



Partnership in Service of Texas Scholars

The Texas Digital Library (TDL) and the Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) have formed a strategic partnership to support collaboration among Texas higher education institutions and scholars. Through their partnership, TDL and LEARN will enhance access to online scholarly communication services and strengthen the preservation of digital assets.

Serving Texas Researchers

Both LEARN and the TDL serve the higher education community in Texas and seek to support the research and education missions of their members.

A non-profit collaboration of Texas higher education institutions, LEARN boasts 35 members, representing 38 public universities, five private universities, and 50 community and junior colleges. Similarly, the TDL consortium includes 18 public and private higher education institutions, each of which also belongs to LEARN.

“Because everything we are doing in the Texas Digital Library relies on a robust network infrastructure, the LEARN partnership is key to our continued success.”

-Mark McFarland, TDL Co-Director

“Texans have always been about sharing. Right now, it makes more sense than ever to share our resources and work together.”

- Michael Phillips, LEARN Executive Director

Leveraging Complementary Service Offerings

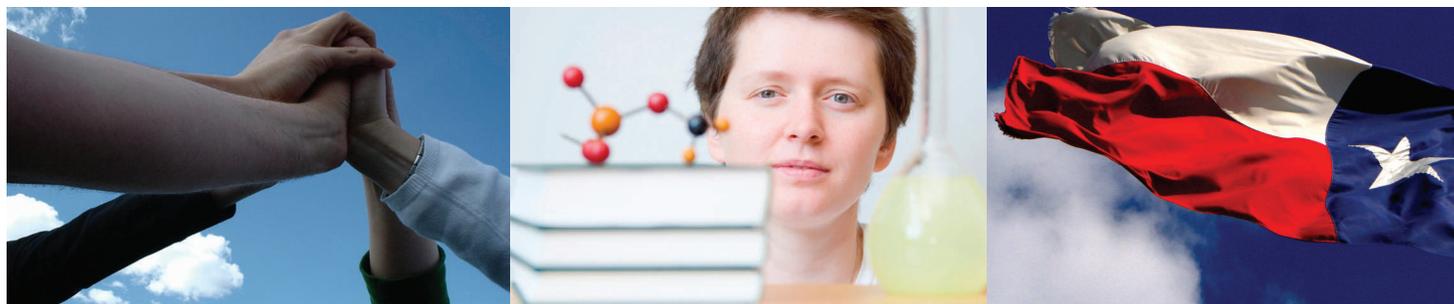
A partnership between TDL and LEARN brings together two sets of highly complementary digital services, allowing the organizations to play to their core strengths.

LEARN provides networking services, via an intra-state optical fiber network, that support research and education activities at Texas colleges and universities. This infrastructure is crucial to the TDL’s mission: the widespread dissemination of scholarly work via online tools such as institutional repositories, e-journals, blogs, and wikis.

Pursuing Common Goals

Together, the TDL and LEARN are working to increase access to technological tools that make scholarly collaboration and publication possible. To that end, the partnership focuses its efforts on two common goals:

- TDL and LEARN will assist Texas institutions of higher education with the installation and use of Shibboleth, a **federated authentication** software that eases the sharing of applications among multiple institutions;
- Utilizing geographically distributed nodes on LEARN’s high-capacity computer network, TDL and LEARN will create a robust **Preservation Network** to protect the digital collections of TDL member institutions.



About LEARN

The Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) is a non-profit collaboration of Texas higher education institutions that supports their research, education, health care and public service missions through the innovative development, operation and utilization of advanced statewide networking and access to global services and related services. LEARN enhances Texas' research and economic competitiveness by providing state-of-the-art, cost-effective data communications that improve education.

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About TDL

The Texas Digital Library (TDL) is a multi-university consortium providing the digital infrastructure to support a fully online scholarly community for institutions of higher education in Texas. Through the establishment of shared policies and standards, forums for professional interaction, and robust technical services, the TDL increases the availability of the enormous intellectual capital of Texas universities and preserves it for future generations.

Services

Institutional repositories
Electronic Journals
ETD Submission and Management software
Blogs, wikis, and faculty homepages
Online conference management tools

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