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collections via a Web user interface.

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1 Introduction

The ERCIM Technical Reference Digital Library (ETRDL) consists of a distributed collection of grey literature (technical reports, theses, workshop proceedings, preprints, etc.) in the areas of Computer Sciences and Applied Mathematics produced by members of the ERCIM Consortium.

ETRDL currently provides access to collections of:

- **CNR** (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche Italy),
- **CWI** (Centruum voor Wiskunde en Informatica The Netherlands),
- **FORTH** (Foundation of Research and Technology Hellas Greece),
- **GMD** (German National Research Center for Information Technology Germany),
- **INESC** (Instituto de Engenharia de Sistemas e Computadores Portugal),
- **INRIA** (Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et en Automatique France),
- SICS (Swedish Institute of Computer Science Sweden) and
- **SZTAKI** (Magyar Tudományos Akadémia Számítástechnikai és Automatizálási Kutató Intézete Hungary).

The user of ETRDL can also access directly the collection of the US Networked Computer Science Technical Reference Library (NCSTRL) [NCSTRL].

A basic infrastructure has been installed in order to support a Digital Library service among the ERCIM Institutes. The infrastructure is based on the DIENST system developed by the Cornell University[Lagoze1][Lagoze2].

The ERCIM Digital Library service currently allows public access through Internet to the technical reports produced by eight ERCIM organisations. This number should be increased as more of the institutions implement the system.

The end users are intended to be not only members of the ERCIM Institutions, but of the international scientific and academic community in general [DELOS].

ETRDL functionalities regards searching and browsing ERCIM collections to retrieval existing documents, submitting new documents in a specific collection and administer the ERCIM collections via a Web user interface.

The aim of this guide is to present a valid manual reference for the authors that need to submit their new documents to their own collection via a Web user interface.

This document is addressed to users of ETRDL. They are assumed to be moderately experienced with Web browsing and have some basic skills of document classification.

Instructions for how to use the ETRDL Submit User Interface are organised in the following sections:

- Preliminaries (technical and formal requirements for document submission and instructions about subject indexing and documents classification)
- User Guide (how to start and how to submit a new document to ETRDL and where to find help to do this)
- Syntax and Semantics of Bibliographic Fields (a quick reference to the syntax and semantics of each bibliographic field)

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Technical Requirements

You can access ETRDL via Web, this means that you can use which kind of computer and operating system you prefer. To submit your own documents to the ETRDL you must:

- Have Internet access availability
- Have some knowledge of Web browsing
- Have a Web browser such as Netscape Navigator (version 3.0 or later) or MS Internet Explorer (version 4.0 or later)

2.2 Formal Requirements

To submit your own documents to the ETRDL you must:

- Be an authorised author member of an ERCIM collection institution, for example a researcher of CNR-IEI
- Have some documents of grey literature to submit in digital format (PS, PDF, HTML, TXT, TIFF)
- Have some knowledge about how to classify your own documents or have already classified your documents

2.2.1 General instructions for indexing and classifying documents

In this section we introduce the principles the document classification is based on. We also explain by examples how to classify your documents.

Classification and subject indexing of ETRDL documents is made according to the ACM (Association for Computing Machinery) Computing Classification System (CCS), Version 1998 [ACM98] and the AMS (American Mathematical Society) Mathematics Subject Classification (MSC), Version 1991 [MSC91]. Moreover free keywords can be assigned to documents.

Consequently, ETRDL provides three subject fields called:

- Free keywords
- ACM
- MSC

You are free to use one, two, or all three of these fields to describe the content of your submission. We encourage you to enter terms from at least one of the two classification fields.

There are some general principles one should adhere to when assigning classification codes/descriptors.

Originally classifications were designed with the "one document-one class" principle in mind. Try to assign as few codes as possible to a document while still covering all essential subject matter.

One way to do this is to first determine a "primary" code and assign it, i.e. a single class which best reflects the topic of the paper. Then proceed to assign as many "secondary" codes as necessary to cover the rest.

A good way to find the most specific appropriate term is to proceed "top-down" through the classification until the next level of specificity is too narrow for your needs. However, note that the AMS-MSC schema also offers analytical access.

