

6.10 - Digital Commons Release Notes

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Introduction

The 6.10 release of the bepress system software includes improvements to the Digital Commons submission screen, a tool for managing Digital Commons authors, a new feature for displaying slideshows with rich metadata, and an administrative interface for SelectedWorks. New features are automatically available to subscribers after February 25, 2011.

If you have any questions about the 6.10 features or would like to start taking advantage of them, please contact us at support@dc.bepress.com.

New Digital Commons Features

Improvements to the Submission Screen

Rich Text Editor

We added a rich text editor to the abstract and comments fields. With the click of a button, submitters can use the editor like a simple word processor to add styling, like boldface and bullets, and to insert active hyperlinks. We also increased the size of the abstract and comments fields for easier viewing before completing each submission.

Improved Author Look-up

In the author section of the screen, we added an “author look-up” feature that searches for authors (previously published in the repository) by email address, first name, last name, and institution. The interface has a clean design and works well with long author lists. More importantly, the tool is fast - with it, administrators can add published authors in seconds.

Author Merge Tool

This tool, accessible via the My Account page, will help administrators organize their repository author lists. The tool identifies authors whose names appear more than once on the author list and enables administrators to merge unnecessary duplicates. The tool also helps to ensure that faculty receive more information on their monthly usage reports without updating individual submissions.

Content Carousel

Using the new Content Carousel, institutions can enliven the homepage of a repository or any publication (series, journal, etc.) with both images **and** their key metadata. Administrators can choose any image or book gallery in Digital Commons, and using this new feature, present the images and metadata in a slideshow that is large or small, and visitors can advance, rewind, pause, or click through to see the full metadata record.

New SelectedWorks Features

SelectedWorks Administrative Interface

Administrators can use the new SelectedWorks administrative interface to perform a variety of common tasks:

- **Browse SelectedWorks** - View lists of recently created SelectedWorks, hidden SelectedWorks, or all SelectedWorks pages for your institution.
- **Approve SelectedWorks for author galleries** - Administrators can include or exclude SelectedWorks pages from author galleries in Digital Commons.
- **Build hidden sites** - Administrators can build and revise SelectedWorks pages without publishing them to the web. When SelectedWorks pages are ready to go live, administrators can publish them with a single click.
- **Reports** - Two new reports are available to SelectedWorks administrators. A Summary Report provides statistics about usage across all SelectedWorks pages for a given institution. A Details Report provides statistics about individual SelectedWorks pages.

To get started using the SelectedWorks administrative interface, please provide Client Services with the names and email addresses of all SelectedWorks administrators at your institution.

Stamped Cover Pages for SelectedWorks

The simple and elegant cover pages available in Digital Commons are now available for SelectedWorks content. Subscribing institutions can upload logos to brand their cover pages, and the pages contain links back to SelectedWorks.

As noted with the introduction to the Digital Commons cover pages, stamped cover pages are your institution's "stamp of approval" for posted content - an indication that the digital assets result from, or are affiliated with, your institution. For visitors who discover SelectedWorks content directly from Google or other search engines, the stamped cover pages are the primary vehicle by which readers can learn about your faculty's scholarship via SelectedWorks. To add a logo to your SelectedWorks pages, contact Client Services.

Additional Digital Commons Features

Display Enhancements

Re-designed event pages - The automatically generated schedule pages in Digital Commons event publications are re-designed to present concurrent sessions in a clear and streamlined view.

PDF icons on publication pages - The home pages for series, ETDs, and journals now include icons that link directly to the full text of the submission.

Additional support for streaming media - We've added support for up to two embedded media players on an article's metadata page. This enhancement allows administrators to display two videos, two audio files or one of each on a single metadata page.

Improvements to Search

Search results page - We've revised the Digital Commons search results page to display results closer to the top of the page. An option to refine your search opens up the familiar search interface visitors can use to complete simple or advanced searches.

Highlighted search results - Visitors who link to PDFs in Digital Commons directly from search results in Google or other major search engines will find their search terms highlighted in the PDF.

Full-text indexing for PowerPoint files - PowerPoint files uploaded to Digital Commons after the 6.10 release will be full-text indexed for Digital Commons searches.

Improvements to the Periodic Archive

We've made it easier for Digital Commons administrators to make local back-ups of their repositories. Each quarter, participating administrators will receive an email with a link to download their repository content onto a local computer. This download-based delivery removes the need to maintain an FTP server for the purposes of receiving periodic archives. Contact Client Services to participate.

Enhancements for Book Galleries

Batch upload - Book galleries in Digital Commons support batch upload as of the 6.10 release.

RSS - Book galleries now also support RSS feeds.

OAI Updates

Image URLs in OAI - We've added URLs for images to the OAI interface so image galleries indexed in services like Encore will display thumbnail images.

New OAI formats listed in "ListMetadataFormats" - The new OAI formats that expose simple or qualified Dublin Core metadata now appear in the ListMetadataFormats request.

Enhancements for Administrators

Submission agreements - Administrators can now edit submission agreements on the publication configuration screens.

Taxonomy updates - The "Law: Civil Rights" subject has been renamed to "Law: Civil Rights and Discrimination" and the following subjects have been added:

- Social and Behavioral Sciences: Psychology: School Psychology
- Law: Legal Profession
- Law: Disability Law
- Law: Criminal Procedure
- Life Sciences: Agriculture

- Medicine and Health Sciences: Mental and Social Health: Art Therapy
- Medicine and Health Sciences: Mental and Social Health: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Physical Sciences and Mathematics: Earth Sciences: Sedimentology
- Physical Sciences and Mathematics: Earth Sciences: Stratigraphy

Enhancements for Editors

Two new features provide enhancements to the peer-review workflow:

- Replying to a request for review no longer requires potential reviewers to log-in. This enhancement makes it easy for potential reviewers to decide to accept/decline a request for review.
- Editors can now enable reviewers to see others' reviewer reports. Please contact Client Services to make this feature available to reviewers.

Next Steps

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