

6.11 - Digital Commons Release Notes

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Introduction

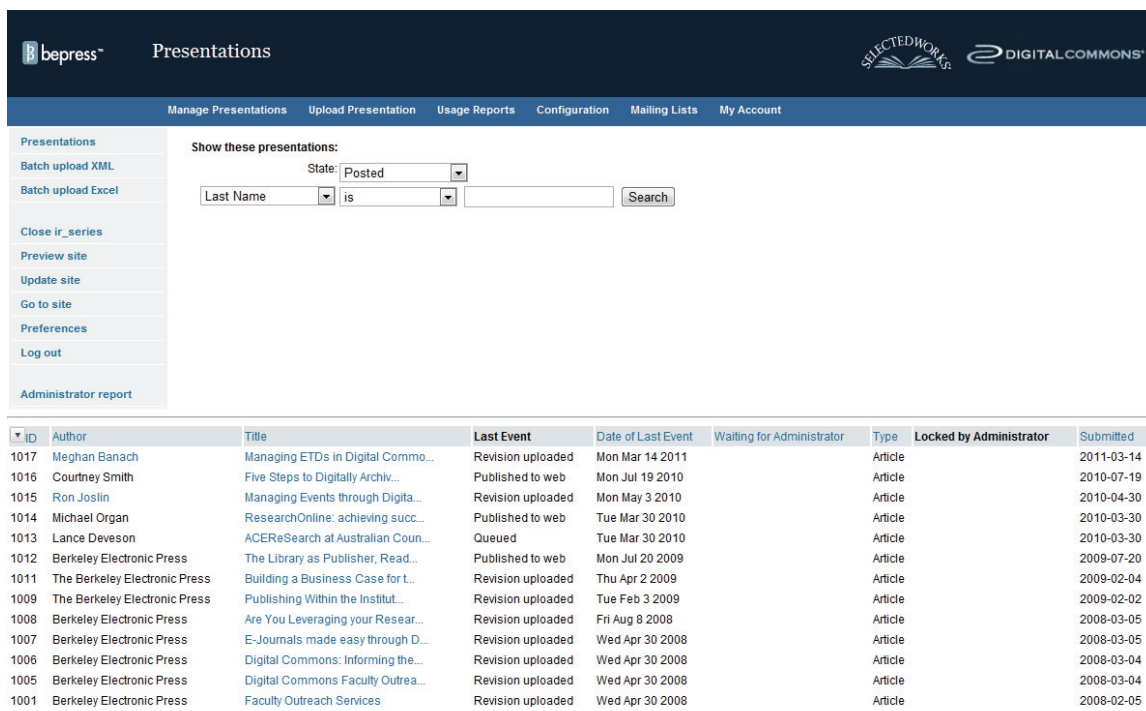
The 6.11 release of the bepress system software includes improvements to the Digital Commons administrative interface, a gallery for showing off journals published in Digital Commons, and new reports designed to keep stakeholders in your repository up to date. New features are automatically available to subscribers after June 24, 2011.

If you have any questions about the 6.11 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 Administrative Interface

We've updated the look and feel of the Digital Commons administrative interface to improve the user experience.



The screenshot shows the 'Presentations' management interface. It includes a navigation menu with options like 'Manage Presentations', 'Upload Presentation', 'Usage Reports', 'Configuration', 'Mailing Lists', and 'My Account'. A search filter is visible, showing 'State: Posted' and 'Last Name' dropdowns. Below the search area is a table of presentation records.

ID	Author	Title	Last Event	Date of Last Event	Waiting for Administrator	Type	Locked by Administrator	Submitted
1017	Meghan Banach	Managing ETDs in Digital Commo...	Revision uploaded	Mon Mar 14 2011		Article		2011-03-14
1016	Courtney Smith	Five Steps to Digitally Archiv...	Published to web	Mon Jul 19 2010		Article		2010-07-19
1015	Ron Joslin	Managing Events through Digita...	Revision uploaded	Mon May 3 2010		Article		2010-04-30
1014	Michael Organ	ResearchOnline: achieving succ...	Published to web	Tue Mar 30 2010		Article		2010-03-30
1013	Lance Deveson	ACEReSearch at Australian Coun...	Queued	Tue Mar 30 2010		Article		2010-03-30
1012	Berkeley Electronic Press	The Library as Publisher, Read...	Published to web	Mon Jul 20 2009		Article		2009-07-20
1011	The Berkeley Electronic Press	Building a Business Case for t...	Revision uploaded	Thu Apr 2 2009		Article		2009-02-04
1009	The Berkeley Electronic Press	Publishing Within the Institut...	Revision uploaded	Tue Feb 3 2009		Article		2009-02-02
1008	Berkeley Electronic Press	Are You Leveraging your Resear...	Revision uploaded	Fri Aug 8 2008		Article		2008-03-05
1007	Berkeley Electronic Press	E-Journals made easy through D...	Revision uploaded	Wed Apr 30 2008		Article		2008-03-05
1006	Berkeley Electronic Press	Digital Commons: Informing the...	Revision uploaded	Wed Apr 30 2008		Article		2008-03-04
1005	Berkeley Electronic Press	Digital Commons Faculty Outrea...	Revision uploaded	Wed Apr 30 2008		Article		2008-03-04
1001	Berkeley Electronic Press	Faculty Outreach Services	Revision uploaded	Wed Apr 30 2008		Article		2008-02-05

