

Establishing an Electronic Theses Repository using Digital Commons

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- Advantages and disadvantages of Bepress DC and CDM
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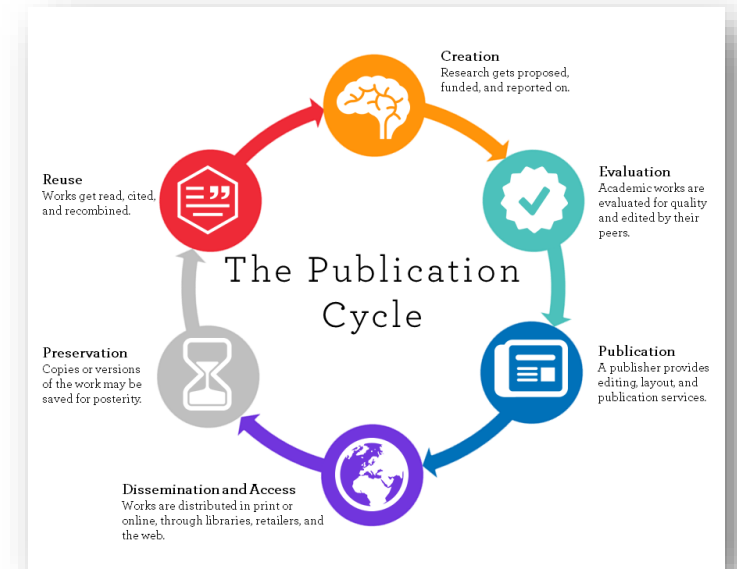
Institutional Need for an IR

What is an IR?

- Collecting, preserving & disseminating scholarship
- Publish & showcase institutional scholarship

Role of an IR

- Manage open access to digital content produced by the university
- Encourages knowledge sharing
- Permits quick and easy dissemination of scholarship across institutions



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- **CONTENTdm**
- Launched **Digital Commons** September 2015 & Announced December 2015

Fort Hays State University



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Forward thinking. World ready.

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Why bepress™ Digital Commons?

Digital Commons

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Positive Benefits

- ✓ Customer support
- ✓ Intuitive interface
- ✓ Cloud-based
- ✓ Preservation – LOCKSS
- ✓ Unlimited storage
- ✓ Usage reports

| CRITERIA | CONTENTdm | Bepress DC |
|--|--|--|
| Open Source/Proprietary | Proprietary | Proprietary |
| Software or Hosted Service | Hosted Service | Hosted Service |
| Support Available | YES – via CDM | YES – via Bepress (email, phone, resources, and community support) |
| Content File Formats | Some | All |
| Metadata Standard | Simple and Qualified Dublin Core and customizable metadata | Simple and Qualified Dublin Core and customizable metadata |
| Syndication (RSS, etc.) | NO | YES |
| Statistical Reporting | YES | YES |
| Design Rationale for IR – Flexibility | NO | YES |
| Design Rationale for IR – Accessibility | YES | YES |
| Design Rationale for IR – Interoperability (OAI-PMH) | YES | YES |
| Implementation Technologies (Scripting language, Database, Operating System) | N/A: hosted (System requirements: Linux/Windows) | N/A: hosted |
| Storage | YES, but costs \$ over 196,000 items | NO (unlimited storage) |
| Batch processing | YES | YES |
| Journal Publishing | NO | YES |

The screenshot shows the FHSU Digital Collections @ Forsyth Library interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for FHSU Home, Forsyth Library Home, Digital Collections Home, Theses Collection Home, Browse Theses Collection, About Us, and FHSU Scholars Repository. A search bar is present with a search button and an advanced search link. Below the search bar, there are options to add or remove other collections to the search, including Master's Theses Collection, Academic Leadership Journal, Benjamin Franklin Collection, Borsano Collection from the Sternberg Museum, and Campus Art Collection. A 'Narrow your search by' section allows filtering by Degree Program, Author, Date Original, and Subject keywords. The main content area displays a list of items, with several marked as 'Restricted file'. A 'Follow' button is visible next to the search bar. Below the screenshot, there is a banner for Pittsburg State University Library Services Digital Commons. The main content area of the Digital Commons page features the heading 'ELECTRONIC THESIS COLLECTION' and a 'Jump to:' dropdown menu set to '2016'. A list of theses/dissertations from 2016 is displayed, including titles like 'EFFECT OF SURFACTANT ON STRUCTURAL AND ELECTROCHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF NICKEL OXIDE' and 'BIOSENSORS DERIVED FROM COPOLYMERS OF VINYL FERROCENE WITH VARIOUS PARA-SUBSTITUTED PHENYL MALEIMIDES'. A sidebar on the right contains navigation links for Home, About, and FAQ, as well as sections for Browse (Collections, Disciplines, Authors), Search (Enter search terms, in this series, Advanced Search, Notify me via email or RSS), Author Corner (Author FAQ, Submission Guidelines, Submit Research), Links (Thesis Submission Instructions), and another Links section at the bottom.

Why **ETD**?

