CONTENTdm
Help searchers discover the world's greatest digital collections—yours
CONTENTdm® helps you to make your digital collections fully searchable on the Web, more quickly and easily. No matter the format—local history archives, newspapers, books, maps, slide libraries or audio/video—CONTENTdm can handle the storage, management and delivery of your collections to users across the Web. Add your collection’s metadata to WorldCat and make your digital collections even more visible.

A complete solution for digital collections

CONTENTdm is the total software solution for your digital collection projects, whether you’re just starting or you’ve outgrown your current system. It also offers full support of Unicode, enabling you to provide access to collections in any language.

Institutions of all types—from small historical societies using volunteers, to research universities with dedicated departments—have found CONTENTdm easy to implement and use.

CONTENTdm can serve as your institutional repository. PDF documents, theses, dissertations and reports all can be easily stored and managed in CONTENTdm. Scholars, archivists and researchers can readily discover, cite and use the intellectual capital of your institution.

By showcasing digital projects using CONTENTdm, libraries and other cultural organizations have supported classroom learning; received recognition from their institutions, local communities and national library associations; and secured grant and matching funding.

When you choose CONTENTdm, you become part of an active user community of more than 1,500 organizations worldwide. Users freely share best practices and locally-developed extensions through the CONTENTdm listserv, User Support Center, at user group meetings and via other collaborations.

The Claremont Colleges needed a digital asset management to support a range of materials: audio, video, documents, images and more. After reviewing eleven systems, they chose CONTENTdm because of ease of use and also because of its ability to link into WorldCat.

We wanted all of our intellectual output—our institutional repository, digital collections and scholarly communications—available in one database.

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CONTENTdm gives you full control over your digital resources, their descriptions, access and display. It can store any type of file—from multiple-page documents, EAD finding aids, PDF files and large maps to audio and video files. You also can fully customize metadata fields and Web interfaces, as well as create predefined queries, for any CONTENTdm digital collection.

Offering item- and collection-level security, CONTENTdm can ensure your resources are available only to specified users or IP addresses. Within a single collection, you can decide to make the metadata accessible to all, while requiring a password to view the actual file, or restrict access to both the items and metadata. Whatever your needs, CONTENTdm gives you the security options to meet them.

Easy to install and use, CONTENTdm lets you focus on planning and building collections. An out-of-the-box Web interface lets you get started quickly. The software can be installed on your server or you can opt to have it hosted by OCLC. Users often build or convert collections within one to three months. They are aided by comprehensive Web-based Help files, tutorials and Installation and Administration Guides on the User Support Center. Technical phone and e-mail support, as well as supplemental training and consulting services, are available.
Integrated with digital services

OCLC offers several options for related and integrated services to help you with digital collection management. Select them with your initial CONTENTdm purchase or add them later as the need arises.

Whether you have newspapers, photos or documents, OCLC can digitize your primary source materials and build your CONTENTdm collections. We also offer the OCLC Web Harvester that enables you to capture born-digital items from the Web and add them to your CONTENTdm collections. And if you’d like to enable catalogers to add digital items to CONTENTdm collections during the standard cataloging workflows, consider OCLC Connexion® digital import. For the long-term preservation of digital masters, choose OCLC’s Digital Archive, which can be easily integrated into CONTENTdm collection building workflows.

Unequaled range of options

CONTENTdm offers flexible workflow options and a variety of productivity tools. To support multiple workflows and collection building, digital items can be added from anywhere using the CONTENTdm Project Client, through the OCLC Connexion client or through a Web browser using a simple Web form.

Choose from license levels that match your needs and collection size. Select the cost-effective Hosting Services, or from a variety of server options, to suit your environment. If you need to generate full-text transcripts, an optional OCR (optical character recognition) extension supporting 184 languages is available. Additionally, there is a variety of implementation and supplemental services to help you get started, such as digitization, user interface customization and training.

Open, extensible and interoperable

While most users run the CONTENTdm software “out-of-the-box,” it also has a complete API (application programming interface) that allows for custom development. The open architecture supports extensions and the Web interface is fully customizable.

Additionally, CONTENTdm readily works with other software such as federated search applications. Records in existing databases can be easily imported into CONTENTdm, while exporting metadata is simple using the XML export function. Import and export capabilities are compatible with legacy, local, regional and national systems.