Always be as specific as possible.

Examples:

1. ACM-CCS

The examples of the ACM-CCS codes/descriptors here below refer to the following ACM-CCS section:

D. Software

- D.0 GENERAL
- D.1 PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES
- D.1.0 General
- D.1.1 Applicative (Functional) Programming
- D.1.2 Automatic Programming
- D.1.3 Concurrent Programming
 - Distributed programming
 - Parallel programming
- D.1.4 Sequential Programming
- D.1.5 Object-oriented Programming
- D.1.6 Logic Programming
- D.1.7 Visual Programming
- D.1.m Miscellaneous

If you are using the ACM-CCS schema and your document deals with concurrent programming, enter the code/descriptor D.1.3 Concurrent Programming and not the broader code/descriptor "D.1 PROGRAMMING TECHNIQUES"

If your document deals with distributed programming, enter the uncoded descriptor "Distributed programming" adding it to the coded descriptor of higher level. See the example below:

D.1.3 Concurrent Programming: Distributed programming

ATTENTION: Note that in the example above the ": " symbol must be inserted between the coded descriptor "D.1.3 Concurrent Programming" and the uncoded descriptor "Distributed programming".

The ACM-CCS allows the use of proper names as "implicit" descriptors; e.g. names of programming languages or persons can be entered under the appropriate alphanumerical code although they are not explicitly given in the ACM-CCS.

Example: with code D.3.2 Language Classifications, you could enter "C++" in the form D.3.2 Language Classifications: C++

Please refer also to the guidelines provided by ACM for using its Computing Classification Schema (http://www.acm.org/class/1998/ccs98-intro.html)

2. AMS-MSC

The examples of the AMS-MSC codes/descriptors here below refer to the following AMS-MSC section:

18Exx Abelian categories

- 18E05 Preadditive, additive categories
- 18E10 Exact categories, abelian categories
- 18E15 Grothendieck categories
- 18E20 Embedding theorems [See also 18B15]
- 18E25 Derived functors and satellites
- 18E30 Derived categories, triangulated categories
- 18E35 Localization of categories
- 18E40 Torsion theories, radicals [See also 13D30, 16S90]
- 18E99 None of the above, but in this section

If you are using the AMS-MSC schema and your article deals with Grothendieck categories, enter the code/descriptor 18E15 Grothendieck categories and not the broader term "18Exx Abelian categories"

The membership of a specific term in a broader category is implicitly evidenced by the code. Only if the document really deals with a broader group of topics should the broader term itself be explicitly assigned.

Please refer also to the guidelines provided by the AMS for its MSC schema (http://www.ams.org/msc/class_instru.html).

3 User Guide

ETRDL is a distributed collection, consisting of the set of the local collections. These are maintained on the local servers of each partner institution. This has comported the implementation of two levels of Home Pages. A centralised access point has been provided to the system through the DELOS Web site, whereas a local home page is installed on each local server (http://www.iei.pi.cnr.it/DELOS/ETRDL).

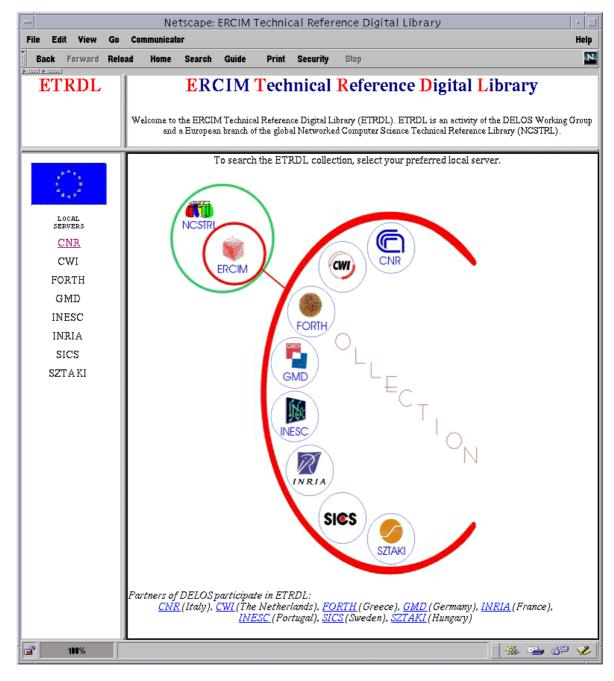


Figure 3-1 The centralised home page.

