacy platform was reverse engineered as a first step in developing an ETD Center on a new Oracle-based platform
- Immediate development focus was on creating an ETD Administrative interface for submission and publication that would be robust and as “self-service” as possible

Rapid Development Cycles

- OH-TECH devoted 4+ people to develop the platform and interface for submission and approval
- OhioLINK staff and a small ETD community group determined functional specifications and reviewed and tested of new interface
- Metadata and files from legacy platform were extracted and loaded into the new database

Importance of Communication

- OhioLINK Weekly Updates
- Detailed updates to community
- Establishment of task force and teams
- Communications to students and faculty
 - Delays
 - Confusion
 - Concerns
 - New processes

New Submission and Approval

- Process and Design
- User testing and feedback
- User manuals
- ETDAdmin went live March 7, 2013
(<https://etdadmin.ohiolink.edu>)

Notable New Admin Features

- Input validations
- Ability to preview Title and Abstract
- Multi-file upload
- Review and return to submitter workflow
- Real-time publication
- Full embargo management
- Metadata editing on published ETDs

Student Perspective

Before OhioLINK Rebuild

- Had to complete process in one sitting or re-enter info
- Changes made after submission had to be sent to Grad Office
- Website interface text-heavy with multiple font sizes and bolding/highlighting

After OhioLINK Rebuild

- Registering for account permits saving and exiting
- Changes made after submission can be made by student in their account
- Website interface clean with progress bar across top of all pages

Thesis Office Perspective

Before OhioLINK Rebuild

- Intermediary between OL and student = onus on CoGS
- Replacing documents was labor intensive and process caused delays due to lack of urgency
- Lack of control at user-level = lack of refinement and/or delay of changes (embargo)

After OhioLINK Rebuild

- Liaison between OL and student = onus on student
- Return to submitter function shifts task to student and reinforces urgency
- Increased control at user-level = ability to refine, update and produce reports

New Search and Display

- Design
- User testing and feedback
- July 8, 2013—Goes “live”



