Integrating UZ ETD with Web OPAC

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Overview

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Background to E-Theses

- □ E-theses concept mooted in 2003
- Extension of the DATAD project.
- □ Providing access to a local database of abstracts as well as combined AAU database of abstracts.
- □ Pilot projects of e-theses done in 2004 using ETD-db open source software from Virginia Tech

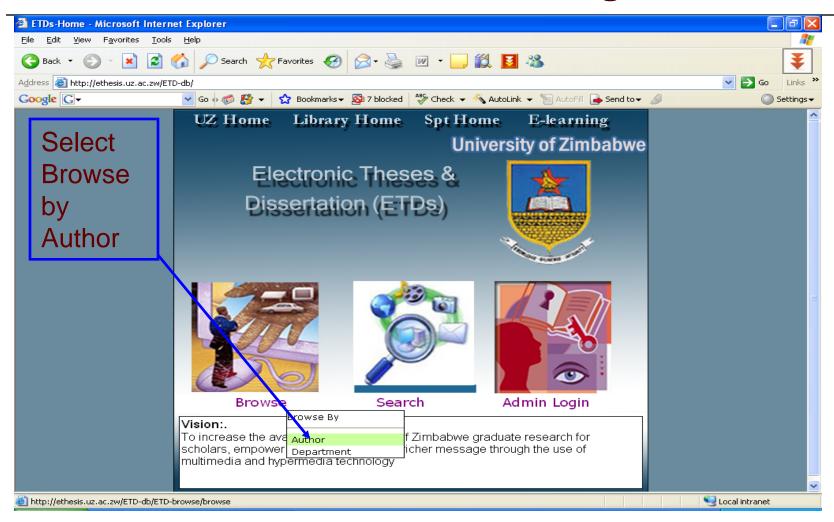
What is an e-thesis?

- □ ETD: Electronic Theses and Dissertations
 - Thesis or Dissertation in an electronic format
 - All ETDs have a textual component (PDF file)
 - Some have additional media files, data files, or other non-print content.
- □ In our case the e-thesis are predominantly PDF files.

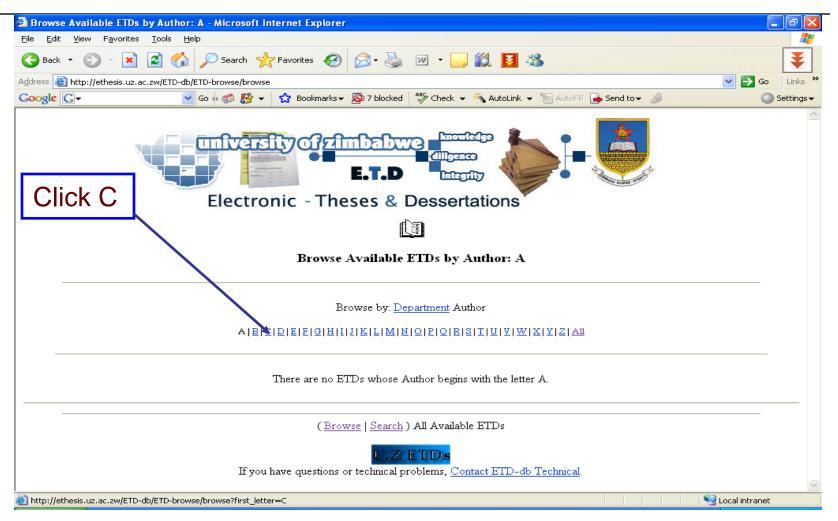
Benefits of E-Theses

- □ Immediate delivery to users (time component).
- □ Remote delivery to users (location component).
- □ Improve library services
- Higher citation rates for online articles
- □ Preserve and maintain the research outputs

