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## Introduction

Whether you're looking to showcase scholarly monographs or share a collection of historic photographs of your campus community, Digital Commons has the right publication type for your purpose.

Which publication type you choose will depend on the kind of content you plan to publish. Each Digital Commons publication type is designed with special features to make it quick and easy to show off your institution's scholarship.

Publication types can stand alone, or they can be grouped into communities and sub-communities to create virtual hierarchies of structures on your repository. Every publication is created with its own unique and unchangeable URL; this will remain stable no matter where you choose to display the publication on your repository. For more on grouping publications see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/61/.

Material from publication types can be collected into other publication types on the repository. For more on collections see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/16/.

Bepress Consulting Services can offer advice on best practices and workflows. We are eager to collaborate with you, so if you are considering publishing a new digital collection let us know! Contact us at 510- 665-1200 opt. 2 or email support@dc.bepress.com.

## Publication Types

**Series:** A "general purpose" publication type.

The most common publication type for Digital Commons repositories is the series. Series house diverse types of materials including working papers, faculty articles, postprints, audio-video presentations, technical reports, gray literature, letters, and more.

The series is used for any collection with a single primary file per metadata record. When housed in **Communities,** as part of a virtual hierarchy, series can be grouped together to create meaningful collections.

For more on series see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/5/.

**ETD Series:** A series used for publishing Electronic Theses and Dissertations.

An ETD series is similar to a series in appearance and administration. Configured by default with metadata fields commonly used to describe theses or dissertations – Degree Type, Degree Name, Department, Advisor, etc.— ETD series support a variety of workflows that allow you to manage your institution's electronic theses and dissertations.

For more on ETD series see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/5/.

**Journals:** If you're planning to launch a new journal or archive an old one, the journal publication type is the right choice. Journals are published in a volume/issue format. From undergraduate arts collections to formal peer-reviewed publications, journals support a variety of submission, editorial, and peer-review workflows. A journal's design can be customized to support a design that is unique from that of the repository.

For more on journals see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/2/.

**Book Galleries:** Originally created as a format to display books along with cover art and related materials, book galleries can be used for a wide variety of content: edited volumes, monographs, yearbooks and other campus content, OA textbooks, newsletters, magazines, and other curated collections.

For more information on book galleries see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/34/.

**Image Galleries:** Created to display artwork, scanned documents, historic photos and other items of a visual nature, image galleries can be browsed using thumbnail images. Every metadata record provides a variety of sizes for download. Images can be set to geolocate on Google Maps and Google Earth, and can also be displayed in rotating image slideshows and content carousels throughout the repository.

For more information on image galleries see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/25/.

**Event Communities:** This publication type allows users to host the content of conferences, symposia, and proceedings. Like journals, event communities can be customized to support design that is unique from that of the repository. This publication type displays submissions in a schedule format similar to a conference program or schedule and supports Google Calendar and iCal integration.

For more information see http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/23/.

## We Are Here To Help!

If you have any questions about publication types for Digital Commons contact bepress Consulting Services. Phone 510-665-1200 opt. 2, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-5:30 pm Pacific Time, or email us at support@dc.bepress.com.

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