

# Supplementary Files in Theses and Dissertations

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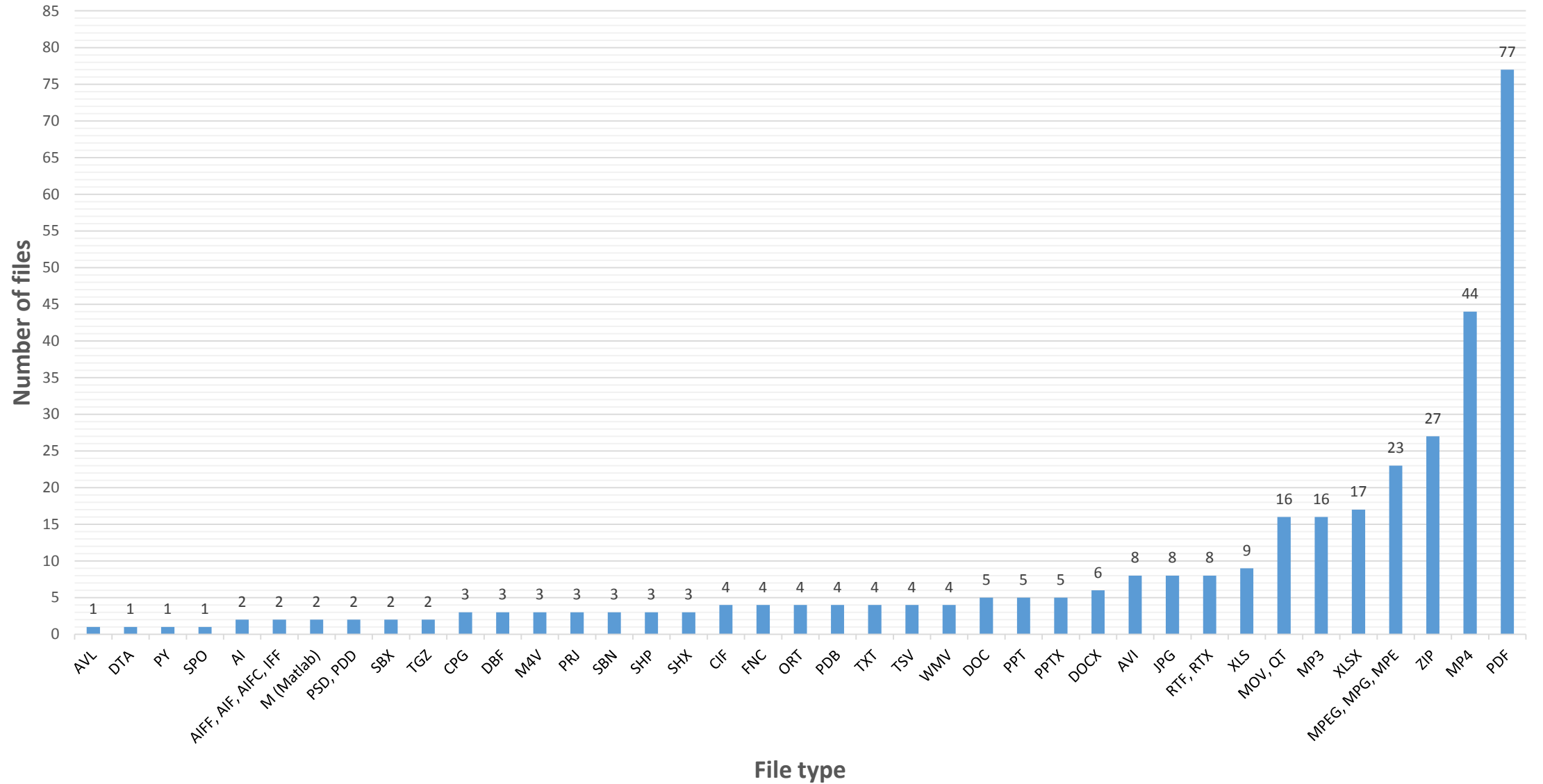
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# Dissertations and Theses in ScholarWorks

- 6,846 dissertations & theses in [KU ScholarWorks](#)
- 270 of these have supplementary files
- 339 supplementary files, approx. 3.8% of all files in the [Dissertations and Theses community](#)
- 39 file formats

## 339 Supplementary ETD Files, by File Type and Number



# Challenges in Long-term Preservation & Use

How can universities ensure that non-PDF files produced by their graduate students can be opened in the future?

Possible strategies:

- Include metadata about the programs used to create the files
- Save the bits: Provide bit-level preservation of the files
- Include the software: Copyright, licensing, and technical challenges
- File migration: Move files to new versions or open formats
  - Drawback: Information can be lost as file is moved from version to version
  - Must preserve the original files in addition to any migrated files

# Questions?

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