



Facts about OhioLINK's ETD Center:

- The ETD Center is 20 years old and received a previous upgrade in 2013.
- There have been 85 million document views/downloads from 234 countries the world, since 2013 when OhioLINK began to be able to track them.
- Each year, the ETD Center receives approximately 5,000 submissions. Although there were less than 4,000 in 2020 due to disruptions in higher education, 2021 appears to be on track to return pre-pandemic levels.
- A “bot” tweets each ETD publications’ title, author, and keywords after submission to help authors share the news about their scholarly progress and alert researchers following certain keywords.
- Most theses and dissertations date from 2001 and later; however, the batch upload feature allow institutions to queue and upload older documents. The Ohio State University and Bowling Green University are adding older theses and dissertations as they are digitized.
- The first thesis published was from Youngstown State University on October 11, 2001, “The Convergence of Environmental Influences as Potential Precipitating Factors of AML-M2” by Meredith Tuttle, Master of Science, Department of Chemistry.
- The first student-submitted dissertation was from University of Cincinnati, also published on October 11, 2001, “Algorithms for Design Space Exploration and High-level Synthesis for Multi-FPGA Reconfigurable Computers” by Sriram Govindarajan, PhD, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.
- The top 5 downloaded ETDs and the most recently published ETDs are automatically updated on the [ETD Center home page](#).
- A 2008 dissertation on flute repair from The Ohio State University remains one of the top downloads year-after-year. "[An Illustrated Basic Flute Repair Manual for Professionals](#)," by Horng-Jiun Lin.
- The oldest document is a 1902 thesis from The Ohio State University. “Mammalia of the Baum prehistoric village site,” by William C. Mills.