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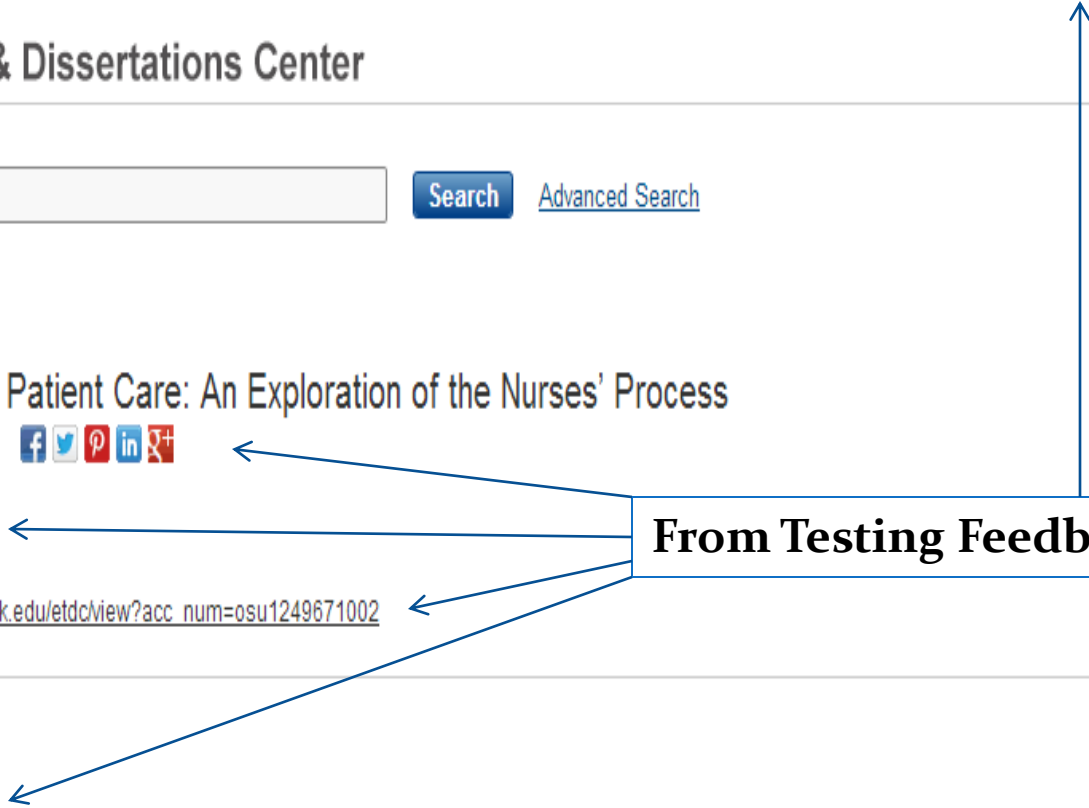
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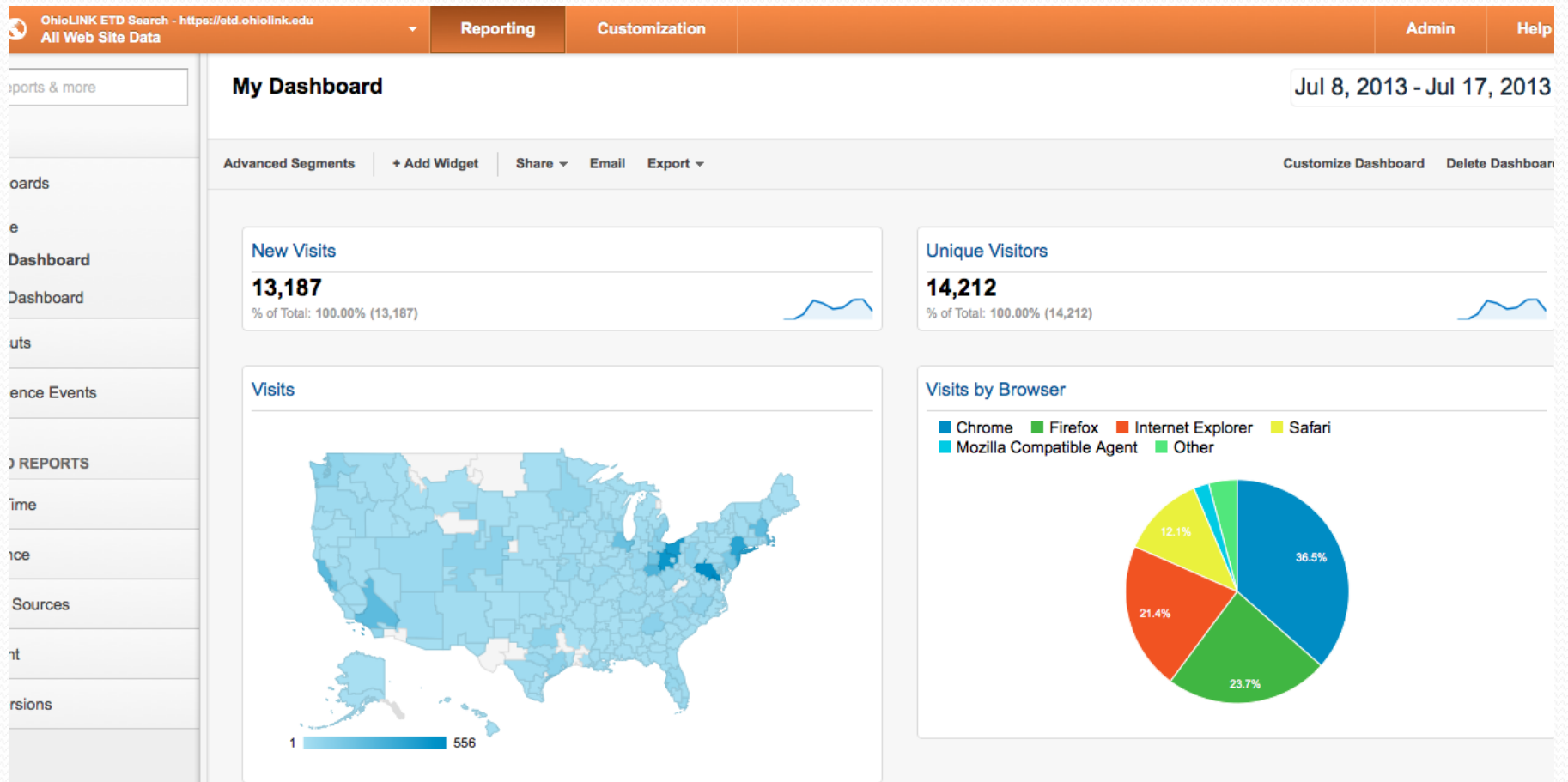
Impact of Improvements

- For Students
- For Graduate staff
- For Librarians
- For OhioLINK/OH-TECH

Next Steps

- Reestablish OAI-PMH harvesting capability
- Facilitate ETD metadata output for catalog records
- Final report from ETD Task Force with recommendations for gathering and managing enhancements and priority setting for the ETD Center
- Google Analytics

Prototype ETD Stats



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