The user who accesses the system through the centralised home page can access a local server by clicking one of the Institution logos which are shown in the main picture or he/she can use the Institution hyperlink in the left frame.

For example if you are a member of CWI when you click the CWI logo or the CWI hyperlink you access to the CWI local server (at present ETRDL is accessible only by CNR server).

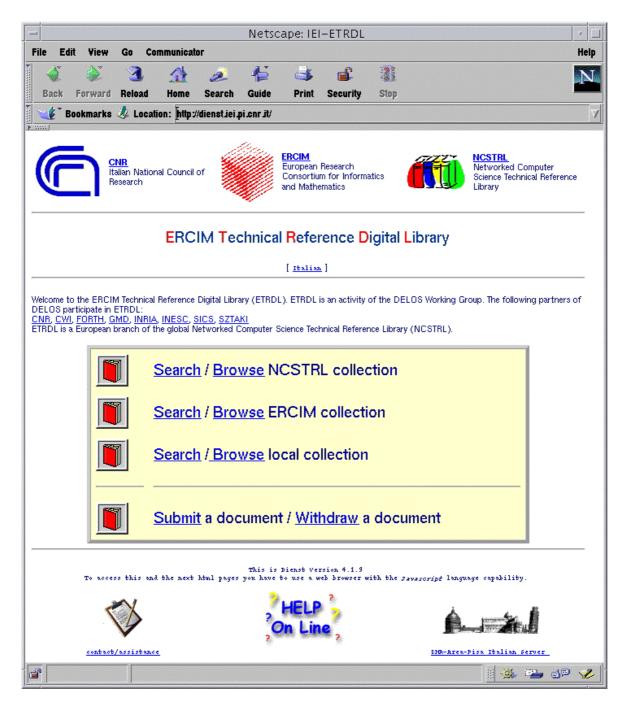


Figure 3-2 Local home page.

Depending on the local server selected, he/she is also given a choice of language, as most local servers will maintain interfaces in English and in the local language.

The local home page interface caters simultaneously for two user classes: information seekers and information providers by offering two main options: search/browse any collection; submit/withdraw a document to/from a local collection. From the local home pages, the search and browse functions can be activated over the entire NCSTRL collection, over the ERCIM collection, or over the collection(s) of the local institution. In each case, the user is not only accessing a different collection (or sub-collection), but is provided with a different perspective on the information, depending on the functions that have been implemented at

that particular level. When searching on the ERCIM or the local collections, the user can switch between user interfaces in English or his/her own language. On-line helps in both languages are available.

3.1 How to start

ETRDL collection of CNR is distributed and consists of the set of the local CNR collections.

Searching and browsing these collections is possible by accessing to them from any ETRDL server.

Only authorised users can submit new documents to ETRDL. These users are members of participating institutions and they can submit their documents only to their own collection by accessing their institution server. Particularly each CNR authors must submit his/her documents by accessing a CNR server as shown in Table 1.

Institutions	Server URL	Server Physical location
Area della Ricerca (Palermo)		
Istituto CNUCE (Pisa)	http://dienst.pi.cnr.it	CNR-IEI
Istituto di Analisi Numerica (Pavia)	htpp://exlibris.ian.pv.cnr.it	CNR-IAN
Istituto di Cibernetica (Napoli)		
Istituto di Elaborazione dei Segnali e delle Immagini (Bari)	htpp://nettuno.iesi.ba.cnr.it	CNR-IESI
Istituto di Elaborazione della Informazione (Pisa)	http://dienst.pi.cnr.it	CNR-IEI
Istituto di Fisica Cosmica con Applicazioni all'Informatica (Palermo)		
Istituto di Linguistica Computazionale (Pisa)	http://dienst.pi.cnr.it	CNR-IEI
Istituto di Matematica Computazionale (Pisa)	http://dienst.pi.cnr.it	CNR-IEI
Istituto di Ricerca sulle Onde Elettromagnetiche (Firenze)		CNR-IROE
Istituto di Studi sulla Ricerca e sulla Documentazione Scientifica (Roma)	http://dienst.pi.cnr.it	CNR-IEI
Istituto di Tecnologie Didattiche e Formative (Palermo)		
Istituto per la Documentazione Giuridica (Firenze)	htpp://dienst.iei.pi.cnr.it	CNR-IEI
Istituto per la Matematica Applicata (Genova)	htpp://exlibris.ian.pv.cnr.it	CNR-IAN
Istituto per le Applicazioni della Metamatica e dell'Informatica (Milano)	htpp://exlibris.ian.pv.cnr.it	CNR-IAN

