



DSpace XML UI:

**Manakin**

## Defacing DSpace with Manakin

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# [Outline

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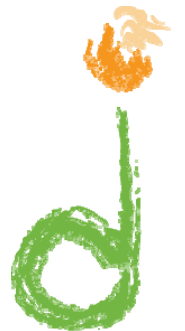


- Introduction to the XML UI project
- Moa & Manakin
- Manakin's structure
- Aspects & Themes
- Project status & Future work



# [ What is The XML UI? ]

- The XML UI is a project to develop a new front-end for DSpace
  - Enable communities and collections to customize their interface
  - Separate business logic from stylistic design
  - Enable internationalization & localization of content
  - Provide an alternative interface
  - Modular interface to enable parallel development (new)
- History
  - Moa
  - Manakin



# [ Why? ]

- The XML UI provides:
  - Branding
    - University level
    - Community level
    - Collection level
  - Institutional / Community credibility
  - Community ownership & buy in



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- Increase community adoption of DSpace



# What is Moa?

- The first version of the XML UI project
  - DOM based
  - Static three stage pipeline
  - XSL Transformations
  - Full Source code available at:
    - <http://di.tamu.edu/projects/xmlui/moa/>

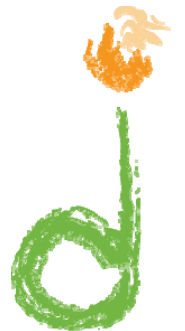
## Moa Screen shots:



# [ What we learned from Moa ]

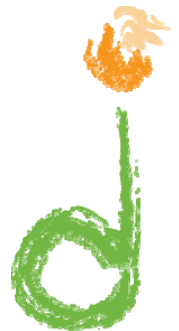
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- Changing the look-and-feel for individual communities is useful.
- XSL based Themes work.
- DSpace needs an interface modularity system.
- Themes should use metadata in native formats.



# [ What does Manakin add? ]

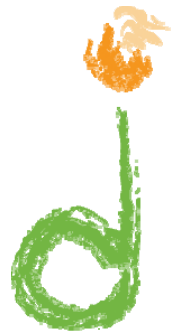
- Manakin is the next version of the XML UI project
  - Based upon the Apache Cocoon framework
  - Designed using Separation of Concerns
  - Uses a SAX based pipeline
  - Current source code available via CVS at:
    - <http://di.tamu.edu/projects/xmlui/manakin/>
- These technologies enable
  - N-stage pipeline architecture
  - UI Modularity
  - Parallel Development



# [ Manakin vs JSP UI ]

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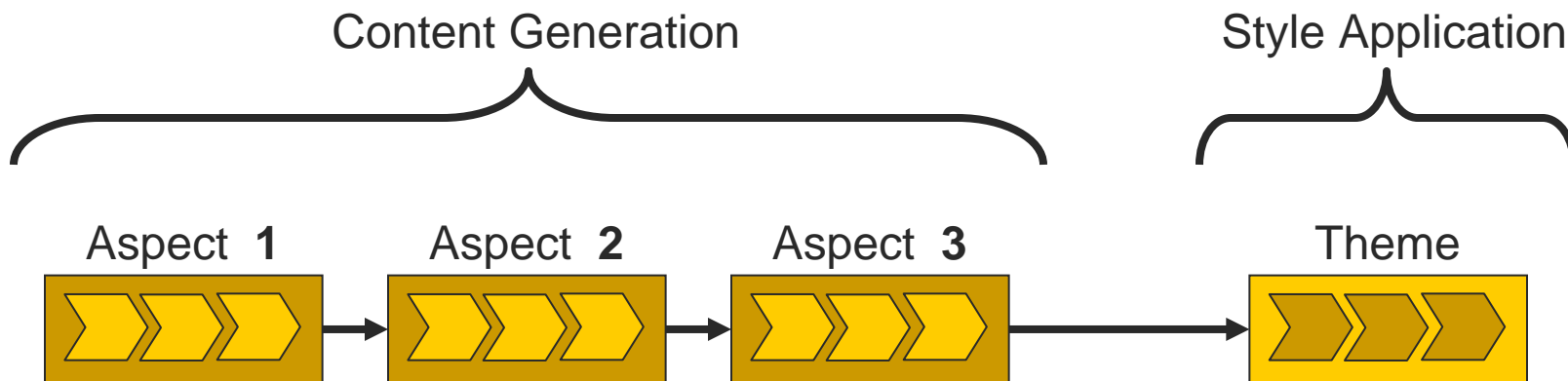
- Current JSP based interface
  - No presentation layer
  - Difficult to extend ( and maintain! )
  - Heavy use of HTML table layout
- Manakin
  - Separate presentation layer
  - Ability to extend
  - Themes per communities / collections
  - Metadata in native formats