Electronic **T**hesis and **D**issertation

Benefits of ETDs for both students and institutions

- ✓ Improve access to scholarly research
- ✓ Free publicity for their research
- ✓ Reduced costs for the students



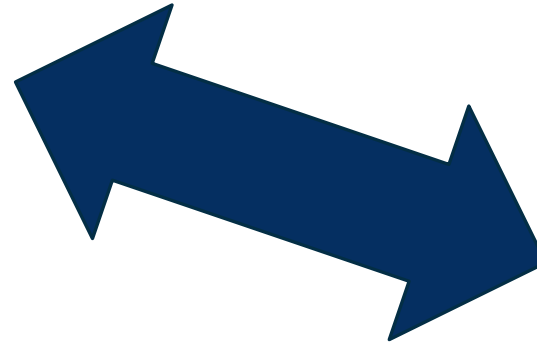
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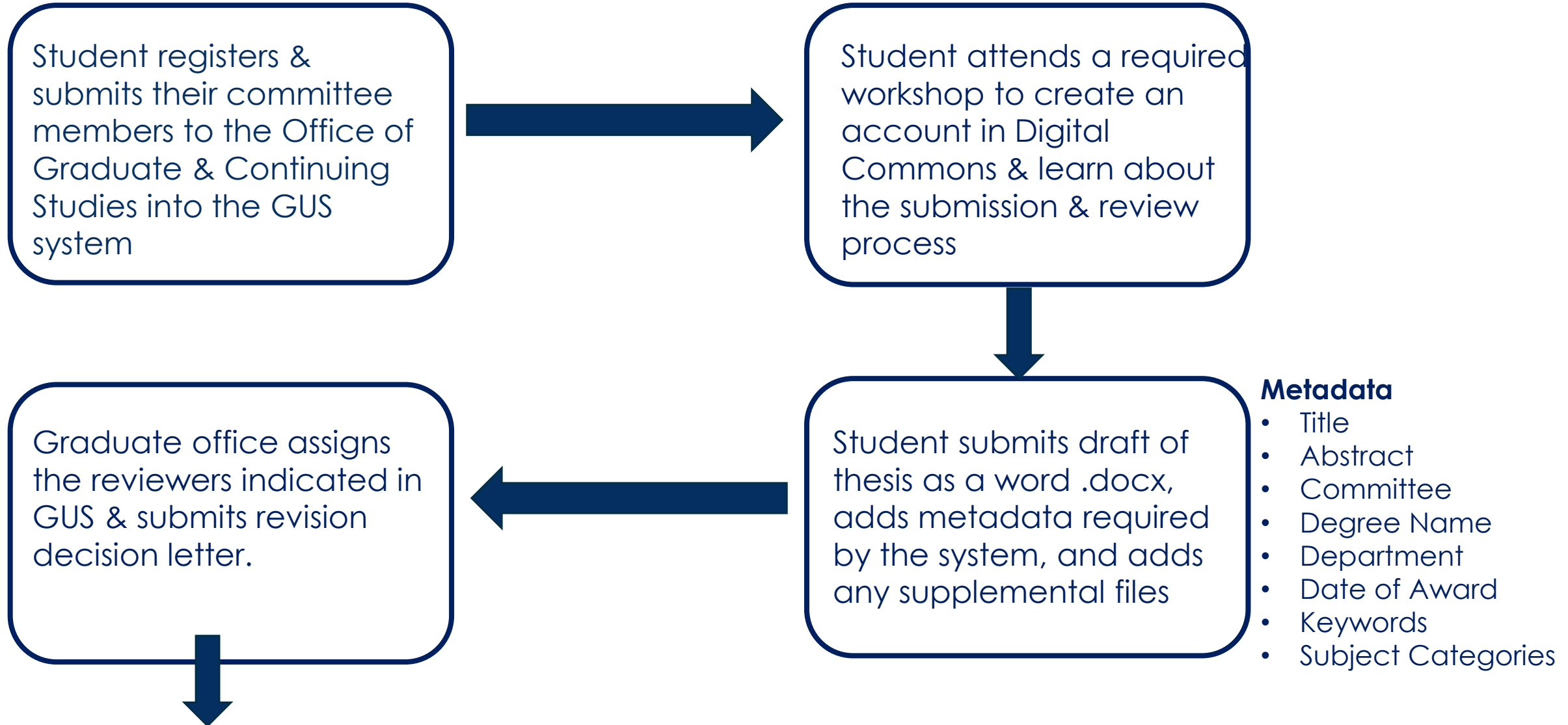
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Current ETD Workflow at PSU

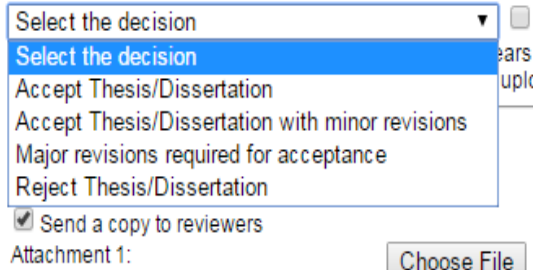


Review Workflow at PSU

System generates an email to all persons associated with the thesis.

Student makes revisions based on feedback from the Graduate College & committee members.

Student uploads revised theses



Select the decision ears upk
Select the decision
Accept Thesis/Dissertation
Accept Thesis/Dissertation with minor revisions
Major revisions required for acceptance
Reject Thesis/Dissertation
 Send a copy to reviewers
Attachment 1:

Review Workflow at PSU

- All committee members must register a decision in order for the thesis to be made available online
- Embargos:
 - Administrative note is added
 - Thesis is Locked by the Administrator
 - Max embargo is 3 years
- Graduate & Continuing Studies emails me to let me know that theses are ready to be made available in the system

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Authors: Lauren Geiger
Last Event: Editor Note Added (Fri Oct 28 2016)
Waiting for Administrator: **Locked by Administrator:**
Manuscript: #1182 PDF

