

## 6.7, Digital Commons Release Notes

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These notes introduce the new features released in version 6.7 of Digital Commons on Friday, January 15, 2010. As always, the features noted below are included with your Digital Commons subscription at no additional cost.

For a recorded webinar featuring demonstrations of the below, see <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/15/>.

### 6.7 - Doing More with Your Metadata

With the 6.7 release of Digital Commons, Berkeley Electronic Press will be releasing two powerful features designed to save you time while helping you enrich your repositories. Batch revise will let you export submitted metadata for a publication, make changes or additions, and batch load the changes. Auto-collect will automate the collection process. Together, these features will help you to efficiently and effectively manage your IR.

#### Batch Revise

Last year we created a feature that lets administrators batch load records via an Excel spreadsheet. We've extended this feature to include the batch export of all submitted metadata for a given publication. After downloading metadata as an Excel spreadsheet, administrators can:

- Check metadata integrity by comparing metadata across records
- Revise mistakes or complete missing fields
- Add new metadata fields across multiple records
- Add any number of new records

Previously administrators made these changes by modifying individual records. By accommodating batch revisions, Digital Commons helps administrators reduce the time it takes to make changes while making it easier to ensure accurate results.

For more information about our batch tools, see <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/14/>.

#### Auto-Collect

The collection feature in Digital Commons allows administrators to post content to one publication and display a virtual copy of it elsewhere. This is currently done by cutting and pasting the URL of a submission in the collection interface. With auto-collect, you can set criteria for a publication that will automate the collection process. For example, you can create a filter for each department that automatically collects all ETDs produced by that department.

With auto-collect you can create filters that take advantage of all submitted metadata, including configured fields. If you find, while creating filters, that you need better metadata to take full advantage of auto-collect, you can use batch revise to update your records. After revising your records, auto-collect filters will automatically collect the content you are looking for.

Auto-collect will be available immediately post-release. Client Services will implement batch revise upon request. And we're currently preparing supplementary documentation about both of these features - watch for them in coming weeks.

For additional introduction to auto-collect, see <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/16/>.

## Additional Administrative Features

### Multi-Select Options on Submission Form

Many Digital Commons subscribers use controlled taxonomies on their submission forms. To select multiple options from these lists, submitters must hold down the control key while clicking with the mouse. For the 6.7 release we're replacing all multi-select lists with a widget that will let submitters browse their options in one box and view their selections in another, much like the widget used for selecting from the bepress three-tiered taxonomy. The improved interface for multi-select input fields works with single- and multiple-tiered lists like the ANZSRC taxonomy. To implement support for multiple tiered lists, contact [support@dc.bepress.com](mailto:support@dc.bepress.com).

Note: this feature is available to series, galleries, and events but not journals. We will extend the feature for journals in a future release.

Our quarterly updates to the three-tiered taxonomy for academic disciplines include the following: "Liberal Studies" was added to "Education" and "International and Area Studies" was added to "Social and Behavioral Sciences". Revisions that will be less apparent to users include the removal of special characters like "/" and "()". As this is a living taxonomy, please send your suggestions for it to [support@dc.bepress.com](mailto:support@dc.bepress.com).

Administrators will also notice that more metadata fields will appear on the submission success screen and in the administrative interface. We are working toward displaying all submitted metadata fields on these screens and have scheduled this feature for a future release.

## Visitor-Facing Upgrades for Digital Commons

### Enhanced Search Interface

To help site visitors find the scholarship they are looking for, we've improved the Digital Commons search interface. Enhancements include:

- Easy toggle between simple and advanced searches
- Results are clear and easy to read
- No more tabs for different search functions

Running a search on Digital Commons after January 15th will display the new interface.

## Further Visitor-Facing Upgrades

**Vimeo:** Administrators can currently display video streams from YouTube or campus servers on Digital Commons. After the 15th, administrators can display video streams hosted on Vimeo.com.

**Sort options for image galleries** - administrators can currently set sort orders for content posted to series or events. With the 6.7 release, administrators can use simple configurations to control how their images are sorted.

**Ability to exclude publications from featured lists** - we have created a configuration administrators can use to exclude content from Top Downloads, Recent Additions or Paper of the Day lists. A new check-box on the simple configuration page will allow administrators to exclude individual articles or entire publications from these lists.

## Of Note for Journal Editors

We're adding three actions to the submission "History" page: emails to authors, emails to reviewers, and editor notes. Also, editors will no longer receive PDF conversion emails. These conversions will continue to be tracked on the submission "History" page.

## Bugfix

Downloads are currently triggered when the "Download" button is clicked for posted content that is under embargo. Post-release these clicks will no longer affect download counts.

## 6.8 Release

We're currently working on our 6.8 release of Digital Commons, scheduled for May, 2010. When the date is set, I'll provide an update to the group highlighting the focus of the release. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call or write me with your ideas.

## Next Steps

If you have any questions about the above features or would like to start taking advantage of them, please contact [support@dc.bepress.com](mailto:support@dc.bepress.com).