Table 1 CNR servers.

The ETRDL has a bilingual user interface. When you access the ETRDL local home page the system shows you the English user interface. To switch to the Italian user interface you must click on the hyperlink below the title of the home page.

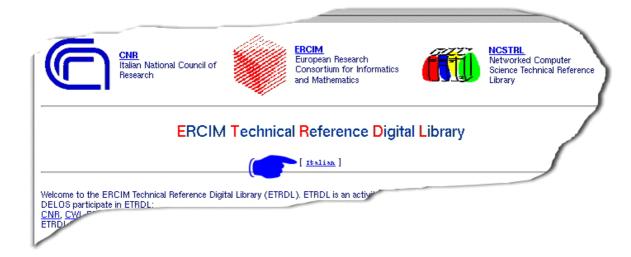


Figure 3-3 Choose local language user interface.

3.1.1 Help on line

ETRDL documentation on line is available at the DELOS home page (http://www.iei.pi.cnr.it/DELOS/EDL/edl.htm). The home page of the help on line is shown in **Errore.** L'origine riferimento non è stata trovata..

During the document submission users can access two kinds of help directly from the submission page: the procedure help (FErrore. L'origine riferimento non è stata trovata.) and bibliographic fields help.



Figure 3-4 Submit procedure help on line.

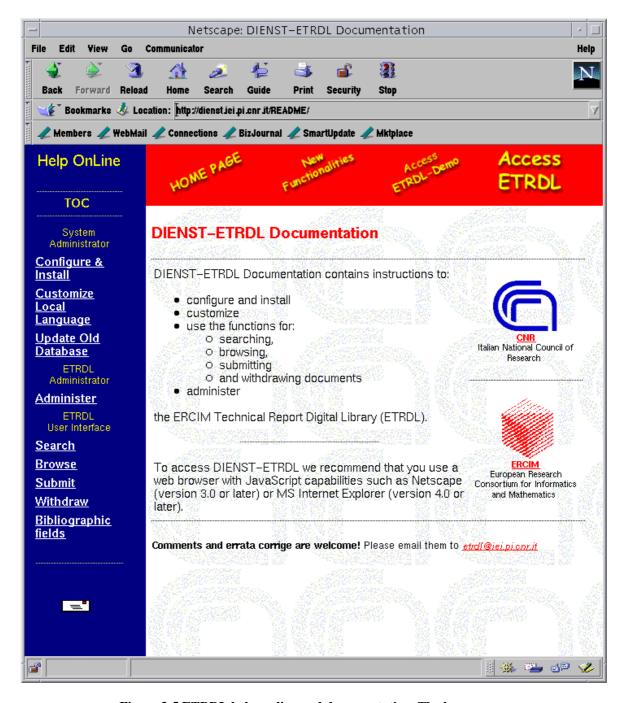


Figure 3-5 ETRDL help on line and documentation. The home page.

3.2 How to submit a new document

Before starting the submission procedure, the author must have all required information to fill in the bibliographic record form and the document file (or files) to send to ETRDL [DublinCoreDublinCore] [MDublinCore]

Bibliographic record consists of obligatory and optional fields. Some of these fields may be obligatory or optional depending on the context.

Bibliographic fields are shown in Table 2.