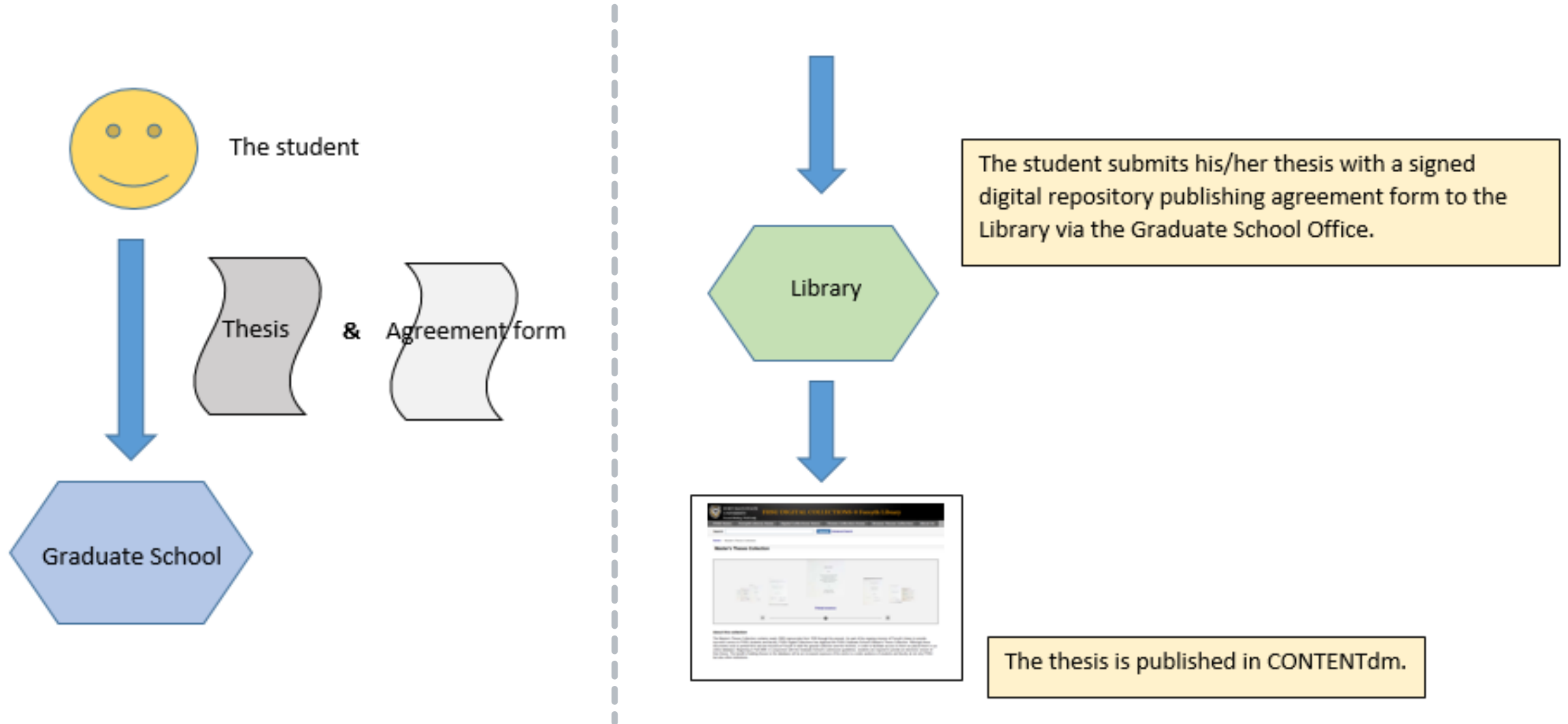
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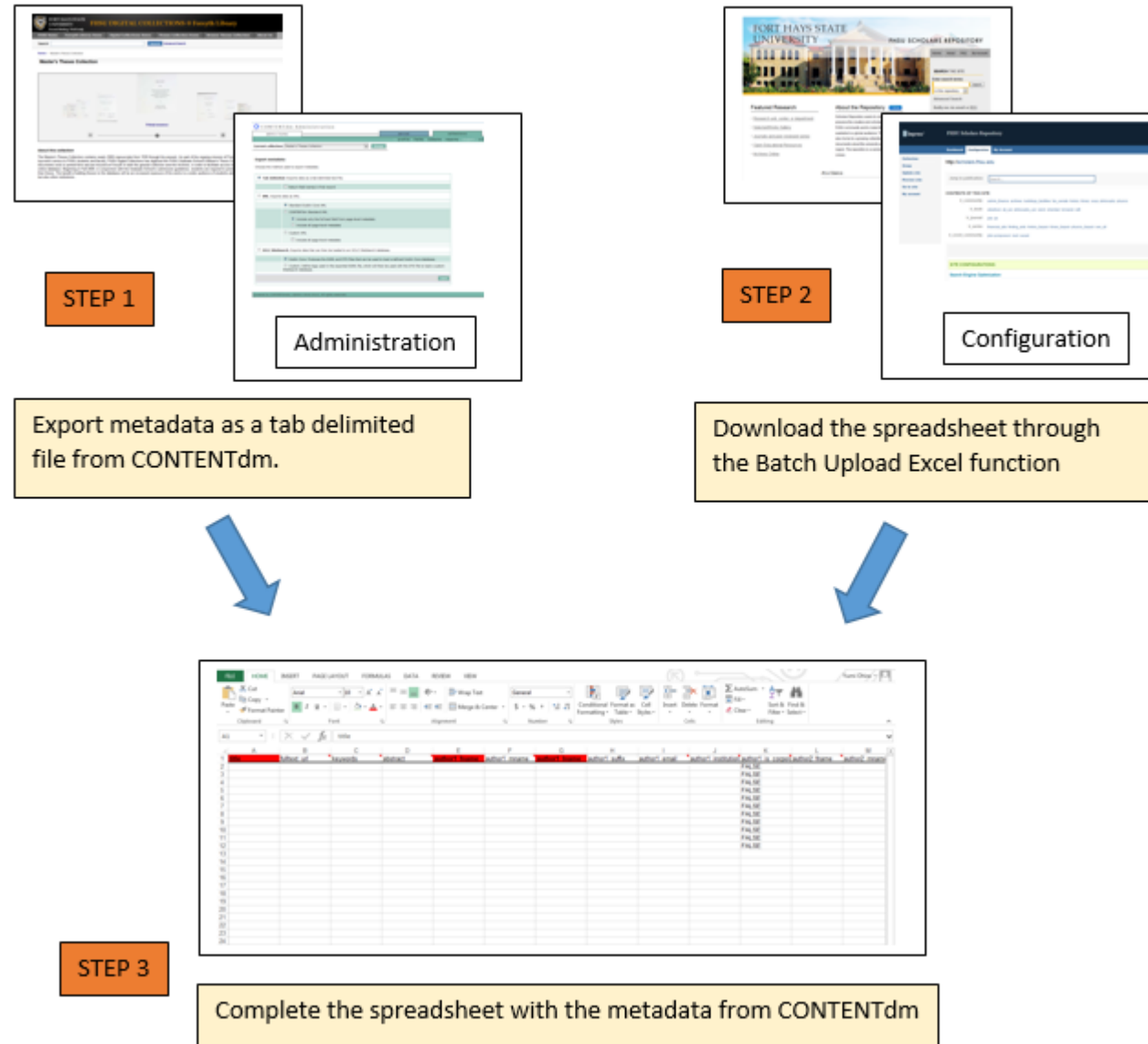