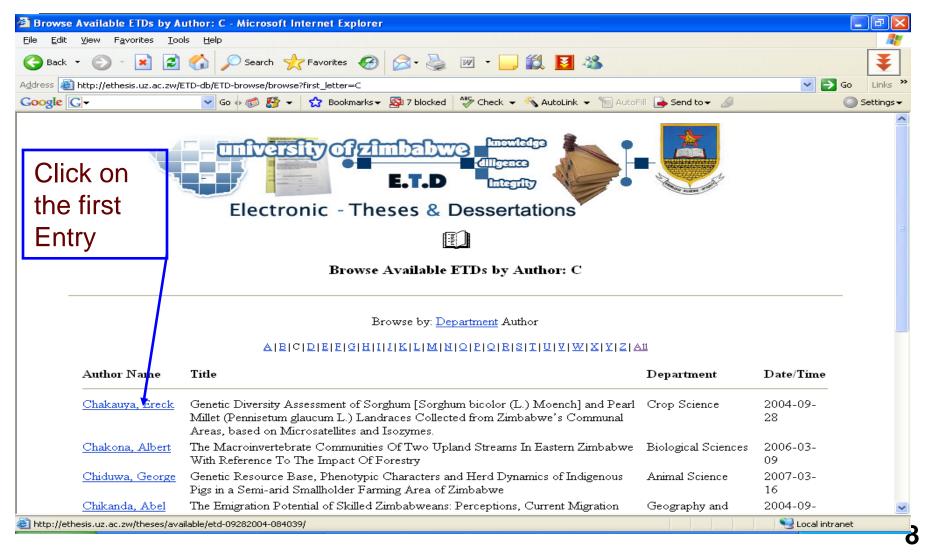
UZ E-Theses Home Page



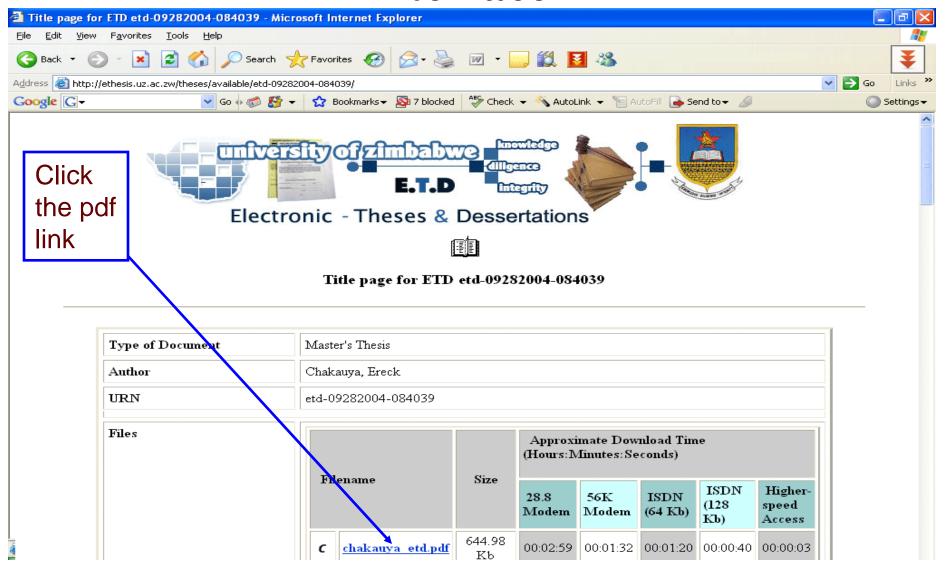
Browsing by Author



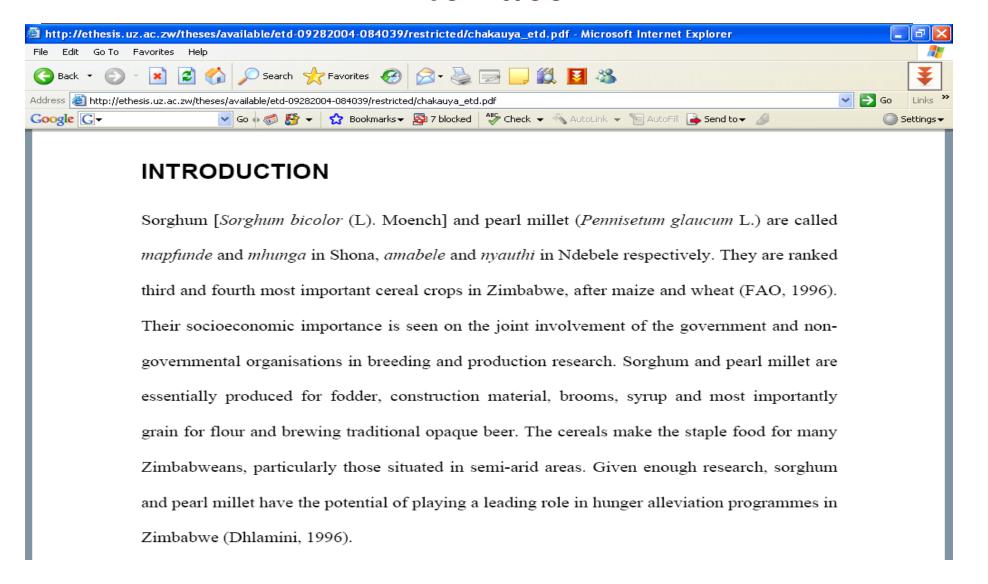
Alphabetical Listing by Author



Example of Access From NativeInterface



Full Text Access From ETD-db Native Interface



E-Theses Submission and Processing Process

- □ Electronic submission of theses and dissertation is now mandatory at UZ
- ☐ Graduate students submit both bound copy of their theses and an electronic version on CD or diskette to the Library.
- □ The upload and cataloguing process is centralized.
- □ Application of the necessary Acrobat Standard Security Features
- □ Capturing the pertinent metadata

ETD-db Metadata

- □ Author (Last Name, Middle Name, First Name)
- □ Author's email
- □ URN
- □ Title
- Degree
- Department
- □ Major Subject
- □ Graduation Date
- □ University
- □ Availability
- □ Advisory Committee
- Keywords
- □ Abstract
- □ Type of Document
- □ And other date fields

Rationale for Integration

- □ Access statistics for the e-theses server were low.
- □ Need to have more than one access avenue for the etheses.
- Boost access statistics, hopefully usage statistics.
- □ Leverage on ILS course.
- □ Web OPAC will not strain our limited bandwidth.

