UBC’s Open Collections: Improving Discoverability and Delivery of Repository Content

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Where Next for Repositories?
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The situation

4 open access repositories
The problem

vendor-provided interfaces

decentralized UBC digital content

decontexualized collections

low chance of discovery

uncoordinated delivery
The solution

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Discovery services

unified index

centralized metadata model

full-text indexing

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The 10th Canadian Summer School on Quantum Information was hosted by the UBC Department of Physics and Astronomy from July 17-30, 2016. Previous events (2001-2005) were held in Toronto, Montreal, Calgary, and Waterloo. It follows the tradition of educating young researchers (prospective and current graduate students, as well as post-docs) on the rapidly-evolving field of quantum information science and brings together the world’s experts from different areas.

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