

## 759 Repository System Evaluation

Even comparing other ContentDM collections there are differences in how each system is configured. A Digital Collection Celebrating the Founding of the Historically Black College and University has collections featured directly on the opening page without the user needing to link to another page. There is also an advanced search function. The NIST Digital Archives is the most indepth in terms of searching ability. The user can search photos, NIST publications, and NIST Museum Artifacts. The option to search in 3 different collection types makes it easier for user to find what they are looking for.

The repositories are similar in the way that they all have collections and they all have articles. What is different is how the collections are housed and what features each system highlights. ContentDM is built with the idea that collections should be the primary focus and makes them easily accessible. Apollo focuses more on articles that have been recently submitted to their system.

The Apollo system from University of Cambridge is pretty easy to use. There are links that link to other pages pretty easily. The navigation is pretty intuitive. Recent submissions are highlighted under the links. There is also a search bar and there is also a browse and search bar that allows for further navigation.

ContentDM is by far the easiest to use though I have used ContentDM all summer as part of my practicum. There is a browse bar so the user can get to the collections faster than on other sites. The user also can select other collections to search as well. What is helpful is that the user can also search the record that they have opened. I think that ContentDM is the most helpful system to use.

PLOS has a search bar and it allows users to link to other collections it has. PLOS highlights the articles first and the collections are buried a little bit. This system was the most ineffective to use out of all of them.