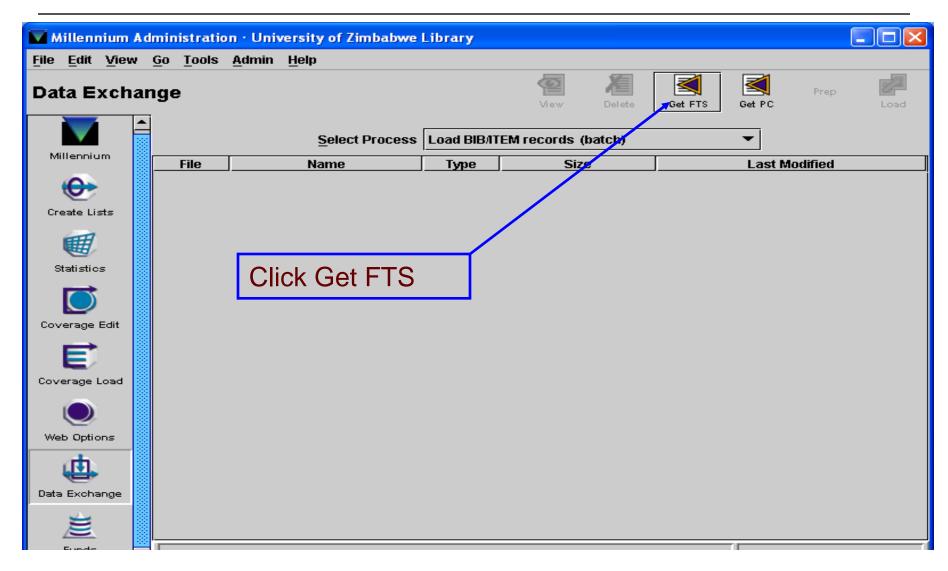
The Perl Script - Export_to_marc.pl

- □ ETD-db software ships with PERL script for converting ETD records to MARC (specifically in USMARC format)
- □ The script may require local customization;
 - Field 502 was changed to reflect UZ
 - Field 720 was changed to 700 for it to be searchable.
 - Field 260 defaults to "Not Published".
 - Field 856 (availability information) to indicate that "Full-Text Article -Accessible Only on UZ Campus"
 - SubField 856 u encodes the URL to the —e-theses on the remote server
 - The database schema was altered to include the Boolean flag, export_flag.
- □ The perl script was modified accordingly.

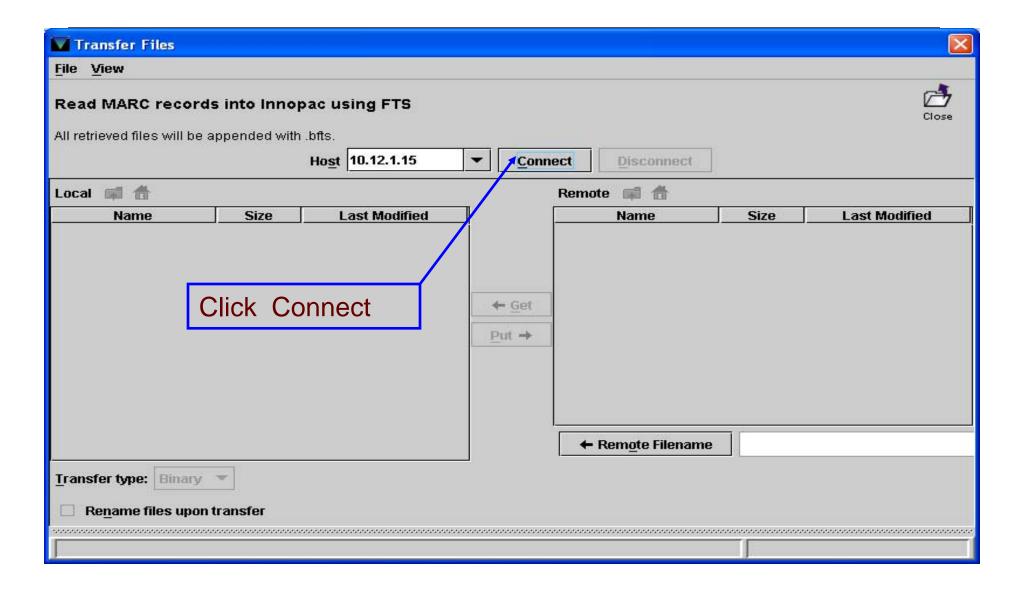
Generating MARC Record

- □ The export_to_marc.pl script is activated once the number of e-theses that have not been converted to MARC format reaches a certain number (10, in our case)
- □ An email notification is send to relevant divisions to alert them of outstanding files to be uploaded to Millennium
- □ The file with USMARC record is uploaded manually to the Millennium server

