

# University Digital Conservancy

Preservation & Access to Electronic Theses & Dissertations at the University of Minnesota



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## About

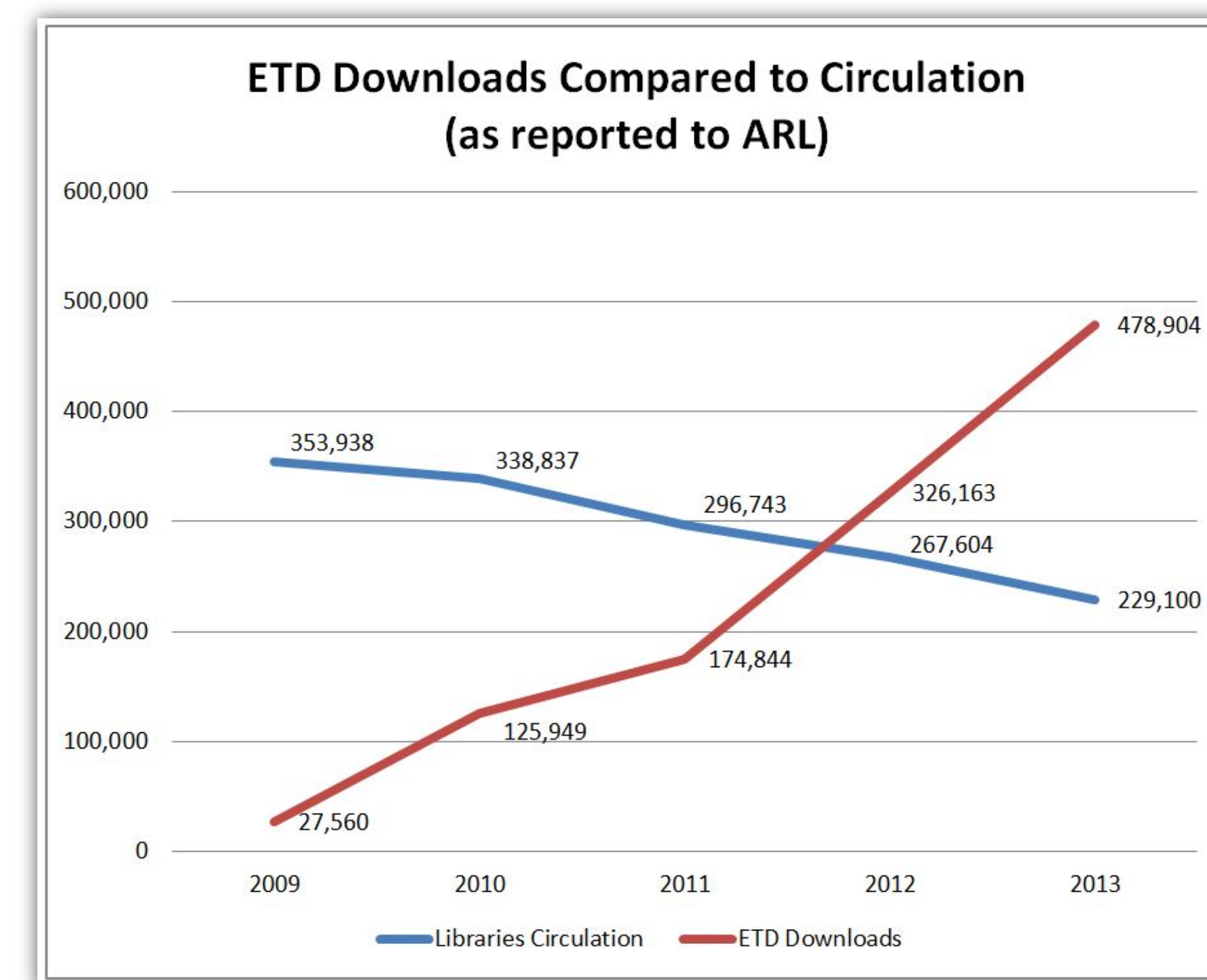
The University Digital Conservancy (UDC) is the University of Minnesota's institutional repository and serves as the copy of record for all electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs). The Digital Conservancy accepts a variety of file formats. UDC staff provide expert advice on how to manage associated data and supplementary files.

## Access

The Digital Conservancy provides free open access to promote greater visibility of your work. Your work is discoverable through library portals and through the open web. By making your work available through the UDC, your research is more quickly discoverable. Recent studies show online availability leads to increased citations and greater impact.\*

## Track Use

You can track download statistics and page views of your work to see its impact.