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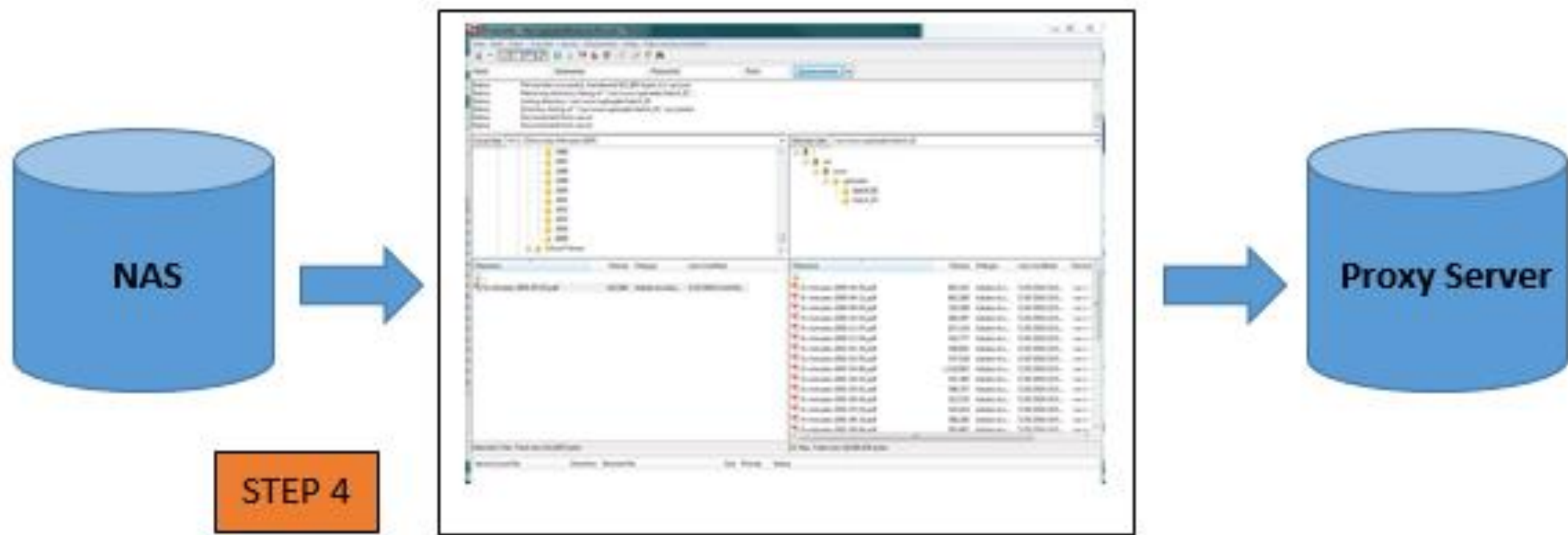
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Current ETD Workflow at FHSU



