Digitization of Irandoc's Collections (Poster)

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Description:
Irandoc’s experience on making its traditional archive to an efficient digital library which is now on the web in different ways and formats like, html, xml and OPAC.

Abstract:
There is no doubt that in the age of E-sources we are faced with an emerging challenge. Our previous archives was not efficient anymore. So, we decided to digitize our huge collection of traditional resources to a digitized version. In this way we digitized more than 80 thousands of Iranian dissertations, 70 thousands of proceedings, 15 thousands of dissertations of Iranian graduate abroad, 13 thousands of government reports, and 70 thousands of scientific papers of Iranian scientific journals. Our bibliographic format has been USMARC. This collection is now on the web as an OPAC. In addition, we also decided to publish our databases on web to make our databases available for those people who look for information through international search engines like google. This caused the raise of visits per day twice in less than three months. You may see the result in http://dbase.irandoc.ac.ir/logs. Our web engine is the UNESCO’s WXIS which is almost free. Managing this process took two years. There are a lot of experiences and advantages that this decision made for us. I think this can help libraries to do the same while not making our mistakes. This is what we are going to share.