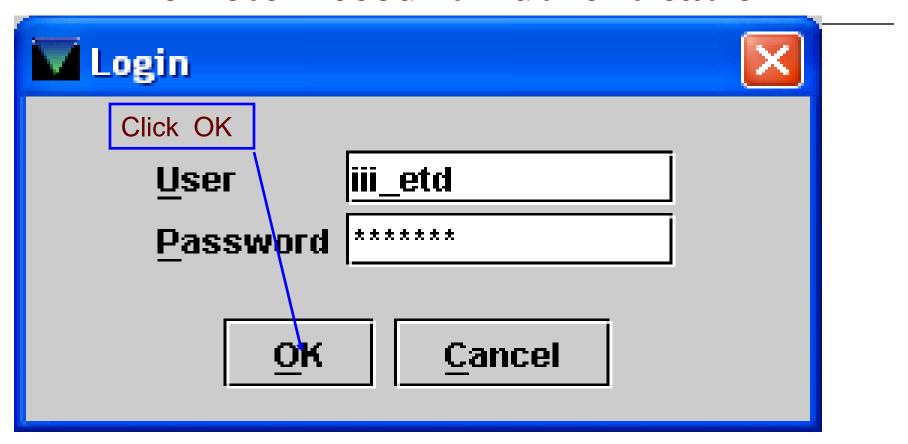
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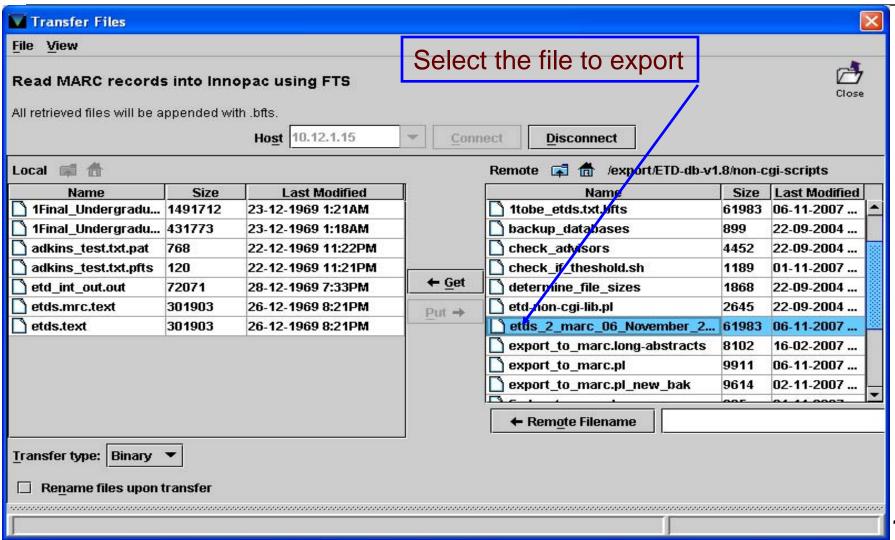
Connecting to the Remote Server



