# Rescuing EDL Data

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# Background

- The EDL-R task is funded by the NASA Engineering and Safety Center.
  - The task began in April, 2007
  - 3 NASA centers are involved:
    - Ames Research Center
    - Jet Propulsion Laboratory
    - Langley Research Center

#### Motivation

- Older NASA EDL material has been lost due to:
  - Damage
  - Misplacement
  - Decay
  - Obsolescence
  - Disregard
- The EDL Repository (EDL-R) is intended to rescue this type of material in addition to providing access to contemporary EDL mission data so that it can be used to design future EDL systems

# Examples of At-Risk Missions

- Early planetary atmospheric entry tests
- Mercury (1959-1963)
- Apollo (1961-1972)
- Project Fire (1962)
- Gemini (1965-1966)
- Viking I & II (1976)
- Pioneer Venus (1978)
- Galileo [entry & descent] (1989)
- Magellan [aero-braking data] (1989)

#### **EDL-R Content**

- Types of material
  - Raw engineering flight data
  - Time reference data
  - Calibration, scale factors, etc.
  - Aerodynamic data base
  - Mass properties (detailed)
  - Software design documents
  - Process or reconstructed data
  - Development and test data
  - Reports and analysis
  - Bibliographic references to published papers

# **EDL-R Disciplines**

- Aerodynamics
- Propulsion & decelerators
- Guidance & control
- Thermal Protections Systems
- Separation systems

#### **EDL-R File Formats**

#### Formats

- Text: .txt, .rtf, PDF, .doc, HTML
- Raster Images: .tif, .jpg
- Vector Graphics: .cgm
- Audio: .wav, .mp4
- Video: .avi, .mov
- Spreadsheet: .xls, .csv
- Pseudo code and software source code
- Presentation: .ppt, Keynote (mac)

#### Size

- Files or sets of files larger than 2GB must be compressed
  - Limitation due to Apache web server and some browsers

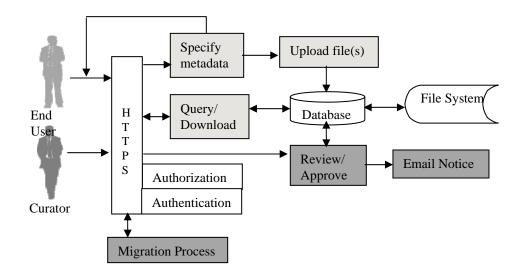
# Implementation of the EDL-R

- A Trade Study was performed in '07 to select an open-source digital library
  - Requirements: open-source, web-based, archival standardscompliant, mature, large user community, active developer community
- 24 tools were considered and 3 were selected for indepth examination:
  - DSpace
  - EPrints
  - Greenstone



Users preferred workflow, navigation, ease of installation

### How the EDL-R Works



# Security

- Passwords
  - Access to the system is password-protected
- Data encryption
  - All data transferred between the client and server are encrypted
- User Authorization levels
  - Each user is assigned an authorization level based on their:
    - Nationality
    - Affiliation with NASA, e.g. employee, contractor
    - System administration level

#### **Submission Process**

- 5-step Workflow: Type → Upload → Details → Subjects → Deposit
  - Type: of material being submitted
  - Upload: of file(s) and sensitivity level
  - Details: metadata describing the material
  - Subjects: associate subject keywords
  - Deposit: the item for Review
- Personal work-area to save incomplete submissions

### **Review Process**

- The EDL-R Curator will review submissions for:
  - Completeness
  - Accuracy
  - Approvals and cover sheets, if applicable
    - Copyright
    - Document Release approval
    - ITAR, NASA-sensitive coversheet
- The Curator may return the submission to the user's work-area if critical information is missing
- The submission will be released for access once it has been cleared

# Searching Repository

#### **Browse Method**

- Browse: allows the user to navigate through various topics:
  - Author
  - Mission
  - Subject
  - Year

## Browse Example

Subject: Aerodynamics (General)

- Entry Descent and Landing Subjects (38)
  - Aerodynamics/Astrodynamics (18)
    - Aerodynamics (General) (17)
      - Aero-thermodynamics/Aeroheating (5)
      - Aerodynamic Configurations (5)
      - Aerodynamic Flow (10)
      - Aerodynamic Forces (3)
      - Stability and Control (4)

Number of items at this level: 2.

