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A Centralized Research & Development Training Center



2,700 Colleges

Results

- Cost Savings [1.9 million annually]
- 45% textbook reuse rate
- Data for better decisions & support
- R&D marketplace products



Quality Assurance & Evaluations



Customer Support
Technical Assistance | Training

Investment Benchmarks

Reduce Distribute Equal Services | Reduce Costs | Reduce OCR Complaints
Improve Quality of Services | Improve Timeliness



Services | Products
E-text books & Braille
Captioning
AT Evaluations
Web Evaluations
Data collection
ICT Instruction

Problem | Lack of Accessible Marketplace Materials Worldwide

- Lack of publisher post-production expertise, guidelines and standards.
- Lack of a standard flexible digital format.
- Lack of students receiving alternative textbook formats.
- Lack of communication among publishers about accessibility needs of SwD.
- Lack of an efficient process to coordinate efforts.
- Lack of low-cost post-production conversion technology.
- Lack of accessible Online Information Exchange ([ONIX](#)) metadata.
- Lack of digital rights management (DRM) access with assistive technology.
- Lack of learning management system integration of accessible course material.



The AccessText Network | Demonstration Need



- **2009** | ATN launched with eight publishers and 600 member colleges and 92% of the higher education publisher marketplace.
- **2010** | STEPP U.S. Department of Education Grant with AccessText, AMAC and CourseSmart | VitalSource.
- **2011** | ATN referenced in final report of the Advisory Commission on Accessible Materials in Post-secondary Education for Students with Disabilities.
- **2012** | Automated request fulfillment feature reduces average fulfilment time. Accessible Textbook Finder federated search launches with VitalSoure, Bookshare, and Learning Ally.
- **2013** | 80,000 request made in one year.
- **2014** | 16 publishers and 2,000 members.
- **2015** | 21 publisher and over 2,400 members.

