



# Theses Alive!

## : developing a UK ETD management tool for DSpace



### 1. Introduction

The Theses Alive! project was set up to promote the adoption of a management system for electronic theses and dissertations in the UK. The project is being run from the Edinburgh University Library with grant funding from the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC).

The project has two main deliverables that we aim to initially provide to the staff and students of the University of Edinburgh:

- to create an online repository of digital PhD theses.
- to create an online submission system for electronic theses and dissertations that mirrors the current submission process.

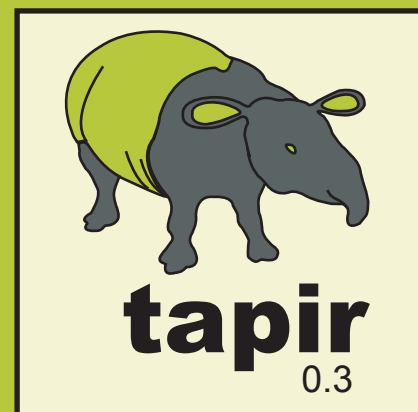


### 2. DSpace

At Edinburgh University Library (EUL) we have installed DSpace as our chosen package to develop our E-Theses programme upon. In order to achieve the aims of our project it has been necessary to develop our own tools to add extra functionality to DSpace. These tools are presented in our website.

### 3. TAPIR

The *Theses Alive Plug-in for Institutional Repositories* (TAPIR) provides the ability within DSpace to operate a supervised authoring facility, allowing Thesis and Dissertation Supervisors to observe the ongoing work by their student on their project, to comment and to even make changes. This comes with an addition to the DSpace administration area to manage the supervising groups and their access policies to the student's work. It is envisaged that although developed specifically with ETDs in mind, that this software may also find other applications.



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