# [ Manakin Structural Overview ]

Manakin uses a pipeline architecture composed of two parts:

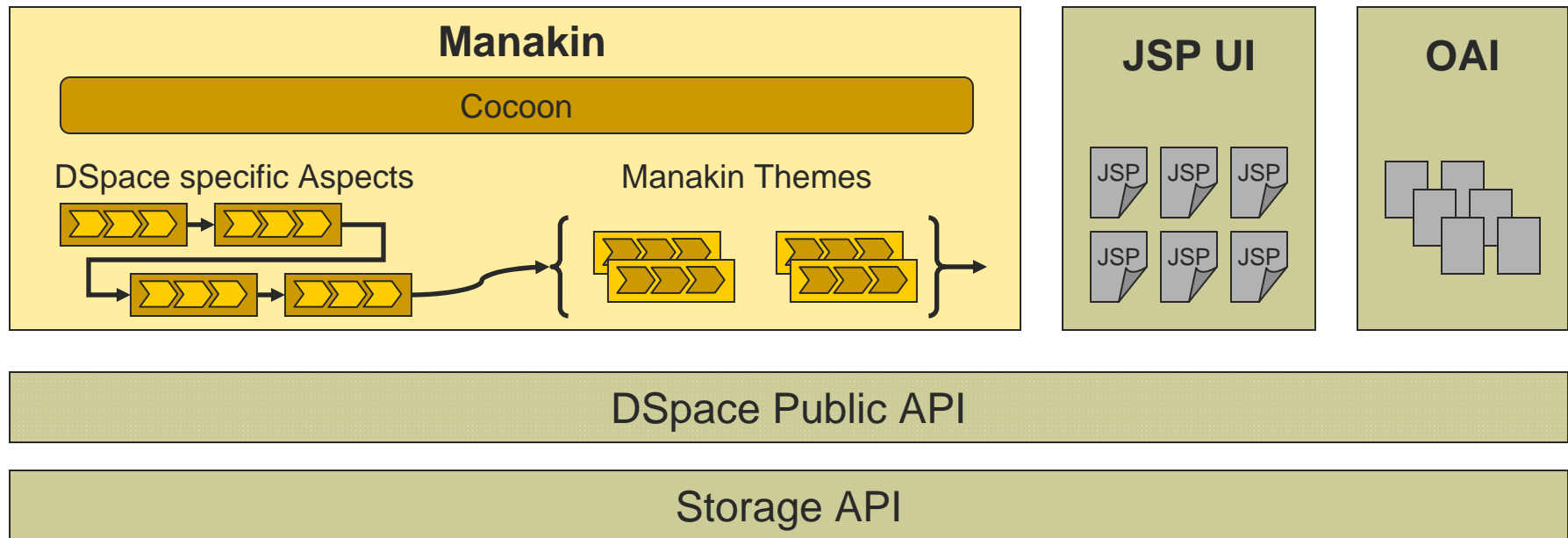


( example Aspect chain )