	Obligatory fields	Optional fields
Title		Telephone
Author		Local language abstract
E-mail		Language of Local language abstract
		(become obligatory if the above field has been filled in)
Publisher		
	Free Keywords	
Subject	Computing Classification System (ACM)	
	Mathematics Subject Classification (MSC)	
English abstr	act	
Date		
Туре		
Language		

Table 2 Obligatory and optional bibliographic fields.

The author can use different file formats:

- **PS**
 - ➤ A postscript level 2 file.
- PDF
 - ➤ An Portable Document Format file.
- TXT
 - ➤ A text file.
- HTML, GIF, JPEG
 - ➤ One or more HTML, GIF and/or JPEG files.
 - The main HTML document must be entered as first file; automatically the system will change the name of the first file in "index.html".
 - ➤ Other HTML, GIF and JPEG files linked to the main HTML document must be at the same level directory of it.
 - Always use relative paths to link files and remember to refer the main document as "index.html".
- TIFF
 - > One or more TIFF files.

The following section describes the steps that authors in the ERCIM community should follow to submit a document to the DL administrator. Completion of these steps will result in the presentation of the document to the system administrator for submission in the ETRDL database.

3.2.1 Submission Procedure

From the main page the user must select the "Submit a Document" option and start the submission procedure as follows:

- 1. Compile a bibliographic record for the new document by filling in the fields on the form presented by the system. The system will perform an automatic check on the formal correctness of the contents of the obligatory fields. Instructions to guide the user in the correct compilation of a field can be obtained by clicking on the name of that field.
- 2. If a document consists of just the Abstract, click on the checkbox to move on to point No. 5.



Figure 3-6 The "Abstract Only" checkbox.

- 3. Select the file containing the document to be transferred to the server, using the Browse option.
- 4. Indicate the format of the file by using the pulldown menu. The permitted formats are:
 - PS
 - PDF
 - TXT
 - HTML
 - TIFF
- 5. When the form has been filled in, click on one of the following buttons:
 - Submit the form, to confirm the data and continue with the procedure
 - Clear the form, to cancel the content of all the fields.
- 6. If the user has chosen Submit the form, the data submitted will be displayed. In this way, the user can check that the values are correct. One of the following options must then be chosen:
 - Confirm, to send the bibliographic record and document to the System Administrator
 - Go Back, to return to the form and correct any mistakes
 - Discard, to cancel the entire document submission procedure and go back to the homepage

See Figure 3-7.

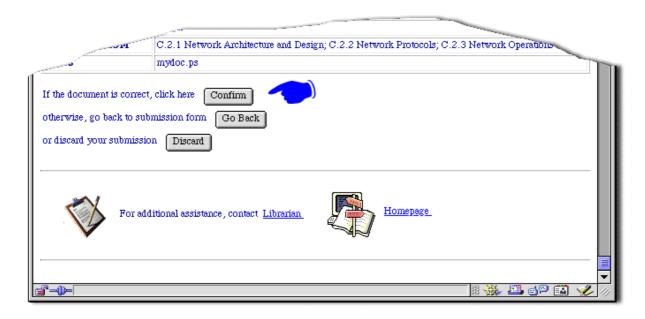


Figure 3-7 The summary page: "Confirm", "Go Back" and "Discard" buttons.

If the file type selected at point No. 3 is either HTML or TIFF, the system allows the user to submit a new file as follows: i) select the file using the Browse option and ii) confirm the selection with Submit a new file.

- 7. If the file type selected at point No. 3 is HTML, the new file can be in HTML, GIF or JPEG.
- 8. If the file type selected at point No. 3 is TIFF, the new file must also be in TIFF.

The procedure described above at point No.7 is recursive and is terminated using the Confirm option described in point 6.