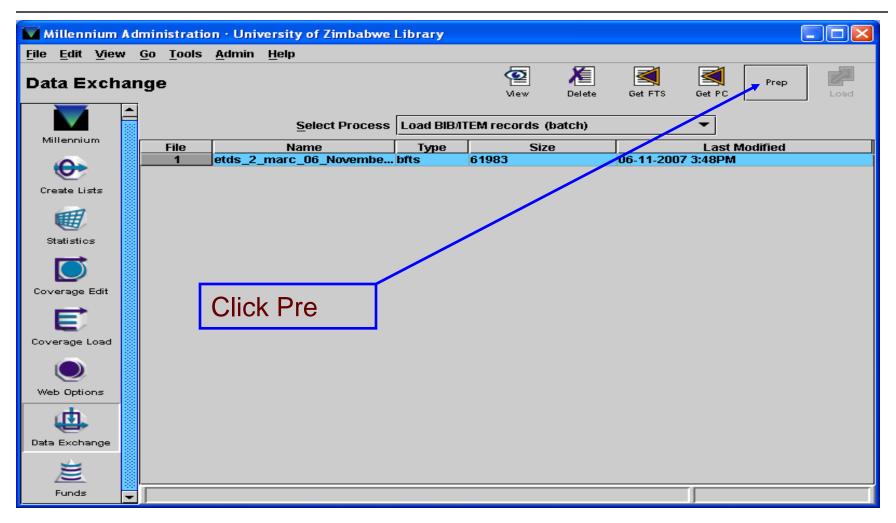
Remote Account Authentication



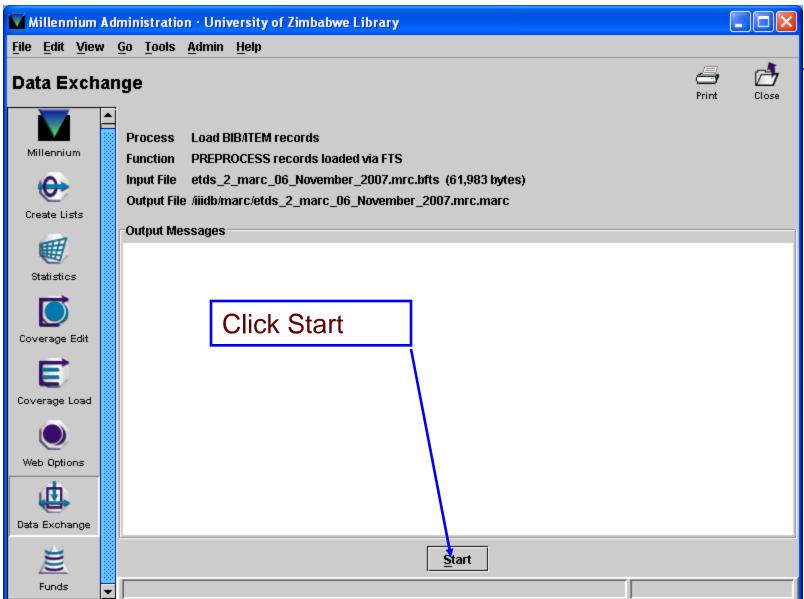
Upload From the Remote ETD Server to Millennium



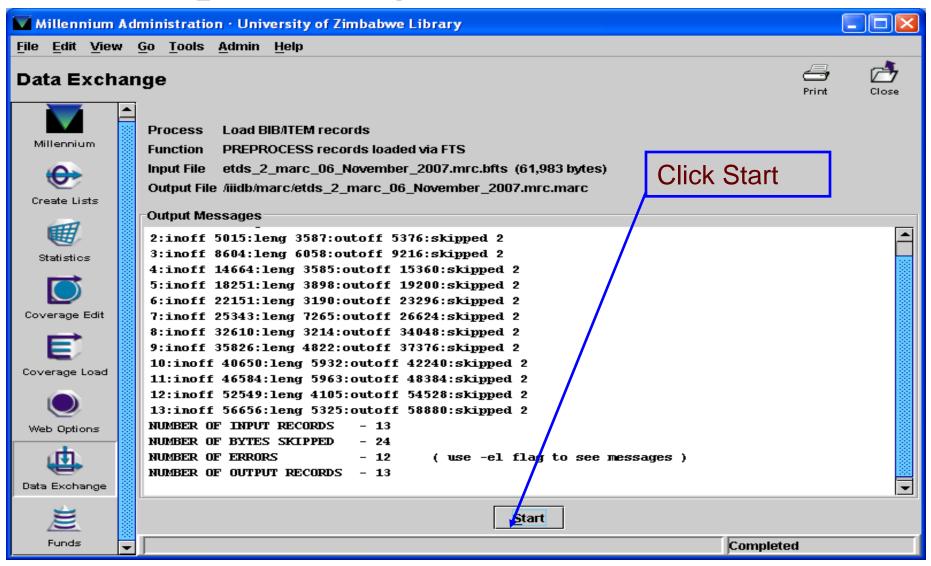
Preprocessing the Records Before Loading