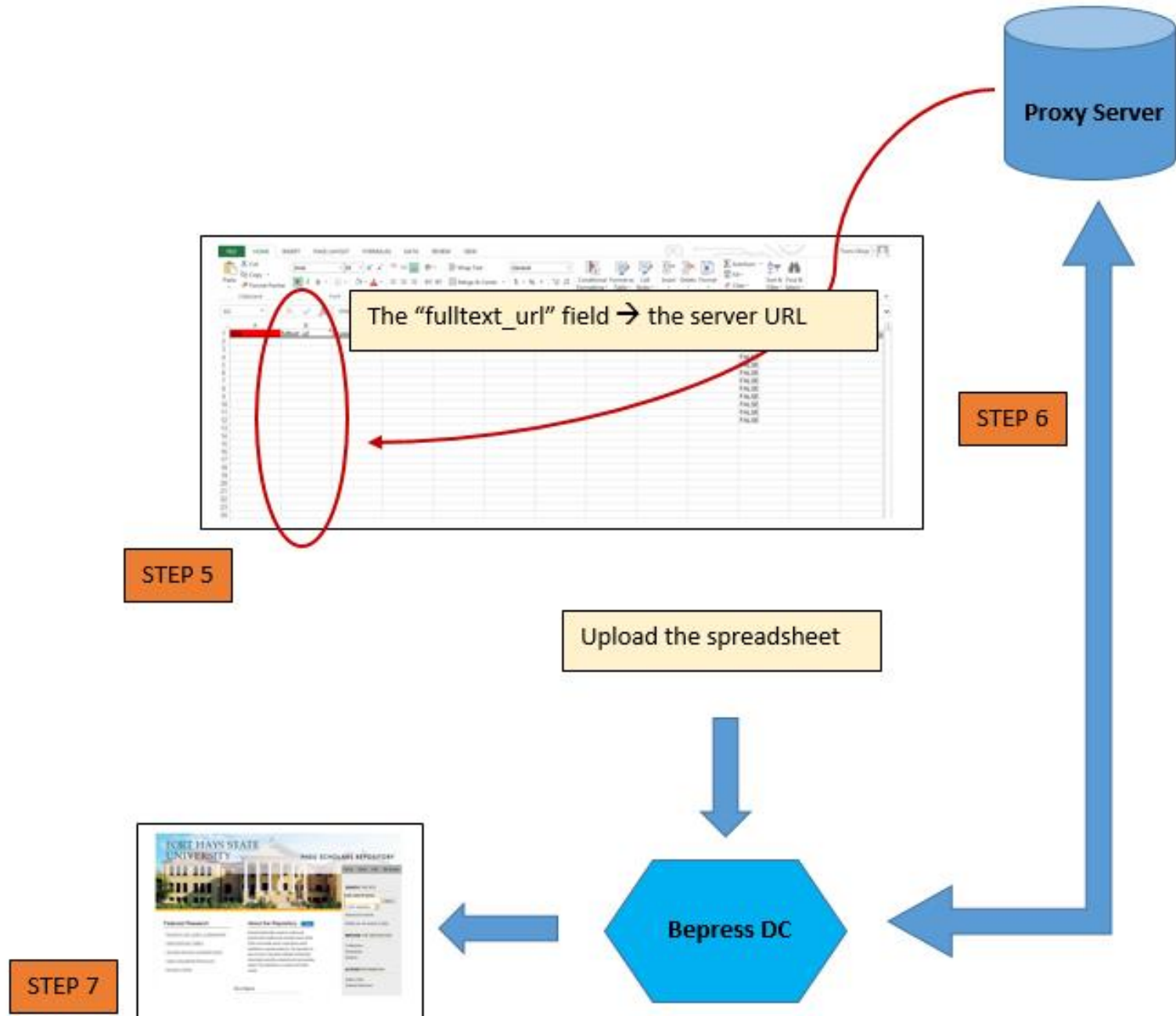
Theses Migration: CONTENTdm – Bepress DC at FHSU

