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**Subject:** Update on Vireo development

Greetings VUG Steering Committee,

Laura and I wanted to keep you informed on what is going on with Vireo at TDL this summer. If you have not already heard from other channels, Vireo is currently being re-written. There will be no drastic changes on the look of Vireo but there will be improved functionality and lots of bug fixes. Several people and institutions are working on the development including TDL, UT-Austin, U-Illinois, Texas A&M and possibly others I am missing. UT Southwestern Medical Center is helping with the testing and developers from the California Digital Library may be able to join in sometime in July.

7 sprints (each two weeks long) are planned for this summer.

The first sprint, which is ending now, focused on the student interface.

Shibboleth is no longer required to authenticate. User/pass access has been added and Vireo should work with a variety of authentication methods. If a school uses more than one authentication method, all options will be available for the student to choose, and the institution can customize the description of the choices for authentication to facilitate using the correct button. Those who only use one method of authentication, such as Shibboleth, will bypass this sign on screen.

The student interface will have a new welcome screen that can be customized by each institution. Developers will look into theming options where both the Vireo logo and a school's logo can be displayed on the welcome screen.

### First screen for student submission

- Schools (not Vireo administrators – this is developer/programmer work) will be able to decide which elements of their Identification system will pre-populate the first screen.
- The bug fix for the birth year has carried over and is not a problem.
- Required fields really are required and clearly written error messages and instructions guide the student on what information was missed.
- There is a new Cancel button at the bottom so students can abandon their submission if they are not quite ready when they first enter Vireo.

### License

The license students must agree to before continuing is fully customizable. Laura asked if TDL had any concerns about TDL member institutions removing the text referring to the rights of TDL in displaying the thesis/dissertation.

I've copied the text in question for your convenience:

I grant the Texas Digital Library (hereafter called "TDL"), my home institution (hereafter called "Institution"), and my academic department (hereafter called "Department") the non-exclusive rights to copy, display, perform, distribute and publish the content I submit to this repository (hereafter called "Work") and to make the Work available in any format in perpetuity as part of a TDL, Institution or Department repository communication or distribution effort.

**Do you see any problems with institutions being able to wipe out this text?**

From my point of view, the license must be fully customizable so that altering it is not a hindrance to open-source non TDL users. I do hope, however, that TDL will request from or require it's member institutions to keep this text or some other form of it, especially if it is important to them.

This is about all that they were able to get to this first go around with the student interface. From June 12-June25 the sprint will be to finish the student screens, including the screen that students see when they need to make corrections and resubmit.

If you would like to check out the testing area, go to [stage.tdl.org/vireo](http://stage.tdl.org/vireo) to see it.

**NOTE:** This is a work in progress. There are many things that do not work yet so please do not submit any reports to the support desk. We have a long way to go before the testing phase.

TDL has a meeting every two weeks between sprints to report progress and plan the next steps. As further developments are made, we will keep you posted.

If you have any questions, please let Laura or I know.

Kind regards,

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