Searching and increasing visibility with WorldCat

Your digital collections can be searched via the Web using standard Web browsers by any number of end users, unless you choose to restrict access. Predefined queries can guide end users to specific results, or they can generate their own sophisticated queries using advanced search tools.

The new Digital Collection Gateway makes your digital collections more visible and discoverable by providing library-driven harvesting of CONTENTdm collection metadata to WorldCat®—the premier database of library content. A self-service, Web-based interface facilitates synchronization of CONTENTdm metadata with WorldCat. End users are able to search, discover and retrieve your digital items through WorldCat.org™, WorldCat Local™ and Web tools—like Google, Yahoo! Search—and then view them in the CONTENTdm collection. With WorldCat, your digital collections will have unparalleled visibility on the Web!

CONTENTdm streamlines your workflow. Tools such as batch processes, wizards, controlled vocabularies, templates and spreadsheets assist you in building collections quickly. Items can be added singly or in batches. Batch processes and tools make it easy to add and process thousands of items at once. Create templates to speed and standardize the entry and extraction of descriptive, technical and administrative metadata. Built-in editing tools and controlled vocabularies aid in cataloging, and allow you to make global changes to metadata within live collections.

CONTENTdm grows with your projects. It provides a complete solution that seamlessly grows with projects, eliminating the need to purchase and support multiple software packages for different digital collections. You also can upgrade and increase capacity without new software installations. Institutions with small, unique collections to statewide groups with hundreds of collections have selected CONTENTdm for their projects.

A Closer Look:
The University of Warwick, Coventry, UK

The University of Warwick’s Marandet collection is one of the most significant collections of 18th and 19th century French plays.

More recently, the University decided that this special collection needed to be digitized and made available on the Web in order improve usability and widen access. After assessing four digital collection management solutions, the University chose and implemented CONTENTdm to help deliver the plays online.
CONTENDm—at a glance

Meeting all of your digital collection management needs

CONTENDm provides a comprehensive solution for local history archives, slide libraries, newspapers, books, letters, maps and audio/video files.

Benefits

Flexibility. CONTENDm is easy to learn, easy to use, fast to start and scalable for growth as your collections evolve.

Accessibility. By publishing your collections on the Web and adding metadata to WorldCat, your collections are available to both local and global users.

Interoperability. CONTENDm’s import/export capabilities are compatible with legacy, local, regional and national systems.

Standards-based. CONTENDm supports numerous industry standards including Unicode, Z39.50, Qualified Dublin Core®, EAD, VRA, XML, JPEG2000 and OAI-PMH.

Security options. Restrict access to collections or items by user name or IP address, or limit access to images while allowing access to metadata.

Active global user community. Join an active user community that freely shares best practices and locally-developed extensions, meets regularly and helps everyone reach success.

Features

Import tools and wizards. Import multiple compound objects, images and metadata quickly and easily.

JPEG2000. Supports high-quality, large format images—without a browser plug-in.

Support for complex media. Build books, documents and other multiview and multipage materials. Present video and audio files with related transcripts.

PDF documents. Easily manage digital materials available as PDF documents and allow users to retrieve page-level search results.

Integrated OCR capability for full-text searching. Capture text for addition to searchable metadata fields within your collections. When viewed, items prepared with this feature will display highlighted search terms within the image.

Controlled vocabulary. For consistent, uniform metadata entry, the software includes nine integrated thesauri from OCLC Terminologies Services. Optionally, import or develop your own controlled vocabulary.

Customizable user interfaces. Create predefined queries and customized interfaces to CONTENDm collections.

Hosting Services. This cost-effective option allows your organization to outsource server maintenance and focus on collection building.

OCLC helps libraries in more than 100 countries. Please contact us to learn more about OCLC in your part of the world.

www.oclc.org

CONTENDm on a global scale

(Powered by WorldCat)

Your CONTENDm collections’ metadata can be added to WorldCat to make digital items even more visible to searching on the Web.

WorldCat gives digital collections unparalleled visibility on the Internet, allowing you to reach end users where many start their search. Those end users who search via WorldCat, or go to sites such as Google and Yahoo! Search, will discover your digital items and collections among their results.

Learn more at www.oclc.org/worldcat/.

Request an evaluation

See for yourself how you can combine the powerful services of OCLC and easily expose your digital collection to a global audience by requesting a free 60-day evaluation at www.oclc.org/contentdm/evaluate/

And for more detailed information on CONTENDm, please visit www.oclc.org/contentdm/

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