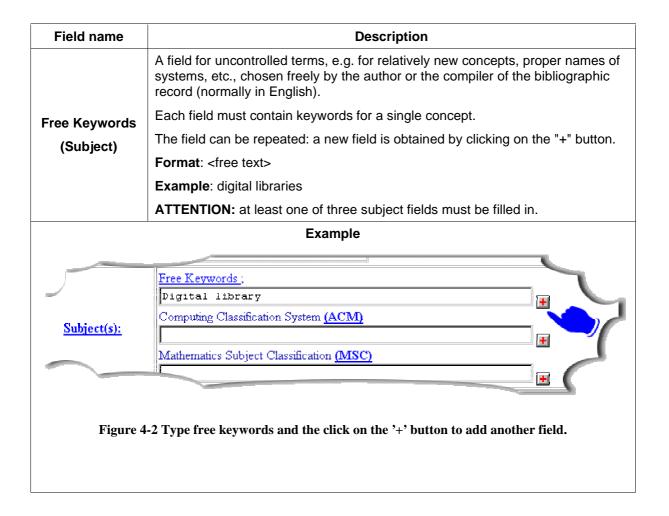
4 Syntax and Semantics of Bibliographic Fields

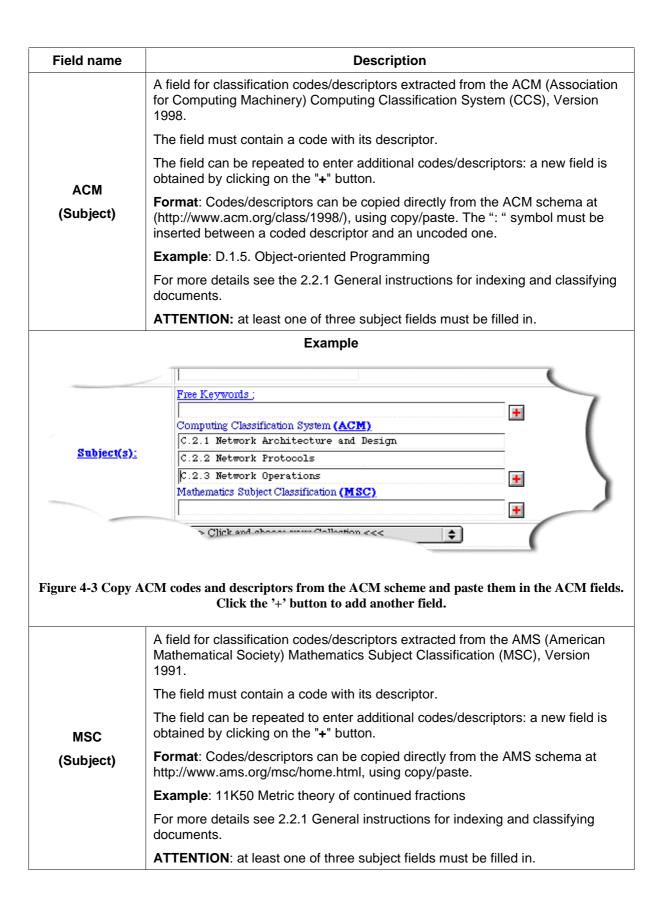
In this section syntax and semantics of each bibliographic field is described. Users must read carefully this section before submit their documents in order to insert a correct bibliographic record in ETRDL [ETRDLdemo][ETRDL].

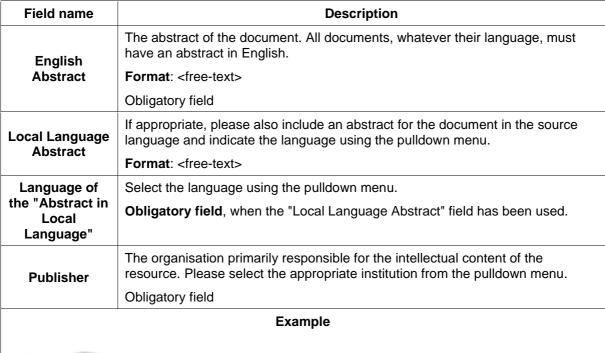
The system will perform an automatic check on the formal correctness of the contents of the obligatory fields. Anyway, the respect of submission rules allows maintaining a digital library in which documents retrieval is easy and without misunderstanding.