# [ Manakin & DSpace ]

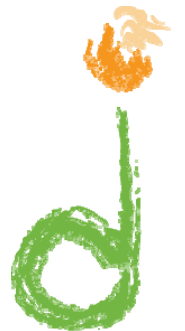
- Manakin sits on top of DSpace along with other DSpace applications



# [ Project Status ]

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- Cocoon-based Wing-framework
  - Chain Aspects
  - Apply selected theme
- Artifact Browser Aspect
  - Browse communities & collections by title, date, or authors
  - Search the repository
  - View items
- Themes
  - Reference theme completed



# [ Future Work ]

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- Develop the standard Aspects
  - All the current functionality of DSpace
- Future Theme Work
  - Standard Theme Library
  - Formats other than XHTML, such as PDF & WML
  - AJAX, RSS, STX and other hip “buzzword” technologies
- Future Aspect Work
  - Improved searching & browsing capabilities
- User selected themes



# [ Example ]

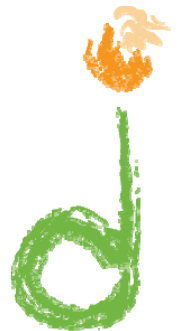
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- Texas Digital Library

- <http://www.tdl.org/>

or

- [Embedded Screen shots](#)



# [ Questions? ]

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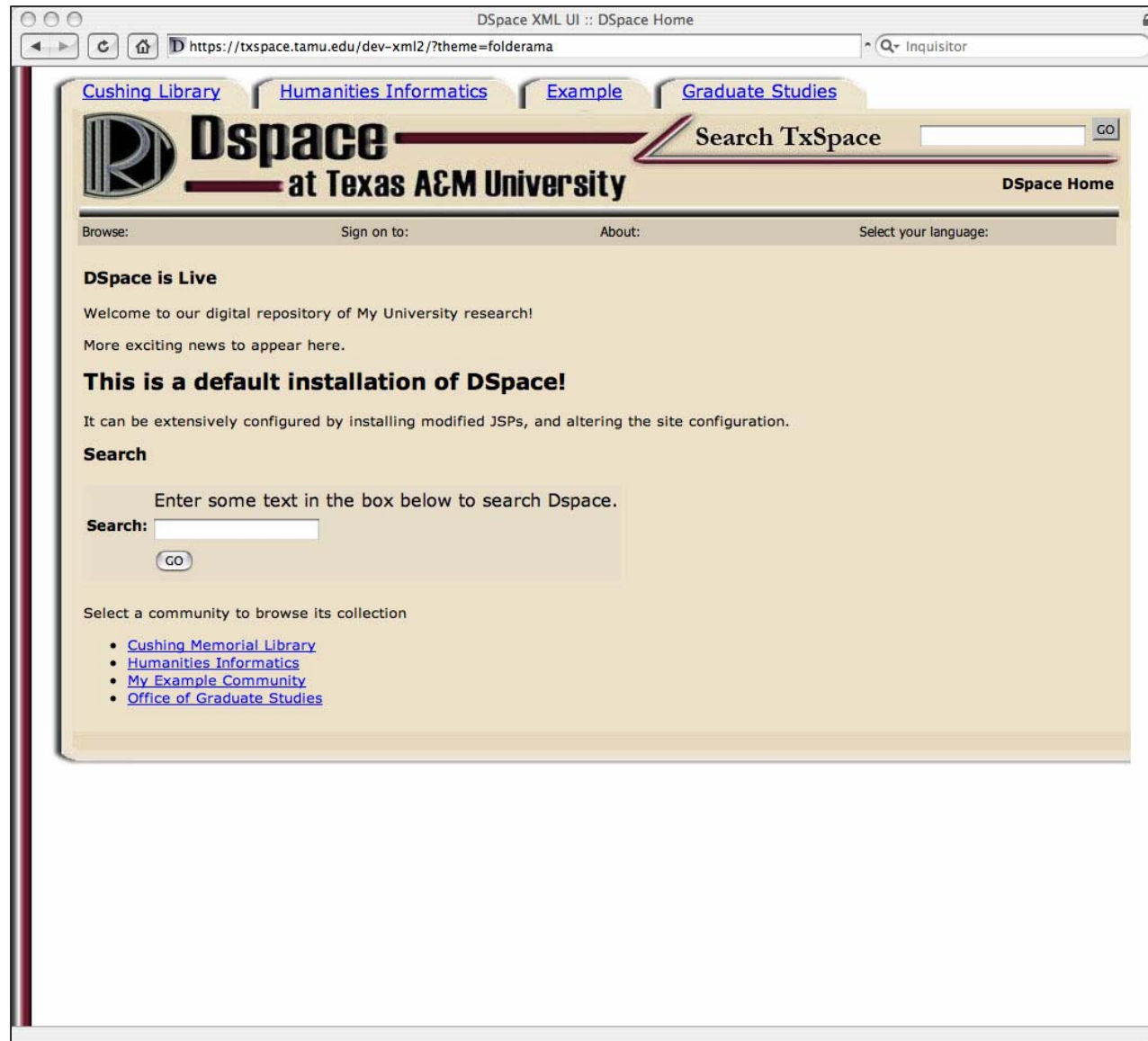
- More information may be found at:
  - <http://di.tamu.edu/projects/xmlui/manakin/>
  - News and updates
  - Manakin Developers Guide
  - CVS Access



