School of Social Work and Disability Resources: Working to Make Documents Distributed through LMS Accessible



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# We Love PDFs!

Not really.

## You Should Walk Away With

> Understanding of how much content might be distributed electronically on your campus

> Case study of creating a collaborative relationship

> One idea to implement on your campus

## Reminder of 2014 Presentation

> Professors distribute files through LMS

> The quality/accessibility of these files varies

> DRS was working mostly as a silo to evaluate and convert

## 2014 Data

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Winter 2014** | **Spring 2014** | **Summer 2014** | **Autumn 2014** |
| # classes evaluated | **28** | **58** | **28** | **33** |
| # ﬁles (pdfs, word docs, powerpoint, excel, text ﬁles) | 1,097 | 2,003 | 753 | 1,623 |
| # pages (pdfs, word docs, powerpoint, excel, text ﬁles) distributed through LMS that DRS evaluated | 20,373 | 34,492 | 9,445 | 26,808 |

I asked myself -

> Has the data changed?

> Were Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn of 2014 anomalies?

> Nope.

## 2015 Data

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Winter 2015** | **Spring 2015** | **Summer 2015** | **Autumn 2015** |
| # classes evaluated | **30** | **26** | **2** | **29** |
| # ﬁles (pdfs, word docs, powerpoint, excel, text ﬁles) | 669 | 1,045 | 52 | 1,068 |
| # pages (pdfs, word docs, powerpoint, excel, text ﬁles) distributed through LMS that DRS evaluated | 11,973 | 17,106 | 1,116 | 18,269 |

Averages from past 8 quarters

> 35 files per course

> 596 pages per course

> This only includes word docs, pdfs, excel sheets, text files and powerpoints – what about other files (video, audio, publisher files, images)?

## Let’s Assume

> Each UW course has 596 pages of content distributed electronically

> For Autumn 2015 of 13,207 classes that’s

7,871,372 pages of content

## From Nov 2014 to Today

> Professors distribute files through LMS

> The quality/accessibility of these files varies

> **DRS not a complete silo!**

## How SSW Got Involved

> Mutual benefit from partnering

> DRS shared files we had from previous quarters

> SSW started to set up their own conversion process

## SSW Taming of the Files

> Content

> Process

> Product

## SSW Numbers

> 7 classes

> Over 400 pdf files that were touched and further remediated by SSW

## Lessons Learned

> Start Early

> Develop Process

> Think of the Big Picture

## Trouble Areas

> Not enough lead time

> Access to content

> Quality of content

## File Naming Conventions

> Global\_agenda

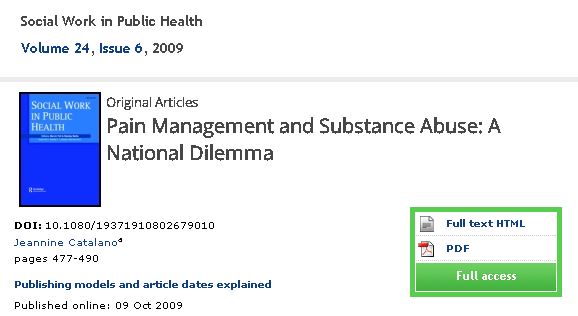
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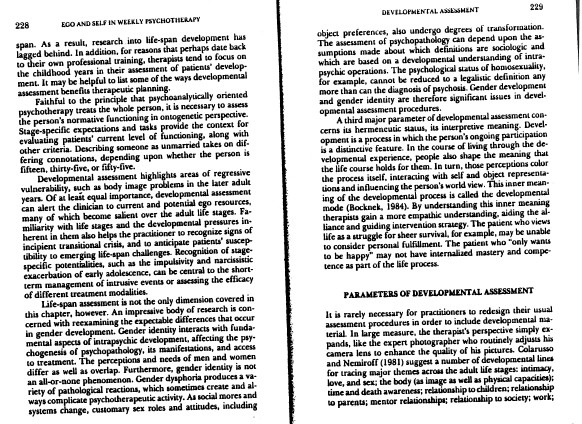
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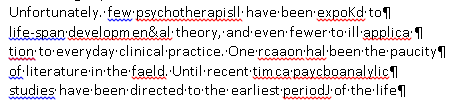
## The Good



The Bad



The Ugly



Successes - SSW

> Process Refined

> Faculty and Department buy-in

> Document Depository

## Successes - DRS

> Access to all Canvas sites

> Use of SensusAccess (free online conversion tool)

> Reduced workload

## Next Steps – SSW Wish List

> Promote campus model

> Faculty training

## Next Steps – DRS Wish List

> More transparency between student, faculty and DRS

> Use data to promote change at departmental level

> Share best practices

# “Consistent in its inconsistency”

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# Thank you!



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