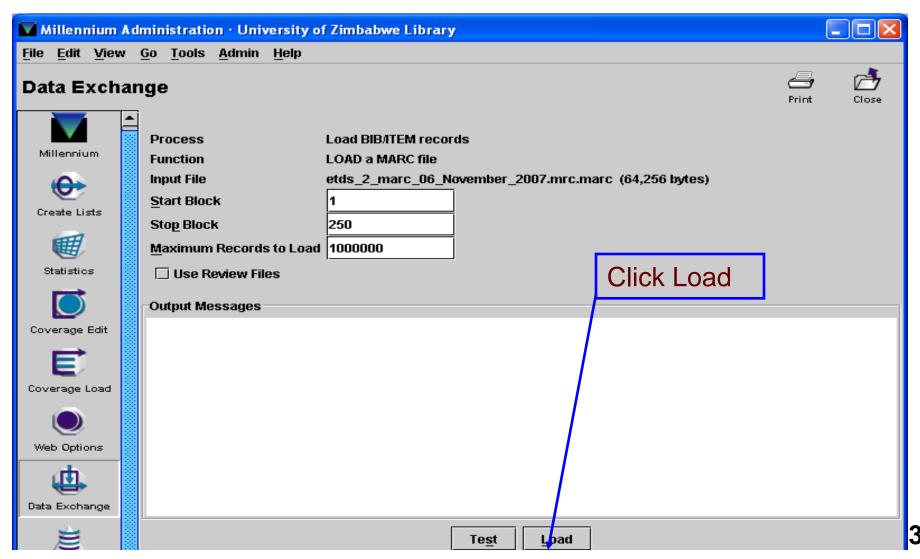
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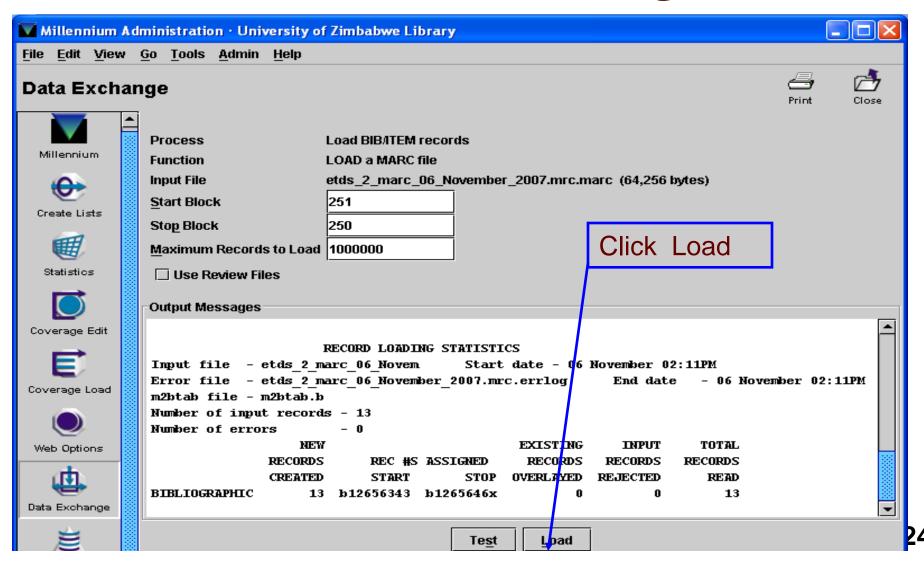
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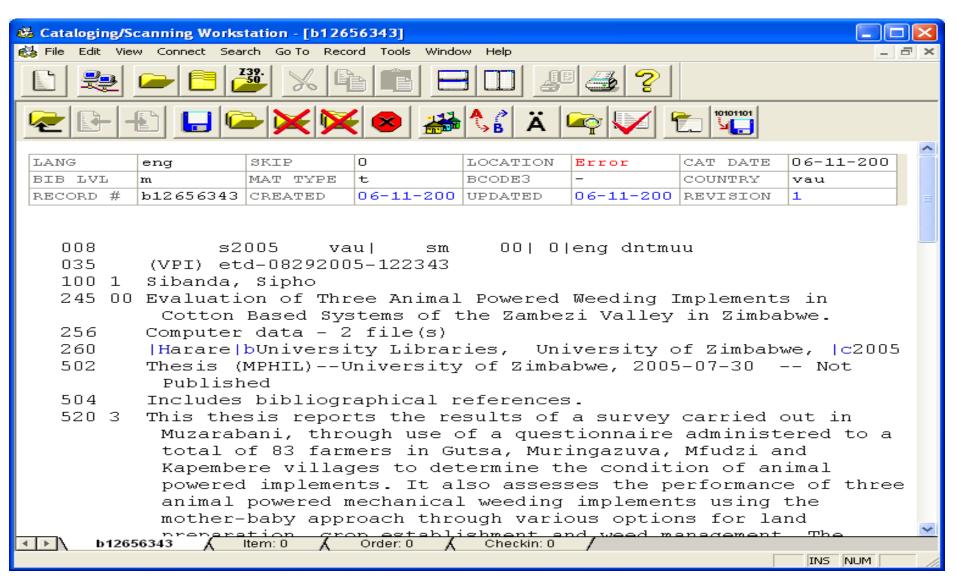
Loading the Record to Millennium



