LTER Document Archive

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Old Document Archive

(http://lternet-183.lternet.edu/doc_archive/)

- Microsoft Access-based
- Multi-step process
- Documents submitted by LNO staff only
- Categorization dense
- Difficult to search

NB: Restructuring the doc archive was the most-mentioned request in last year’s LTER Site Survey
Restructuring Process

- Discussion among LNO PI, Public Information Officer, and Web Design team.
- Creation of new, more intuitive categories.
- New database created in MySQL
- Documents moved individually to new database, titles standardized and descriptions/links cleaned up and renewed.
Restructuring Process
New Document Archive

(http://intranet.lternet.edu/modules.php?name=UpDownload)

- MySQL and PHP-based
- One-step process
- Documents submitted by all users (pending approval)
- Transparent structure
- Accessible from intranet and lternet homepages