Field name	Description	
	This is the title of the work as assigned by the author.	
Title	This field should include the complete title with all the subtitles, if any.	
	Format: <free text=""></free>	
TILLE	Example:	
	Real-Time Multiprocessor Systems: Performability Evaluation	
	Obligatory field	
	The name of the author(s) of the document.	
	If there is one author for the document, use the following syntax:	
	Last-Name, First-Name	
	Example:	
	Rossi, Mario	
Author(s)	Otherwise, if there is more than one author, use the following syntax :	
	Last Name1, First-Name1 and Last-Name2, First-Name2 and Last-Name3, First-Name3 and	
	Example:	
	Rossi, Mario and Bianchi, Paolo and Verdi, Carlo	
	Obligatory field	
	The e-mail address of the person to be contacted with respect to the document. Enter the address with the following syntax:	
E-mail	name@domain	
	Obligatory field	
Telephone	The telephone number of the person to be contacted with respect to the document.	
•	Optional field	
	Example	
To submit your If you need help	ment Submission Form forwament to the Dienst server via HTTP, please fill in the following form. for any field, please click here. adatory, except for the telephone number.	
Bibliographic	record	
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Figure 4-1 Document Submission Form: Title, Author(s), e-mail and Tel. bibliographic field.







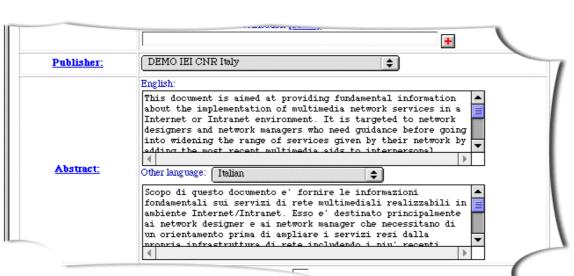
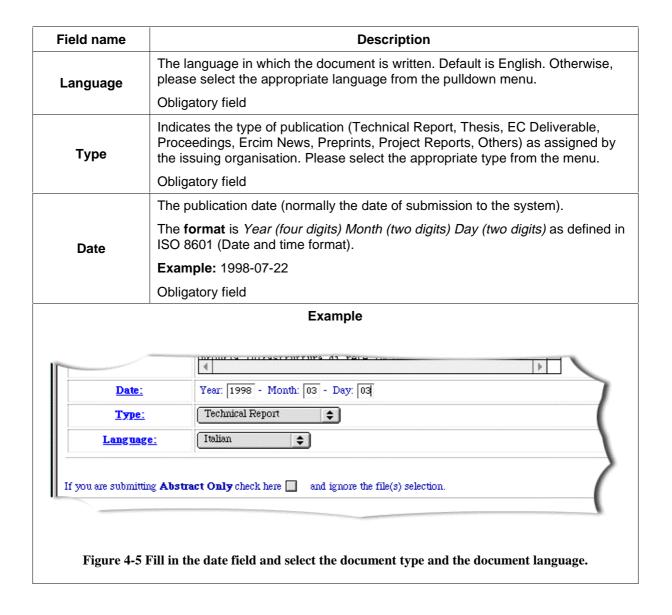
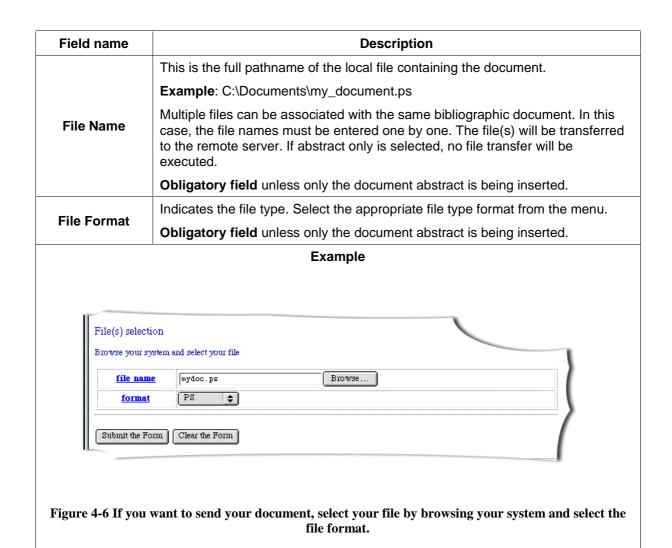


Figure 4-4 Choose your collection and then type the document abstract. If your document has a two abstracts also select the language of the second abstract.





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