Red-capped Manakin

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# Folder Theme



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# Sapphire Theme

DSpace XML UI ::  
https://txspace.tamu.edu/dev-xml/

**Sign on to:**  
Receive email updates  
My Dspace  
Edit Profile

**About:**  
Computer Science  
About DSpace  
DSpace Help  
Texas A&M

**Browse:**  
Communities  
Titles  
Authors  
By Dates

**Search DSpace:**  
[Search Box] GO

**My DSpace:**  
Login to DSpace

**Welcome To TxSpace!**  
Welcome to the new institutional repository at Texas A&M University!  
The Texas A&M University Digital Library is proud to present some of Texas A&M's top collections, thesis, dissertations, and journals to you in a convenient and friendly interface. Feel free to browse our collections and see what the TAMU Digital Library can do for you.

**Search**  
Enter some text in the box below to search Dspace.  
Search: [Search Box] GO

**Select a community to browse its collection**

- Cushing Memorial Library (amber)
- Energy Systems Laboratory
- Health Science Center (amethyst)
- Office of Graduate Studies (emerald)
- Texas A&M University Libraries (chrysolite)
- The Donne Variorum (ruby)
- ISchool

*XML BASED UI PROJECT*  
*Theme: "Sapphire" by V. Koster*

Texas A&M University

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# Introduction Theme

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'https://txspace.tamu.edu/dev-xml2/'. The page title is 'DSpace XML UI :: DSpace Home'. The browser's search engine is 'Inquisitor'. The page content is as follows:

**DSpace Home**  
Texas A&M University Libraries -- DSpace XML based UI Project

[DSpace Home](#)

**DSpace is Live**  
Welcome to our digital repository of My University research!  
More exciting news to appear here.

**This is a default installation of DSpace!**  
It can be extensively configured by installing modified JSPs, and altering the site configuration.

**Search**  
Enter some text in the box below to search Dspace.  
Search:

Select a community to browse its collection

- [Cushing Memorial Library](#)
- [Humanities Informatics](#)
- [My Example Community](#)
- [Office of Graduate Studies](#)

This theme is a learning tool designed to ease developers into the CSS side of the theme design process of the DSpace XML UI. Consult the theme writing guide and the XML framework reference for more information.

