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The HathiTrust Digital Library

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1. Introduction

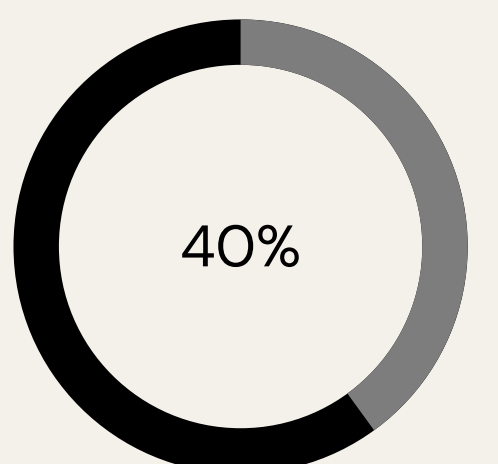
A digital repository's goal is to keep and protect digital assets like books, documents, and literature. These items ought to be arranged and kept in a way that makes it simple for users to search for and retrieve them. There are various features that contribute to a repository becoming user-friendly such as having a simple interface design, efficient collaboration, seamless access and more. Moreover, the more diverse the digital material a repository contains, the more convenient it is for the user as they will have access to a wider range of resources. This academic poster will assess the effectiveness of the non-profit collaborative academic and research library known as HathiTrust Digital Library.

2. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this research is to evaluate the HathiTrust Digital Library in terms of the kinds of digital materials that it contains, the amount of information that is accessible to users, effective collaboration, and whether it is user-centric in the way it was designed.

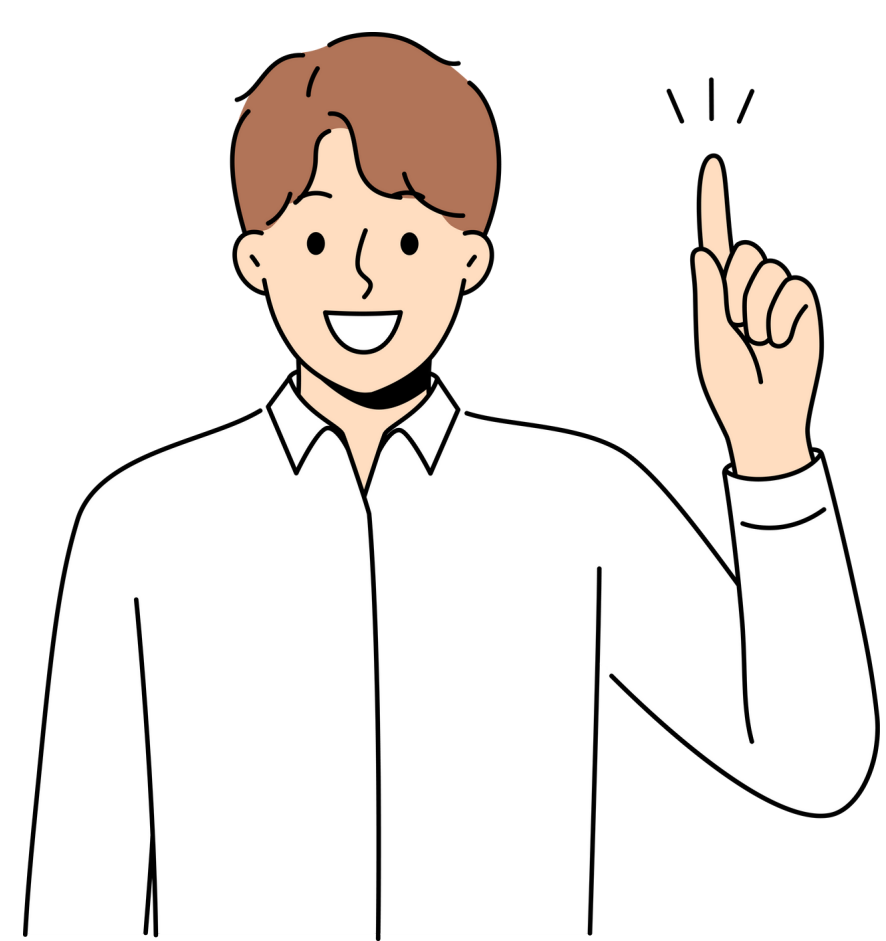
3. METHODOLOGY

The research was conducted by exploring the library and searching and retrieving various academic materials. Furthermore, reviews were obtained from some students who have used this repository before to search for information.



4. RESULTS

- The library lacks other formats of digital materials such as movies and audios
- It allows for efficient collaboration by allowing user to contribute materials
- Only up to 40% of the material is available for everyone to use, the rest requires one to become a member therefore, not completely open access
- Simple user-friendly interface design that makes searching easy for the user
- Access to most materials is seamless



5. Recommendations

The repository could include a variety of items such as movies, audios and videos on the platform to draw in more users because having various formats of information makes the platform convenient for the user thus the repository will gain more users. The repository could also make more content available to users.

6. Conclusion

The HathiTrust Digital Library is a repository that is user centric. It has thousands of books and other academic resources that have been made available for users all over the world to use. Through it's efficient collaboration it continues to grow it's resources and the searching, retrieval and downloading of resources is easy. This makes it an effective repository. However, there are some improvements that can be made such as including materials of other formats and making more resources available.