

Greenstone Digital Library Software

4-Day Regional Workshop

12 to 15 May 2008
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Registration Fees

Participants from Academia, Government, NGOs, Industries & Corporate	Early Bird Payment by 1st May 2008 RM 700.00	Normal Payment after 1st May 2008 RM 800.00
	Group Registration Payment by 1st May 2008 RM 1,800.00	
Group Registration for a group of three from the same organisation		

Payment Information

The fee is to be paid in advance to:

**Faculty of Computer Science & Information Technology,
University of Malaya**

Along with the duly filled in registration form.
No refund will be allowed for the fee

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Introduction

Digital libraries (DLs) have been gaining increasing attention as well as academic interest over the years, across the world. There has been an increasing demand for improved information and knowledge management solutions in universities, enterprises as well as institutions, which can integrate access to disparate information resources and provide staff personalized information needed to make informed decisions. A key challenge is how do we create an online information environment facilitating internal content publishing and single point access to internal and external information sources. The current information environment unequivocally prompts libraries and information centres to leverage on the latest digital technologies towards building practical digital libraries and in setting up dynamic electronic information systems.

DLs are structured storage environments of digital data with a consistent format for index and content abstraction. DLs do enable the seamless integration of the scholarly electronic information, help in creating and maintaining local digital content, and strengthen the mechanisms and the capacity of the library's information systems and services. They increase the portability, efficiency of access, flexibility, availability and preservation of digital objects. Open Digital Library (ODL) technologies are gaining attention the world over. Without proper understanding of the complexities, procedures and practices involved in content building, content management and collection building, individual DLs will remain islands of structure in an unstructured Internet sea. Today's information professionals must be capable of leveraging the new technology to its fullest extent.

The Workshop

This workshop will impart state-of-art knowledge on DL concepts, standards, technologies and extensive hands-on skills on the latest version of UNESCO's Greenstone Digital Library software to the participants. Developing world standard digital libraries demand deployment of costly software solutions which are beyond the reach of

most of the universities/institutions in the Asian region. The Greenstone Digital Library Software is a top of the line and internationally renowned software system for developing digital libraries, promoted by the New Zealand Digital Library project research group at the University of Waikato. Greenstone is developed and distributed in cooperation with UNESCO and the Human Info NGO. It is an open-source software, issued under the terms of the GNU General Public License. More details of the software and example digital libraries built using the software is available at <http://www.greenstone.org/>

Workshop Objectives

The objective of the Workshop is to conduct a 4-day advanced training programme on Digital Libraries during from 12 – 15 May 2008 using the Open Source Software 'Greenstone' at the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FSKTM), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

At the end of the workshop, the participants are expected to be well-versed and confident of developing multi publications type, multi-format, and multimedia digital libraries using the Greenstone software. Specifically, workshop participants will have learned the following:

- Install/uninstall/reinstall and configure the Greenstone software and its associated softwares such as Java Runtime Environment (JRE), Ghostscript, and ImageMagick;
- DL development activities such as collection building (multimedia – text, images, audio and video), workflow operations, content management, and backup/restore;
- Greenstone Librarian Interface (GLI) and its various utility panels such as the 'Gather', 'Enrich', 'Design', 'Create' and the 'Format';
- Designing and creating standard metadata sets and editing them as required;
- Greenstone collection configuration, customization and administration;

What is a digital library? What does it look like? Where does the information come from? How do you put it together? Where to start? This is a workshop that answers these questions in a plain and straightforward manner, with a strong practical "how to" flavour

Workshop Contents

The workshop has been designed to facilitate the participants in creating state-of-art digital libraries using Greenstone, which include software installation, configuration, customization, digitization and other related workflow operations, content development and management, designing and creating standard metadata sets to describe digital objects and encoding it in standard markup formats.

The workshop will be conducted at the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology (FSKTM), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which is equipped with world-class lecture rooms and computing laboratories with high speed Internet link. Each participant will be provided a PC supplemented with LCD projected live demos. The pedagogy will be a mix of lectures, discussions, case studies and hands-on sessions. Extensive hands-on lab sessions will be a hallmark of this workshop programme. Participants will be provided with a CD-ROM comprising the latest version of the Greenstone Software and other related software packages, as well as the course materials, both in print and electronic version.

Who Should Attend

The workshop will be of immense benefit to all those involved in developing and maintaining digital collections such as LIS faculty, librarians and information professionals, IT faculty and software professionals and belonging to the academia, Government and the NGOs in Malaysia and those from other ASEAN countries.

- The participants are limited to 25-30.
- Participants are expected to have a thorough working knowledge of the Windows operating environment (XP, 2000X etc.), and must be aware of the popular digital file formats. Knowledge of Windows file management system, DOS commands, graphics/images creation and HTML programming will be added advantages.
- Applications/nominations should reach the Workshop Secretariat on or before March 31, 2008.

Workshop Faculty

The workshop will be handled by international experts in Greenstone Software.

Workshop Instructor

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Follow-up support shall be extended through the Greenstone Support for South Asia (<http://greenstonesupport.iimk.ac.in>).

Dates and Venue

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