**Browse:**

- [Communities](#)
- [Titles](#)
- [Authors](#)
- [By Dates](#)

**Search DSpace:**

**Sign on to:**

- [Receive email updates](#)
- [My Dspace](#)
- [Edit Profile](#)

**My DSpace:**

- [Login to DSpace](#)

**Select your language:**

- [Deutsch](#)
- [Nederlands](#)
- [Italiano](#)
- [Español](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [English](#)
- [Français](#)

**About:**

- [DSpace Help](#)
- [About DSpace](#)
- [Computer Science](#)
- [Texas A&M](#)

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# Amber Theme

The screenshot displays a web browser window with the URL <https://txspace.tamu.edu/dev-xml/handle/123456789/2>. The page features a dark brown background with a large, stylized 'Dspace' logo in the center. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with the following sections: 'Sign on to:' (Receive email updates, My Dspace, Edit Profile), 'About:' (Computer Science, About DSpace, DSpace Help, Texas A&M), and 'Browse:' (Communities, Titles, Authors, By Dates). A diagonal banner on the left reads 'XML BASED UI PROJECT' with 'Theme: Amber' and 'by V. Reese' written below it. The Texas A&M University logo is at the bottom left. On the right side, there is a search bar labeled 'Search DSpace:' with a 'GO' button, and a 'My DSpace:' section with a 'Login to DSpace' link. Below the search bar, there is a 'Current Options:' section with links for 'Browse by Titles', 'Browse by Authors', and 'Browse by Dates'. The main content area is titled 'Cushing Memorial Library (amber)' and features a photograph of a large, classical-style building. Below the photo, there is a paragraph of text describing the library's collections, followed by the website URL <http://library.tamu.edu/cushing> and the text 'Collections within the Community'. At the bottom of the page, there is a small asterisk and the text 'The John D. Wheelan Collection'.

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# Texas Digital Library

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the Texas Digital Library website. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.tdl.org/>. The website features a blue header with the Texas Digital Library logo and navigation links for [CONTACT US](#) and [SITE MAP](#). Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with links for [ABOUT](#), [PROJECTS](#), [SERVICES](#), [NEWS](#), and [CONTACT US](#). The main content area has a large blue and white graphic with the text "Welcome to the Texas Digital Library". To the right of this graphic is a quote: "TDL will be the platform for continuing leadership in evolving scholarly communication systems, providing an innovative organizational model that effectively leverages advanced technology." Below this is a "Spotlight On:" section with four items: [Metadata Working Group](#), [Journal of Digital Information \(JoDI\)](#), [Participating Institutions](#), and [TDL Repository](#). A "TDL News:" section on the right mentions "TDL launches new website...". The browser's status bar at the bottom shows "Done".

# DSpace Homepage

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the DSpace homepage. The browser's address bar shows the URL `http://repositories.tdl.org/`. The page features the Texas Digital Library logo and a navigation menu with links for ABOUT, PROJECTS, SERVICES, NEWS, and CONTACT US. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area includes a welcome message, a search section, and a list of communities in the repository.

Repository - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

`http://repositories.tdl.org/` Go dspace

**T E X A S**  
DIGITAL LIBRARY

CONTACT US | SITE MAP

Home > Repository

ABOUT PROJECTS SERVICES NEWS CONTACT US

Search repository... Go

Advanced Search

## Welcome to the Texas Digital Library Repository

The TDL Repository is composed of collections digitally archived by the five Association of Research Libraries (ARL) universities in the state of Texas. The TDL Repository serves to preserve and promote the research output of Texas, including electronic theses and dissertations, faculty datasets, departmental databases, digital archives, course management and learning materials, digital media, and other special collections.

## Search the repository

Enter some text in the box below to search the repository.

## Communities in the repository

Select a community to browse its collections.