Feedback From the Loading Process



Proofing the Record with Cataloguing Module



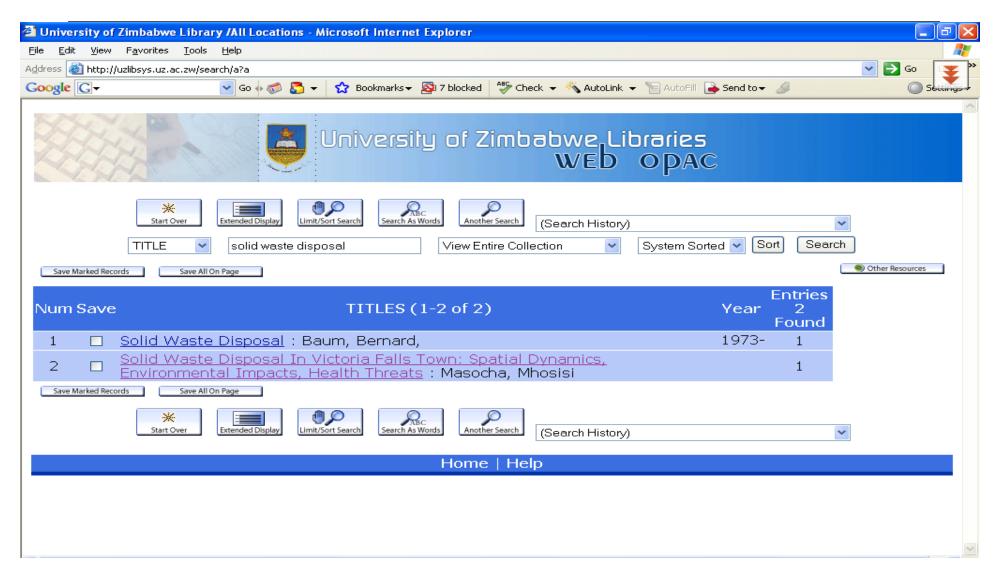
URL Verification

- Use URL verification functionality that comes with WAM to verify the validity of URLs in the bibliographic records in the INNOPAC database.
- □ Verifies URLs in subfield **u** of MARC 856 fields.
- System verifies each URL by attempting to open a connection to the indicated address and confirming that the expected type of data (HTTP in this case) is available.
- □ Accessible from the Standard menu via:
 - ALTER SYSTEM PARAMETERS W > WEB Access Management subsystem option
 - V > VERIFY Universal Resource Locators (URLs).