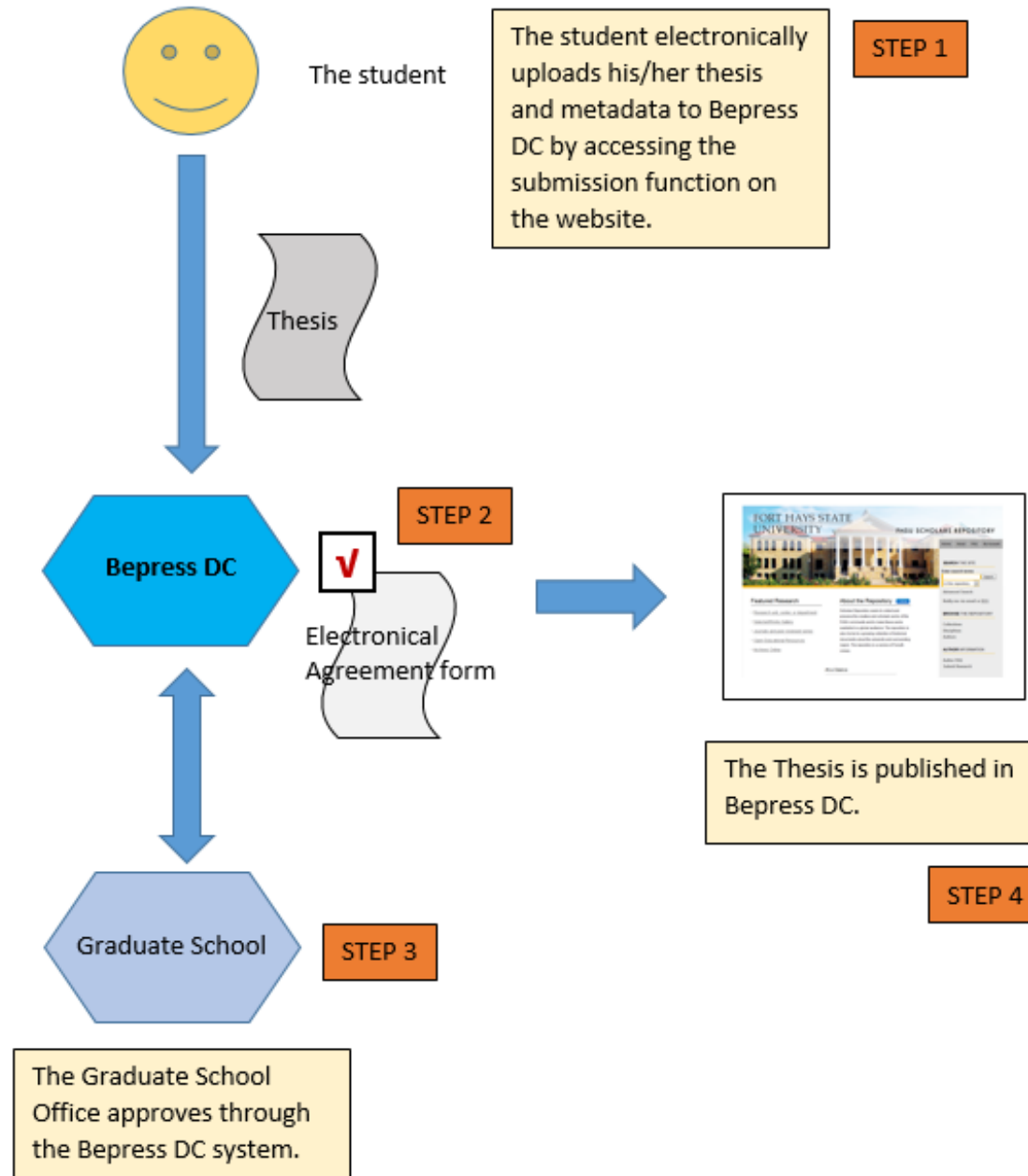




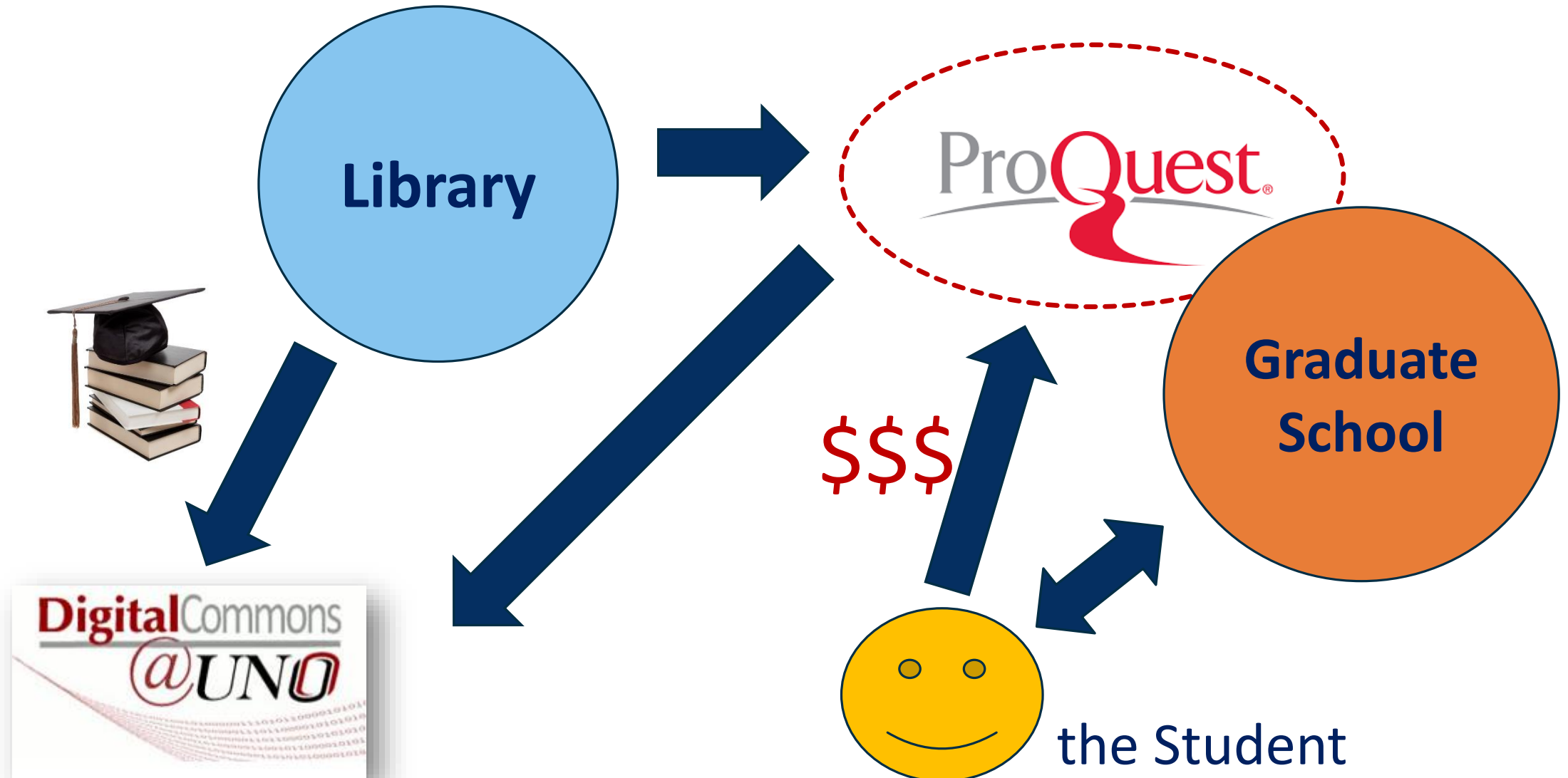
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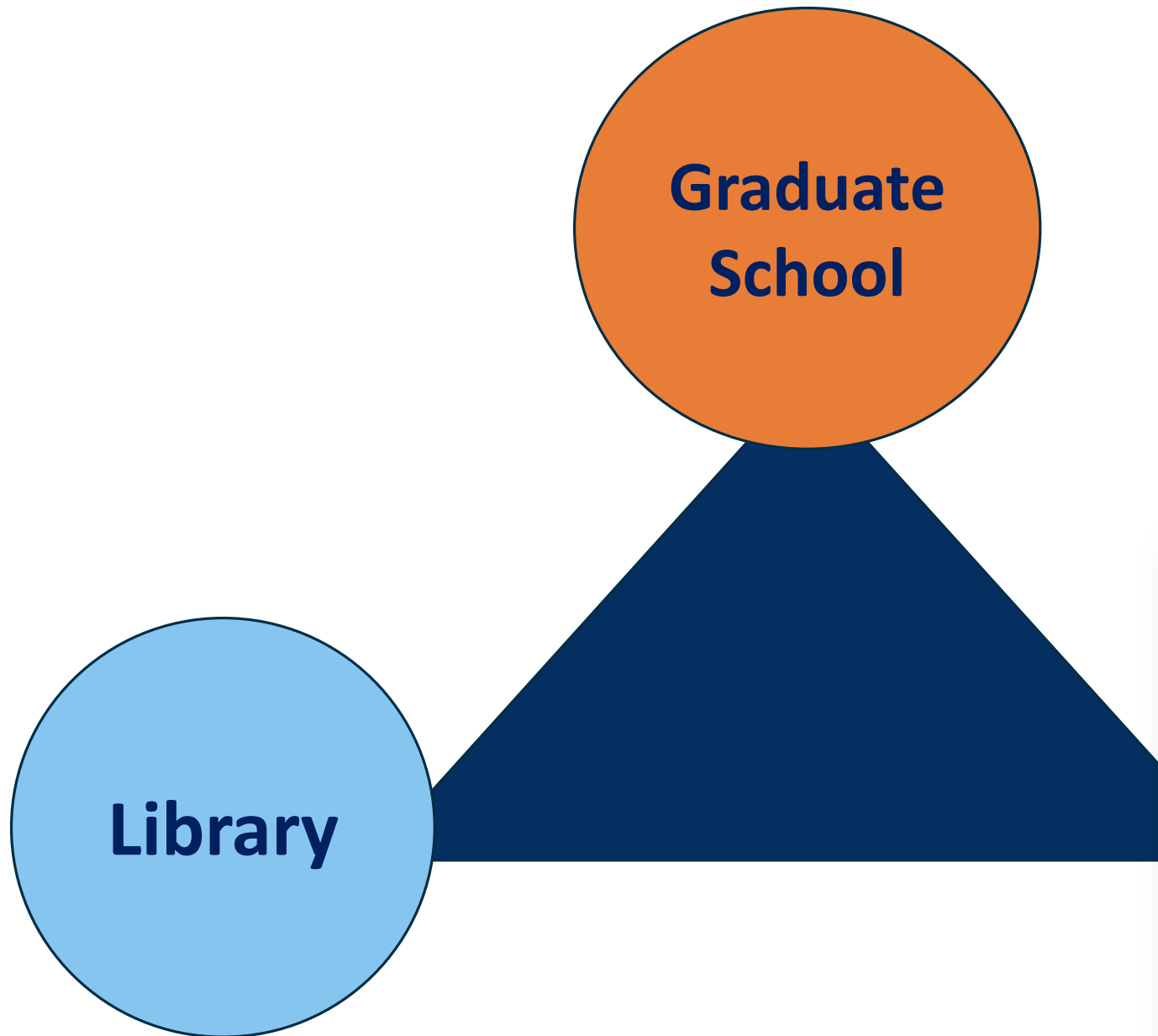
Upload thesis materials from FHSU-NAS (Network-attached Storage), which functions for preserving CONTENTdm materials, to the campus proxy server