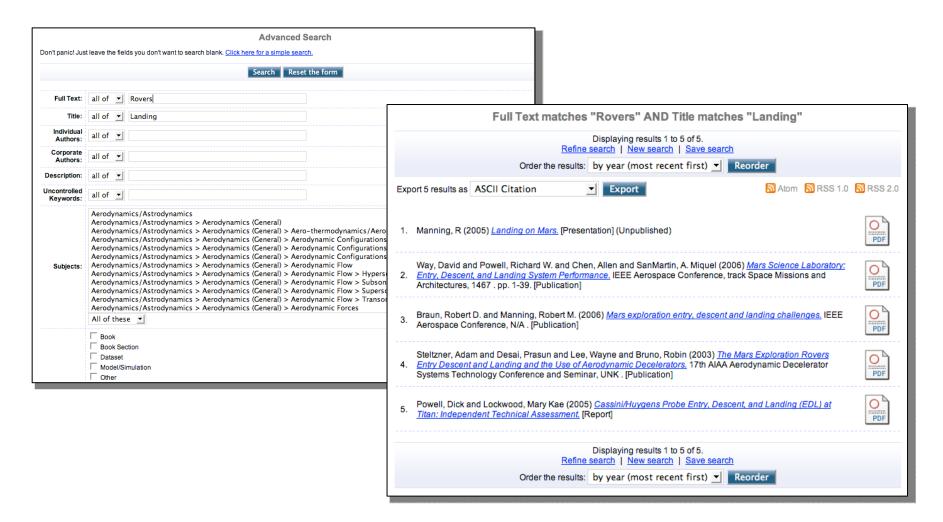
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Romere, Paul O. and Young, James C. (1982) <u>Space Shuttle Entry Longitudinal Aerodynamic Comparisons of Flight 2 with Preflight Predictions.</u> Journal of Spacecraft & Rockets, 20 (6). pp. 518-524. [Publication]

# **Query Method**

- Query: allows the user to specify keywords to search on
  - Quick Search
  - Simple Search
  - Advanced Search

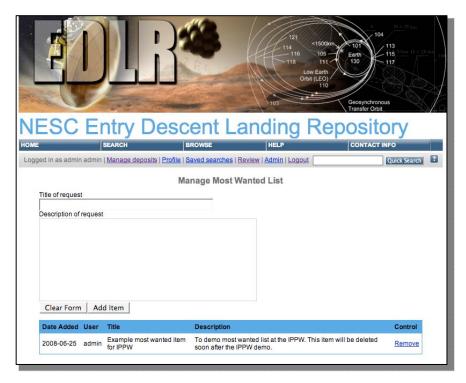
# Advance Search Example



# Unique Features

- Email Notification: users can save search criteria and configure it to trigger at specified times, and search results will be emailed.
- Most Wanted List: a bulletin board for users to post requests for unique and rare material

#### Most Wanted List





# **Future Capabilities**

- Virus Checking
- Batch Submissions
- Improved User Interface

#### Maintenance & Preservation

- During operations the SA and Curator are responsible for:
  - Maintenance
    - Focuses on periodic upgrades to the software system and hardware as technology improvements are made
      - EPrints, Web server, database
      - Faster machines, storage expansion
  - Preservation
    - Ensures that the stored material can continue to be read as technology changes
      - Migration to newer file formats, transferring data from decaying media, replacing outdated tools with current versions

### **Questions and Comments**

#### General Info

**EDL** Repository Location:

https://edlr.jpl.nasa.gov

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