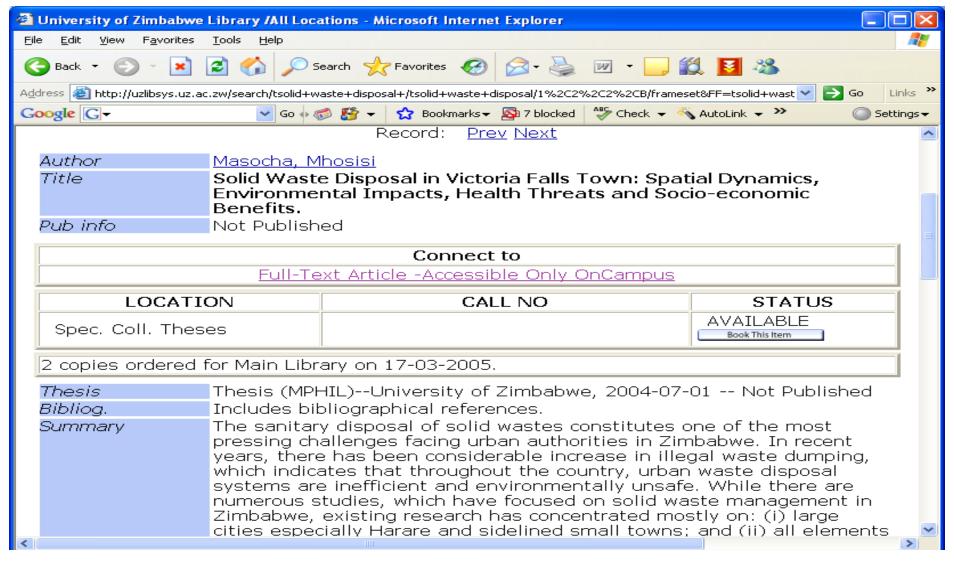
Web OPAC Index Page



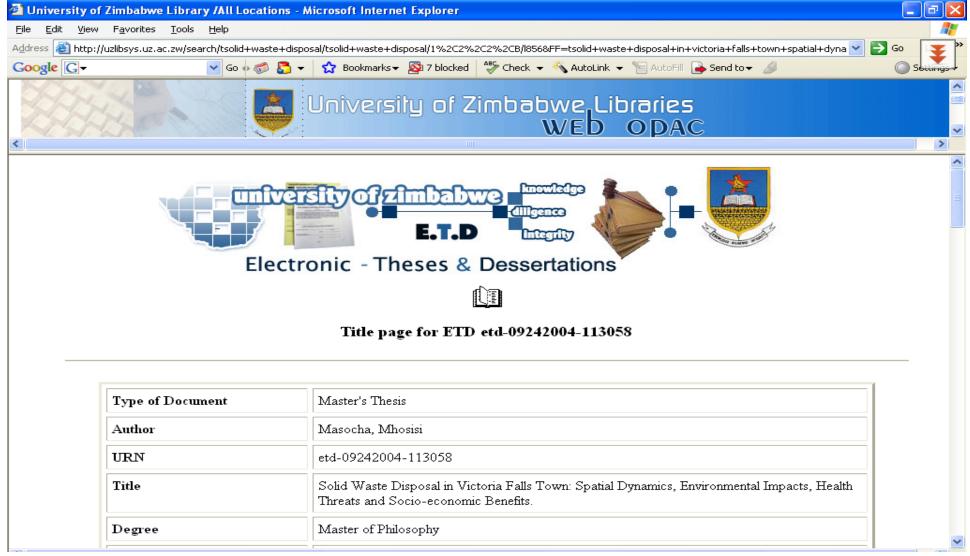
Searching from Web OPAC- Title Search



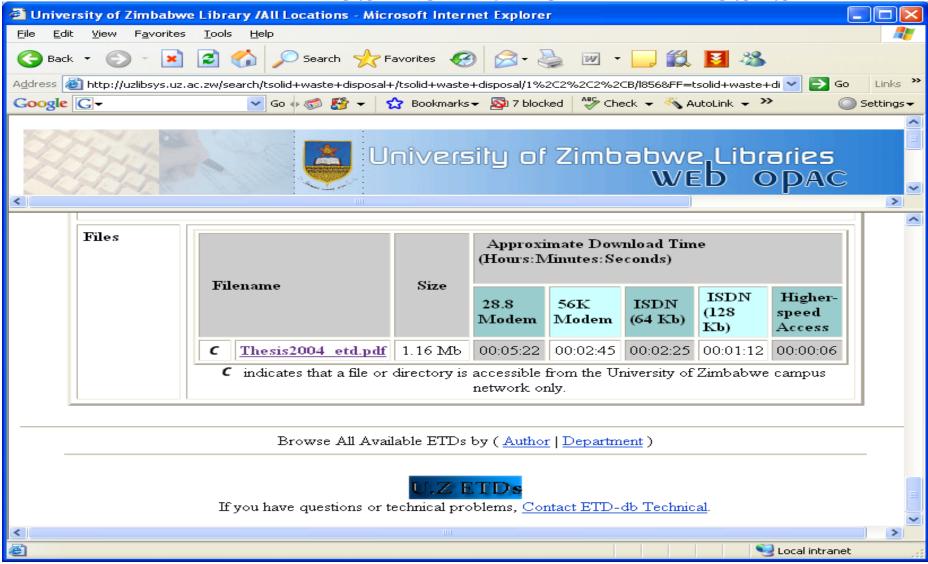
Accessing the Record



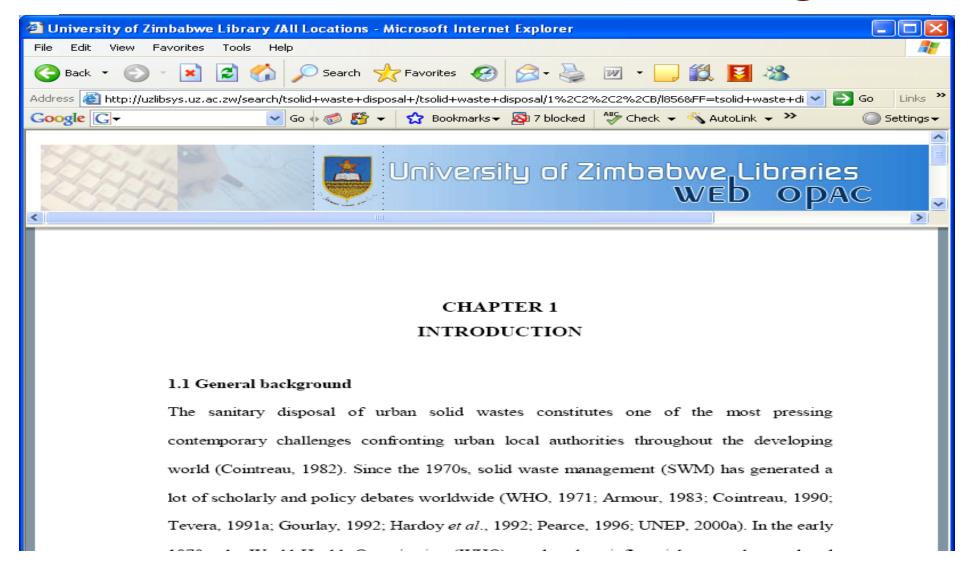
Accessing the Title Page of the E-Thesis



PDF Files for the E-Thesis



Full text Access from OPAC Page



Some E-Thesis Server Access Statistics – from Webalizer Utility

Before the Integration of ETD and Web OPAC

	Summary Period: December 2005 Generated 21-Dec-2005 17:09 CAT									
# 1	Hits		Files		KBytes		Visits		Hostname	
	918	91.43%	139	62.90%	818	16.31%	47	94.00%	students.uz.ac.zw	
2	55	5.48%	53	23.98%	197	3.93%	1	2.00%	education.uz.ac.zw	
3	30	2.99%	28	12.67%	4001	79.76%	1	2.00%	sociol.uz.ac.zw	
4	1	0.10%	1	0.45%	0	0.00%	1	2.00%	compcentre.uz.ac.zw	

After the Integration of ETD and Web OPAC

	Summary Period: May 2006 Generated 01-Jun-2006 04:02 CAT									
#	- 1	Hits	- 1	Files	KByte	s	Visits			
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2	123	14.64%	114	17.17%	3224	2	5.71%	arts.uz.ac.zw		
3	112	13.33%	74	11.14%	354	7	20.00%	students.uz.ac.zw		
4	25	2.98%	10	1.51%	41	2	5.71%	socio.uz.ac.zw		
5	18	2.14%	15	2.26%	66	1	2.86%	compcentre.uz.ac.zw		
6	13	1.55%	10	1.51%	40	1		education.uz.ac.zw		

THANK YOU

Questions and Discussion