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The 7.8 release of bepress Digital Commons includes the removal of set-up fees for journals, a new feature for visualizing traffic to your content, major enhancements to navigating large collections, and improvements to search, administrator tools, and more. The new features are automatically available to subscribers after February 27, 2014.

Unlimited Journals

We are very happy to announce that bepress has completed work allowing us to do away with one-time set-up fees for journals. If your institution has a full, standard Digital Commons license, you'll now be able to publish as many journals as you like. To read more about our decision, see <http://blog.digitalcommons.bepress.com/2014/02/26/unlimited-journal-publishing-no-journal-set-up-fees-2/>.

Readership Activity Map

Real-Time Visualization of Downloads

We've got big plans in store for demonstrating repository impact in 2014. One of the new features we're most excited about is the Digital Commons Readership Activity Map, a real-time visualization of full-text downloads across the globe. The moment your institution's scholarship is downloaded from a Digital Commons collection a pin will drop on your IR's Readership Activity Map, showing everyone what's being read in real-time. From Singapore to Salt Lake City, if there are people interested in your collection, there are pins on your map to prove it.



Configurable location – The map can be enabled in one of three locations on your repository homepage. It can be enabled just above your Browse Research and Scholarship section, just below your introductory text, or just above the footer. The map will be visible on all modern browsers, though it may not appear on mobile devices.

Configurable colors – The map can be enabled with one of several default color combinations known to pass color accessibility requirements. It can also be enabled with specific hex values if desired to closely match your institutional colors.

Buttons to pause, rewind, or advance the feed – Next to the map, an automatic feed displays the title of the work, represented by the most recent pin on the map. Visitors can use the buttons to pause the feed, see previous downloads during the visitor's session, or to advance up to the present.

The new Readership Activity Map will be available to all repositories after the release. Just contact Consulting Services at support@dc.bepress.com.

To read more about the map, see <http://blog.digitalcommons.bepress.com/2014/01/22/pioneering-a-new-tool-for-demonstrating-real-world-impact/>.

Pagination

We're excited to let you know that pagination, one of your most requested features, is now available for your Digital Commons repository. Pagination will become a standard display feature on all series, ETD series, book galleries, and image galleries.

The new pagination features include:

Adjacent range: visitors will see prompts to help them navigate forward and backward, either one page or many pages at a time.

Endpoints: visitors will be able to skip to the first or last page of a collection, and see the total number of pages at a glance.

The new pagination features will be applied instantly to all publications built after the release. Publications built prior to the release will require a standard update. Consulting Services will queue complete updates of your repositories during the month of March so that all of your eligible publications will have pagination visible.

To read more about pagination, see <http://blog.digitalcommons.bepress.com/2014/02/14/new-pagination-feature-coming-soon-to-digital-commons-repositories/>.

Solr™ Upgrades

The built-in search capabilities of Digital Commons use a powerful search platform powered by the popular Solr. To maintain peak performance, the technology requires periodic upgrades. In this release, we implemented a major upgrade, so expect improvements to the indexing of PDFs, primarily with OCR text.

Configurations for Administrators

Logo configurations – Logos and banners that accompany a collection help to incorporate the visual identity of the contributing department, center, lab, or organization from your institution. Using a new configuration option on all communities and publications (except journals) in Digital Commons, administrators will be able to upload logos and banners, and change them as needed.

Cover page configurations - The automatically generated cover pages are important to the appearance of your content and to encouraging traffic to your repositories. This release includes more flexible support for date formats. It also provides administrators with a new configuration to control the appearance of author email addresses on the cover pages of any publication.

New and Upgraded Third Party Services and Applications

Creative Commons 4.0 – Creative Commons (CC) licenses give simple, standardized language to authors to describe their rights to their work. CC just released a new version, Creative Commons 4.0, which will appear in the drop-down list for those using this feature. To read more about CC 4.0, see <https://creativecommons.org/Version4>.

Dipity – Automatically generate a timeline of any collection's scholarship, and embed it in Digital Commons for a new visual way to explore the works. Or embed the timeline on your library or departmental site to draw visitors to the repository. Visitors will be able to scroll through timelines with optional thumbnails and mapviews, too.

Plum Analytics – Would authors like to see metrics for the captures, mentions, Tweets, and citations of their work? If you use Plum Analytics at your institution, and would like to gather this feedback for your authors, contact your consultant.

Universal Analytics – Google announced Universal Analytics as the next version of Google Analytics. Universal Analytics allows for more flexibility with capturing usage information. Consulting Services will upgrade Digital Commons repositories to Universal Analytics over the month of March.

Discipline Taxonomy Updates

New entries in the Digital Commons three-tiered taxonomy of academic disciplines include: The full taxonomy is available at <http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/reference/9/>.

Arts and Humanities: Appalachian Studies

Arts & Humanities: History: Labor History

Business: Human Resources Management: Benefits and Compensation

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Business: Human Resources Management: Performance Management
Business: Human Resources Management: Training and Development
Business: Labor Relations: Collective Bargaining
Business: Labor Relations: International and Comparative Labor Relations
Business: Labor Relations: Unions
Life Sciences: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology: Desert Ecology
Education: Education Economics
Law: Natural Law
Life Sciences: Agriculture: Viticulture and Oenology
Medicine and Health Sciences: Medical Specialties: Palliative Care
Physical Sciences and Mathematics: Physics: Statistical, Nonlinear, and Soft Matter Physics
Plant Sciences: Life Sciences: Weed Science
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Counseling
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Economics: Income Distribution
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Legal Studies: Forensic Science and Technology
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Library and Information Science: Cataloging and Metadata
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Library and Information Science: Collection Development and Management
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Library and Information Science: Scholarly Communication
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Library and Information Science: Scholarly Publishing
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Psychology: Pain Management
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Social Statistics
Social and Behavioral Sciences: Sociology: Gerontology

For more information about the 7.8 release, please contact Consulting Services at 510-665-1200, ext. 2 or support@dc.bepress.com.