Archival Description & Metadata Builder

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Background

- Lack of standardized description in practice
- Multi-lingual finding aid grant requirement
- Records Management Program prior to “The Big Move”
We needed to...

- Gain control over our collections
- Display and provide public access and discovery
Considerations

- **Quantity of material to be described**
  - How much material?
  - How many collections?

- **Deadlines and time restraints**

- **Necessary expertise**
  - Archival description practices
  - Technical system management
Component of the Millennium ILS that facilitates integration of XML digital object metadata into the library catalog.
Archival Finding Aids in the Catalog

- Minimizes the number of steps to retrieve the finding aid
- Metadata Builder helps create a one-stop-shop for resources
XSLT Style Sheets

- XML - HTML Transform
- Bibliographic Record Transform
- Advanced Search Indexing
XML - HTML Transform

XSLT style sheet transforms the XML into HTML for browser display

Editable to customize the look and feel of guides
Bibliographic Record Transform

XSLT style sheet generates a bibliographic record by mapping from EAD to MARC

Editable only as a customized feature
Advanced Search Indexing

XSLT style sheet enables advanced search indexing of the finding aid

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XML Editor

- Replicates hierarchical structure of EAD XML
- Great for maintenance, updates
- Requires limited EAD expertise
XML documents can be imported to or exported from the ILS.
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Descriptive Summary
Repository:

University Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections Library, American University in Cairo, Phone: 2797-5060

Creator:
The American University in Cairo.

Title:
The American University in Cairo History Collection

Quantity:
6 linear feet (8 boxes and 5 volumes)

Scope and Content Abstract:
The American University in Cairo History Collection contains manuscripts, notes, reports, and similar material relating to the history of AUC, including documentation used to write The American University in Cairo: 1919-1987 by Lawrence R. Murphy. ربيع الجامعة الأمريكية بالقاهرة مخطوطات ووكتب مsembles تتعلق بموضوعات تتعلق بالجامعة بما في ذلك:

Call Number:
**See Archives Staff**

Language:
Collection materials are in English.

Restrictions

Access and Restrictions

Unprocessed collections are subject to review by University Archives staff before access is granted to identify restricted material.

Use of Materials

X Find:  Next Previous Highlight all  Match case
Include transliteration with special characters
Unicode-HTML Character References

- é = &#{233};
- ö = &#{xF6};
- ç = &#{xBF};
- ç = &#{231};
- ß = &#{xDF};
- å = &#{229};

- مصدر بلد =
  &#{x645};&#{x635};&#{x631};
  ;&#{x20};&#{x628};&#{x644};
  ;&#{x62F};

- سافر =
  &#{x633};&#{x627};&#{x641};
  ;&#{x631};

- سينما =
  &#{x633};&#{x64A};&#{x646};
  ;&#{x645};&#{x627};
**Persistent URL**

- Bib record number as unique identifier
- Links to the finding aid frame, not catalog record
- [http://lib.aucegypt.edu/showxmlattach/b1525754:0](http://lib.aucegypt.edu/showxmlattach/b1525754:0)
Technical Support

- Limited technical expertise required
- Technical support provided by III
Future Projects-Dublin Core

- Web Archive at AUC

- AUC-DAR
  (Digital Archive & Research Repository)
Thank You!

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