The changes affect the following services:

- editorial management screens
- reviewer screens
- configuration screens

The navigation you are familiar with remain unchanged so there's no need to hunt for links or learn new workflows. The change to the new look and feel will take place automatically the first time you log into the service after the release.

Improved Display of Journal Collections

Over 350 journals are published in Digital Commons repositories (see [complete list](#)). For many, journal publishing programs are a core service of the repository. To better show off this content, we've made enhancements to the way users can browse journals published through a Digital Commons repository.

With the 6.11 release, users will be able to browse a repository's full journal collection by image and introductory text. Journals without cover images and text will display as links.

To take full advantage of this browsing option, administrators should ensure that each journal has a default cover image or issue cover image, as well as descriptive introductory text (which also helps SEO!).

New Monthly Email Reports to Keep More Stakeholders Up to Date

We're sure you've found that monthly author emails are key to increasing repository engagement. Now, we've extended automatic monthly email reports to site and publication administrators. This means a repository administrator can now, for example, sign up a department chair to automatically receive monthly snapshots on the activity in that department's collections, straight to his or her email inbox.

Administrators and other stakeholders with report privileges for individual publications (paper series, journals, etc.) will receive a single monthly email with the following information about each publication:

- most popular records (downloads in the past month)
- records posted and total downloads for the past month
- records posted and total downloads all time

Every site level administrator with report privileges will receive the following information in a single monthly email:

- most popular records (downloads in the past month)
- most popular collections (downloads in the past month)
- records posted and total downloads for the past month
- records posted and total downloads all time

Get in touch with Client Services to:

- find out who has report privileges for a single publication or for the full repository, and
- sign up new stakeholders to receive monthly email reports on site or publication activity.

Additional Digital Commons Enhancements

Author look-up - We've improved the author look-up tool on the submit form to make it easier for administrators to select the authors they are looking for.

Password security – For users who misplace or request their log-ins, Digital Commons will reset their passwords, following best practices in the industry.

Publication names on submission forms -The name and logo for your paper collections, galleries and other Digital Commons publications now appear on the top of the submission form. This will help administrators and submitting authors keep track of the context to which they are submitting content.

Rich text editor - We've revised the rich text editor on the submit form to make it easier to cut and paste text from PDFs and to work with browser spellcheckers.

Streaming media – We provided multimedia support for iPads and iPhones using Digital Commons. Please note that not all browsers support streaming for all media types. Please contact Client Services if you have any questions.

Taxonomy updates - New entries in the Digital Commons three-tiered taxonomy of academic disciplines include:

- Arts and Humanities: Chinese Studies
- Business: Tourism and Travel
- Business: Recreation
- Law: European Law
- Social and Behavioral Sciences: Economics: Health Economics
- Medicine and Health Sciences: Rehabilitation and Therapy: Physiotherapy
- Engineering: Civil and Environmental Engineering: Hydraulic Engineering
- Business: Hospitality Administration and Management: Gaming and Casino Operations Management
- Business: Hospitality Administration and Management: Food and Beverage Management
- Engineering: Mining Engineering

The full taxonomy is available at <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/9/>.

Next Steps

1. Visit your journals to ensure that they have both introductory text and a cover image so that your repository can take full advantage of the new display options for journal collections.
2. Provide to Client Services (support@dc.bepress.com) the email addresses of any college or department stakeholders you would like to receive the new monthly activity reports.
3. And visit our redesigned Digital Commons site at <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com> to browse examples of repositories and publications using Digital Commons.