

e-Thesis Archiving: A Report and Training Resources

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Introduction

The OBF Project recognised that the archiving and preservation of eThesis was as areas of significant concern, with the DPC identifying eThesis as an endangered object in need to further study.

This has led to two major pieces of work - conducted in conjunction with the DPC - a report on eThesis archiving practices and an Open Education Resource, developed by the DPC, to help train and better inform university repository managers.

eThesis Archiving Report

Details to follow

Preserving e-Thesis Resources Pack

The **Preserving e-Theses Resources Pack**, developed by the Digital Preservation Coalition in partnership with the [Open Book Futures project](#), provides practical, flexible guidance to help universities support the long-term accessibility and use of doctoral theses.

As theses become increasingly digital—and often include data, multimedia, code, and web-based content—ensuring they remain accessible and understandable over time presents new challenges. While universities are generally responsible for preserving theses, the way they are prepared and submitted can significantly affect access, use, and reuse in the future. These resources are intended to help staff involved in the PhD submission process understand the need for digital preservation of e-theses and to support students in this area.

The Resource pack can be freely accessed directly from the DPC website:

<https://www.dpconline.org/digipres/prof-development/preserving-e-theses-resource>