Current ETD Workflow at UNO





Digital Commons @UNO

UNIVERSITY OF Nebraska Omaha

Biomechanics Research Building

The Biomechanics Research Building houses all research conducted by the Nebraska Biomechanics Core Facility, the Center for Biomechanics Research and associated programs.

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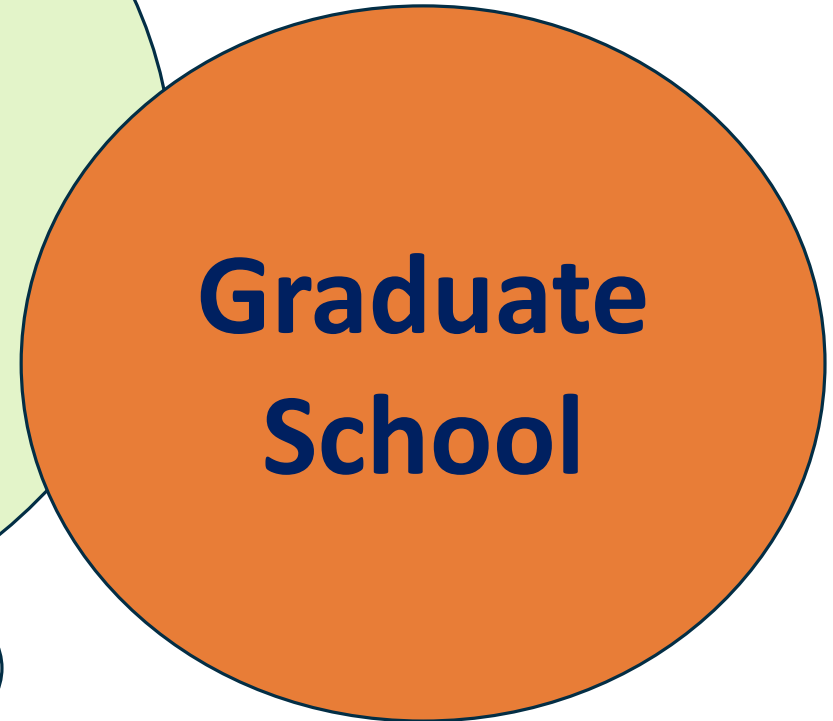
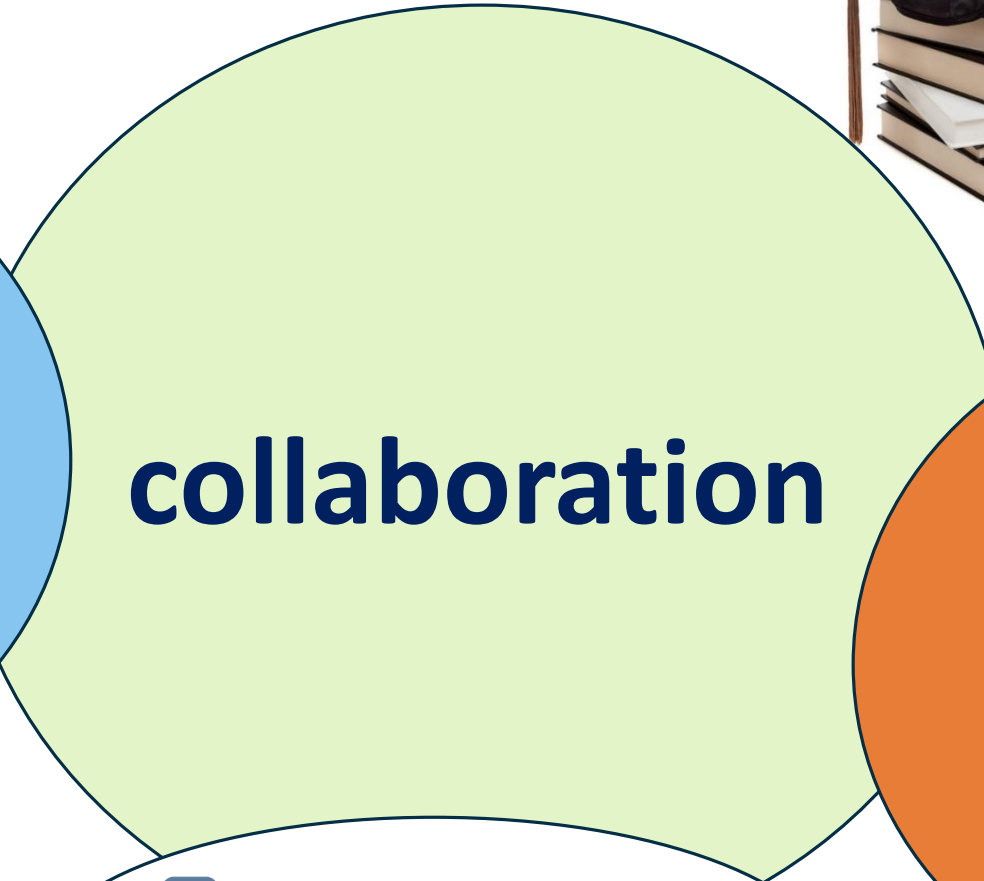
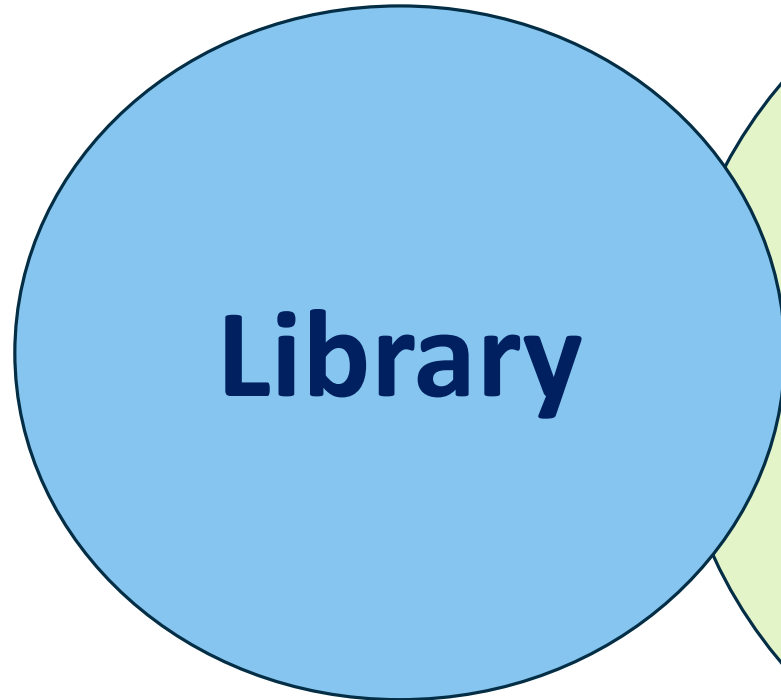
Author Corner

[Author FAQ](#)

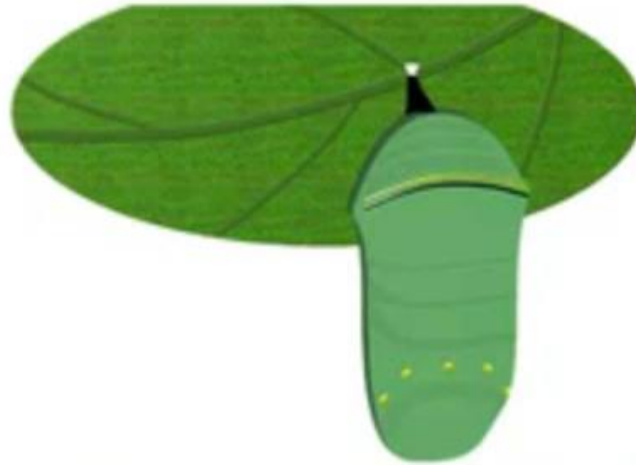
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Conclusion



ETD Lifecycle and Workflows



Student
drafts ETD;
advisers
review it

Graduate
School
approves
ETD

ETD is
published on
the web

“Emerging Trends in ETD Publishing Models: A Bird's Eye View”, Dave Seitz, bepress. <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/webinars/71/>



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