- [Theses and Dissertations](#)

Home > Repository

Done

# Browse By Title

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the 'Browse By Title' page of the Texas A&M Digital Library. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://repositories.tdl.org/handle/2249.1/2/browse-title>. The page header includes the Texas A&M Digital Library logo and navigation links for 'CONTACT US' and 'SITE MAP'. A breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Repository > Theses and Dissertations > Texas A&M University at College Station > Browse By Title. Below the breadcrumb is a navigation menu with 'ABOUT', 'PROJECTS', 'SERVICES', 'NEWS', and 'CONTACT US'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search repository...' and a 'Go' button. The main content area is titled 'Browse By Title' and features an alphabetical index (A-Z) and a text input field for searching by the first few letters. A 'Go' button is next to the input field. Below the search area, it states 'Now showing items 1-11 of 1775' with a 'Next Page' link. Three items are listed, each with a Texas A&M logo, a title, the author's name, and the date, along with links for 'Full Text' and 'Citation':

- 16th Century Cast-Bronze Ordnance at the Museu de Angra do Heroismo**  
by Hoskins, Sara Grace, MA, Texas A&M University, December 2003  
[Full Text](#) [Citation](#)
- A 1Gsample/s 6-bit flash A/D converter with a combined chopping and averaging technique for reduced distortion in 0.18(μ)m CMOS**  
by Stefanou, Nikolaos, 1978-, M. S., Texas A&M University, May 2005  
[Full Text](#) [Citation](#)
- 3-D multichannel seismic reflection study of variable-flux hydrocarbon seeps, continental slope, northern Gulf of Mexico**  
by Thomas, Ryan Douglas, M. S., Texas A&M University, August 2003  
[Full Text](#) [Citation](#)

On the right side, there is a 'Browse' section with two sub-sections: 'The Repository' and 'This Collection'. Each sub-section contains links for 'Communities & Collections', 'Titles', 'Contributors', and 'Dates'. The browser's status bar at the bottom shows 'Done'.

# Item View

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the title 'Collection understanding - Mozilla Firefox'. The address bar contains the URL <http://repositories.tdl.org/handle/1969.1/69>. The page content is organized into several sections:

- Item metadata:** A table-like structure with the following information:
  - Preview:
  - Title: Collection understanding
  - Author: Chang, Michelle T.
  - Abstract: Collection understanding shifts the traditional focus of retrieval in large collections from locating specific artifacts to gaining a comprehensive view of the collection. Visualization tools are critical to the process of efficient collection understanding. By presenting simple visual interfaces and intuitive methods of interacting with a collection, users come to understand the essence of the collection by focusing on the artifacts. This thesis discusses a practical approach for enhancing collection understanding in image collections.
  - Description:
  - URI: <http://handle.tamu.edu/1969.1/69>
  - Date: 2004-09-30
- Citation:** A text box containing: Chang, (2004). *Collection understanding*. Master's thesis, Texas A&M University. Available electronically from <http://handle.tamu.edu/1969.1/69>.
- Files in this item:** A table with the following data:

File	Size	Format	View
<a href="#">etd-tamu-2004A-CPSC-Chang-1.pdf</a>	2.665 Mb	application/pdf	<a href="#">View/Open</a>
- This items appears in the following Collection(s):**

The right sidebar contains a navigation menu with links for 'Collections', 'Titles', 'Contributors', and 'Dates', and a section titled 'This Collection' with similar links. The status bar at the bottom left shows 'Done'.

# Collection Homepage

Texas A&M University at College Station - Mozilla Firefox

File Edit View Go Bookmarks Tools Help

http://repositories.tdl.org/handle/2249.1/2

Go dspace

**TEXAS**  
DIGITAL LIBRARY

CONTACT US | SITE MAP

Home > Repository > Theses and Dissertations > Texas A&M University at College Station

ABOUT PROJECTS SERVICES NEWS CONTACT US

Search repository... Go

Advanced Search

## Texas A&M University at College Station

Words in text:


Author:

Committee Chair:

Degree Level: All

Year: All, 2005, 2004, 2003

Go



Texas A&M University is a land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant institution located in College Station, Texas. The university's enrollment includes approximately 44,000 students studying for degrees in 10 academic colleges. This collection contains the theses and dissertations produced at A&M since 2002.

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Done

**Browse**

**The Repository**

- [Communities & Collections](#)
- [Titles](#)
- [Contributors](#)
- [Dates](#)

**This Collection**

- [Titles](#)
- [Contributors](#)
- [Dates](#)

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