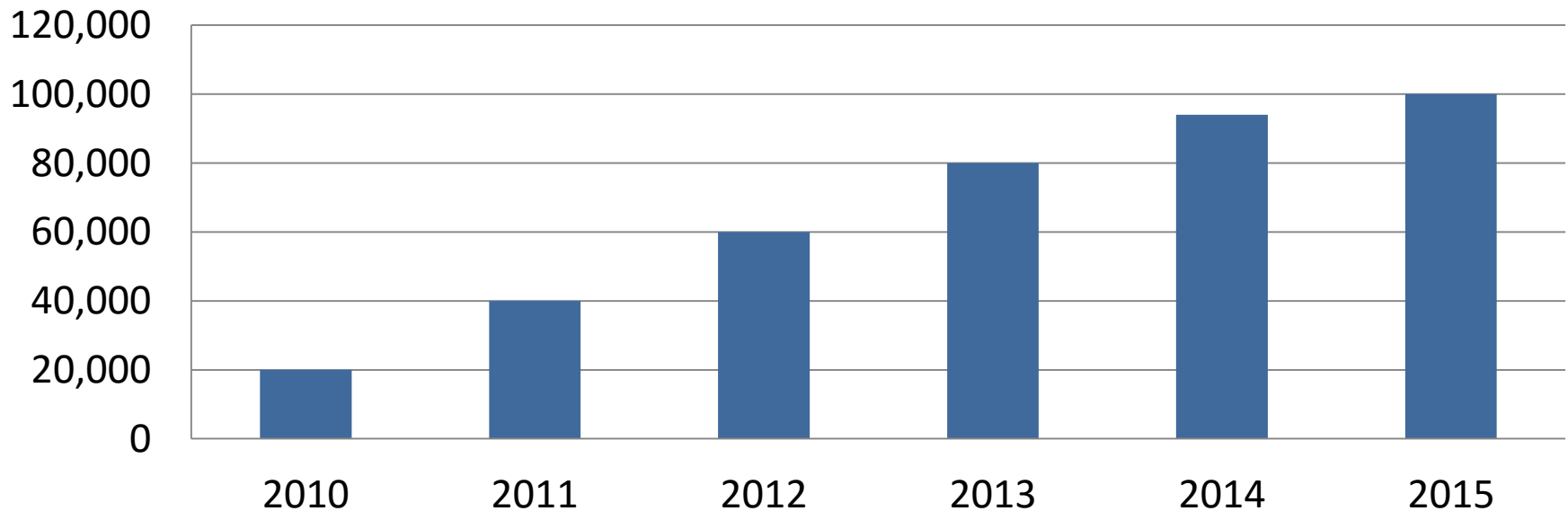


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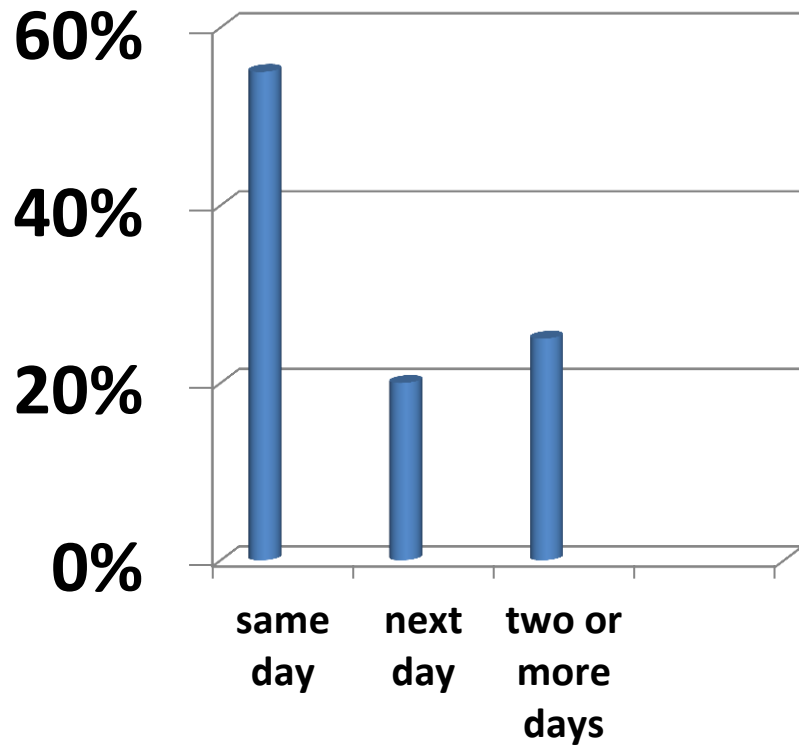
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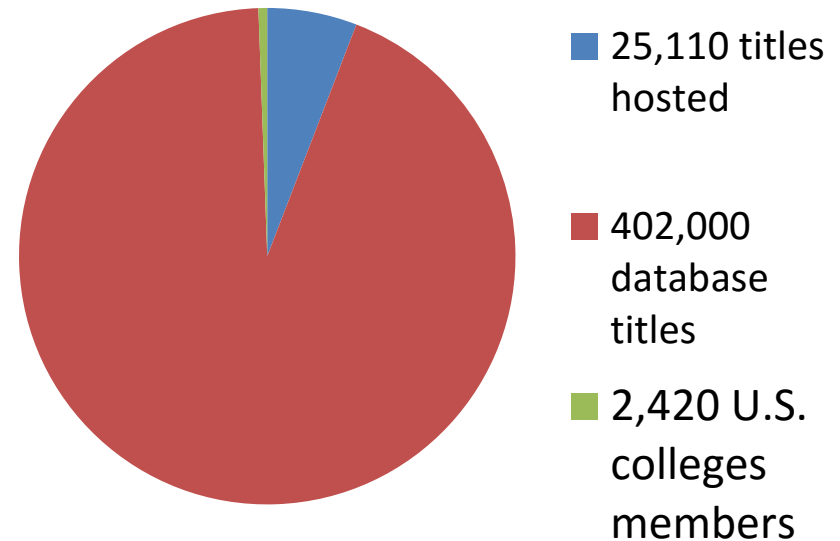
AccessText College Data | 2015



Textbook Fulfillment



Other AccessText Metrics



Textbook Finder

The AccessText [Accessible Textbook Finder](#) searches multiple vendors by ISBN or title, and provides the combined results with links to the source.

Search By ISBN ▾

ISBN



International Expansion Barriers



- Legal frameworks in other countries vary.
- Lack of policy consensus among international publishers.
 - ATN member publishers would be required to follow the same membership agreements.
 - Publishers will be allowed to opt out.
- Foreign universities use different textbook editions than the United States.
- Lack of partnerships with other countries advocacy groups , which is vital in supporting the usage of the AccessText Network.

ICT Accessibility Challenges

Massive Online Course (MOOC)



About this Georgia Institute of Technology (GT) Course

In this introductory course, learn how to measure an organization's ICT accessibility and assess the importance of maintaining an inclusive workplace for both employees and customers with disabilities. This six-week course consists of modules detailing some of the primary ICT accessibility obstacles facing organizations today. Each module is taught by a subject matter expert – through content-rich videos, activities, and discussion forums.

- Foundations of ICT accessibility.
- Principles of accessible ICT design.
- Identify the uses of assistive technology.
- **Create accessible documents and multimedia.**
- Evaluate and repair websites for accessibility.
- Identify components of ICT accessibility operations.



2016 Post-Secondary ICT Accessibility Research Initiative



- Sponsored by G3ict and Georgia Tech's AMAC Accessibility.
- The purpose is to identify global successful practices in higher education for ICT accessibility, which are aligned with the United Nations CRPD.
- The timeframe is February, 2016 through June, 2016.
- Survey distributions and task force recruitment begins March, 2016.
- The findings highlighted at the M-Enabling Washington, DC Summit.