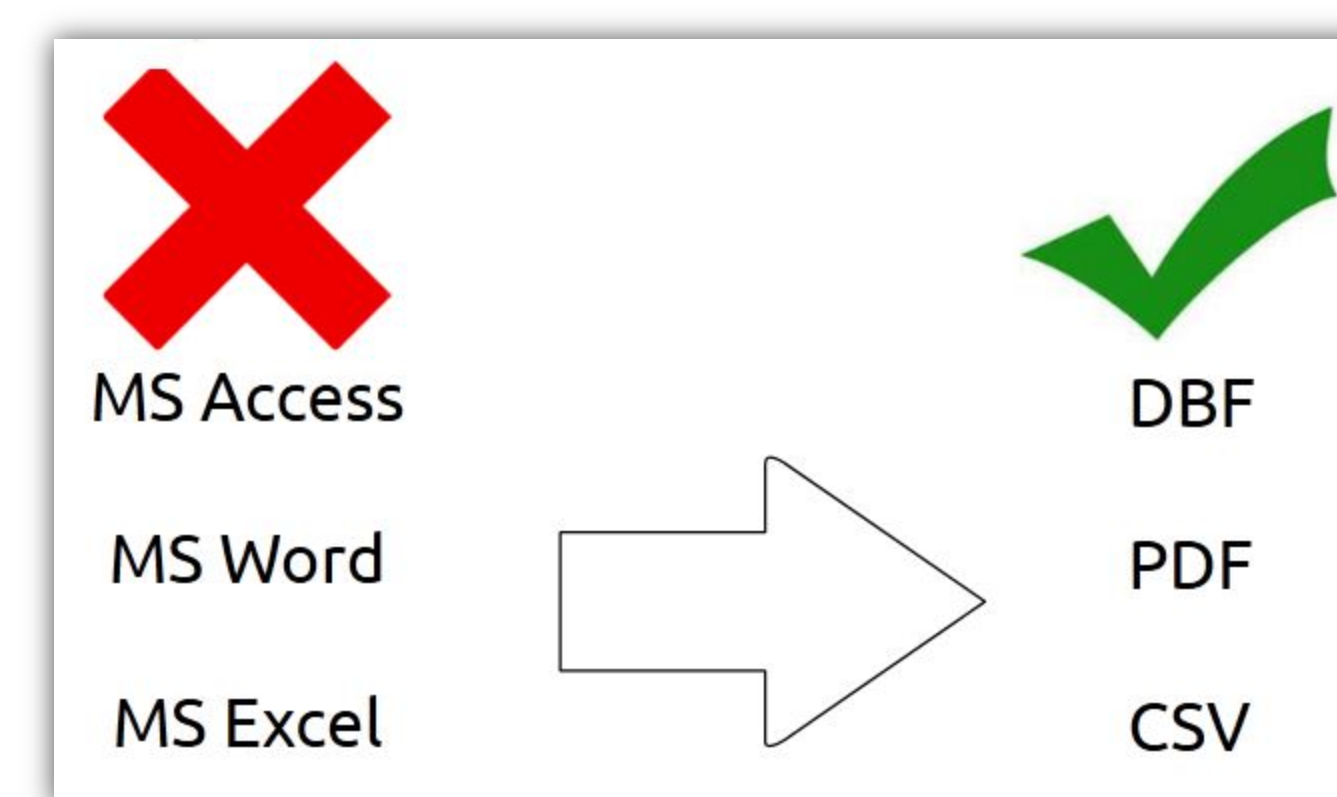
U of M campus-wide initial circulation statistics compared to recorded downloads of ETDs in the UDC.

## Persistent

For each thesis or dissertation, the UDC provides a persistent URL to guarantee no broken links in your CV and to assure your work's availability through linked citations.

## Preservation

The University Libraries are committed to the long-term preservation of your thesis or dissertation and ensure that your work will remain accessible and usable over time. UDC staff can assist in identifying file formats that are appropriate for long-term access and preservation.



\* Gargouri Y, Hajjem C, Larivière V, Gingras Y, Carr L, et al. (2010) Self-Selected or Mandated, Open Access Increases Citation Impact for Higher Quality Research. PLoS ONE 5(10): e13636. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0013636

The screenshot displays the UDC website interface. On the left is a thumbnail of a physical book. The main content area shows the digital record for a dissertation by Robert G. Tipping, titled 'Characterizing Groundwater Flow in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, Minnesota: A Chemical and Hydrostratigraphic Approach'. It includes fields for Title, Author, Keywords, Issue Date, Abstract, and Description. Below this, there is a table of files available for download, including a PDF and a ZIP file. On the right side of the screenshot, a portion of the physical dissertation cover is visible, showing the title and author's name.

Since 1887 the University Libraries have preserved dissertations and made them available for use.

Dissertation record in the UDC.

## Metadata

All theses and dissertations are fully described and encoded using Dublin Core metadata. Records include an abstract, information about your department and advisor, and keywords. Optimized for Google Scholar, your work receives increased exposure leading to higher impact through metadata harvesting.

## Data

Sharing your work through the Digital Conservancy can satisfy requirements for open access of publicly funded research as well as data management planning required by NSF or other funding agencies. You can include multimedia files, spreadsheets, or zip folders as supplements to support your conclusions and make these digital files available with your written work.

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