# Launching the Dean digitally : the Jonathan Jansen Collection in UPSpace

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# Background

- One of the first personalized collections
- Prof Jonathan Jansen
  - Dean of the Faculty of Education 2000 - 2007
  - Expert in general and higher education
  - Social commentator on life in the new SA
  - Eminent scholar
  - Published 86 media columns and 38 articles
  - These items are/were high in demand

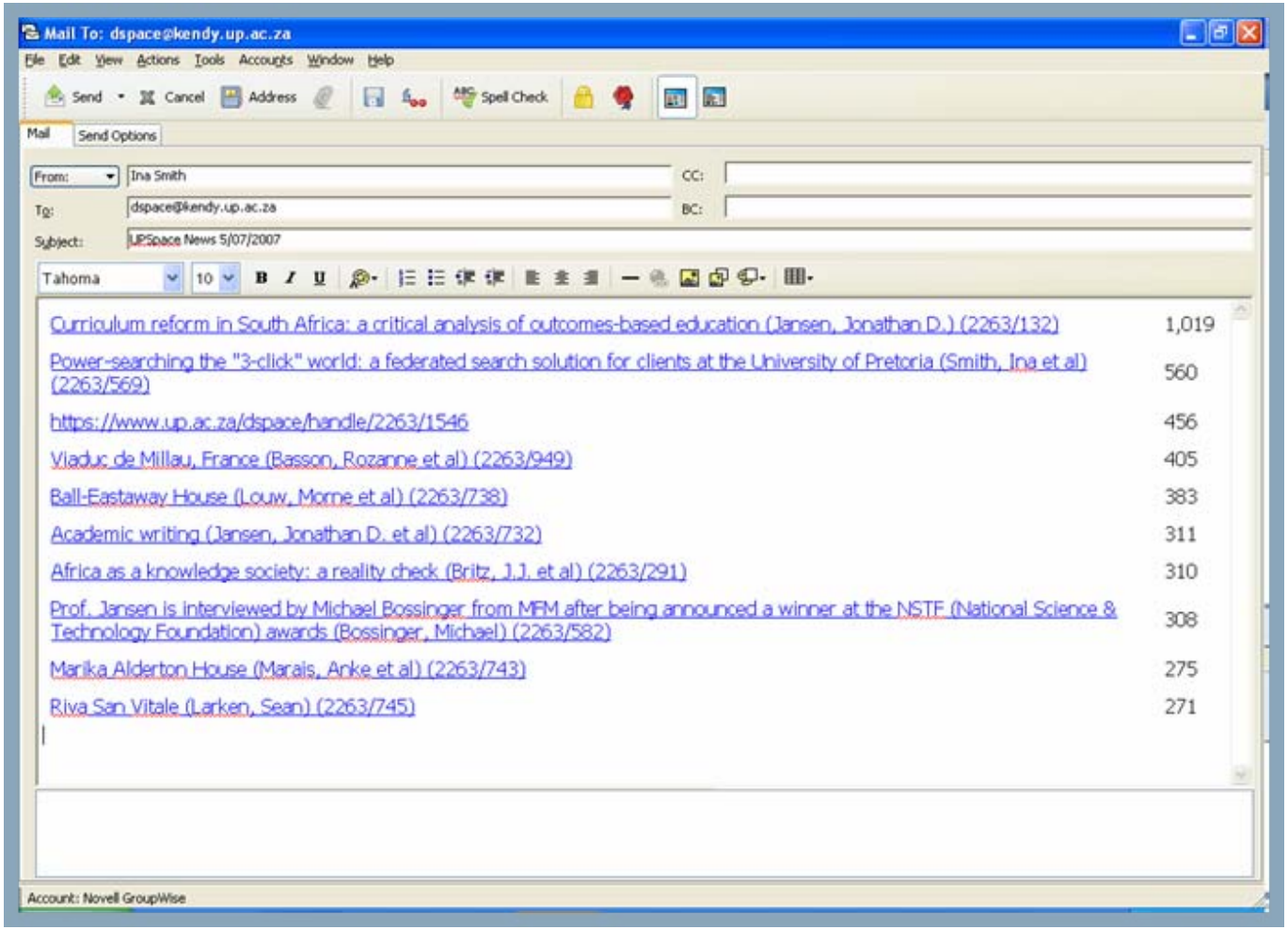
# Early beginnings

- “I want a webpage” (2005)
- Showcased UPSpace November 2005
- Developed
  - Collection policy
  - Different collections
- Started uploading immediately

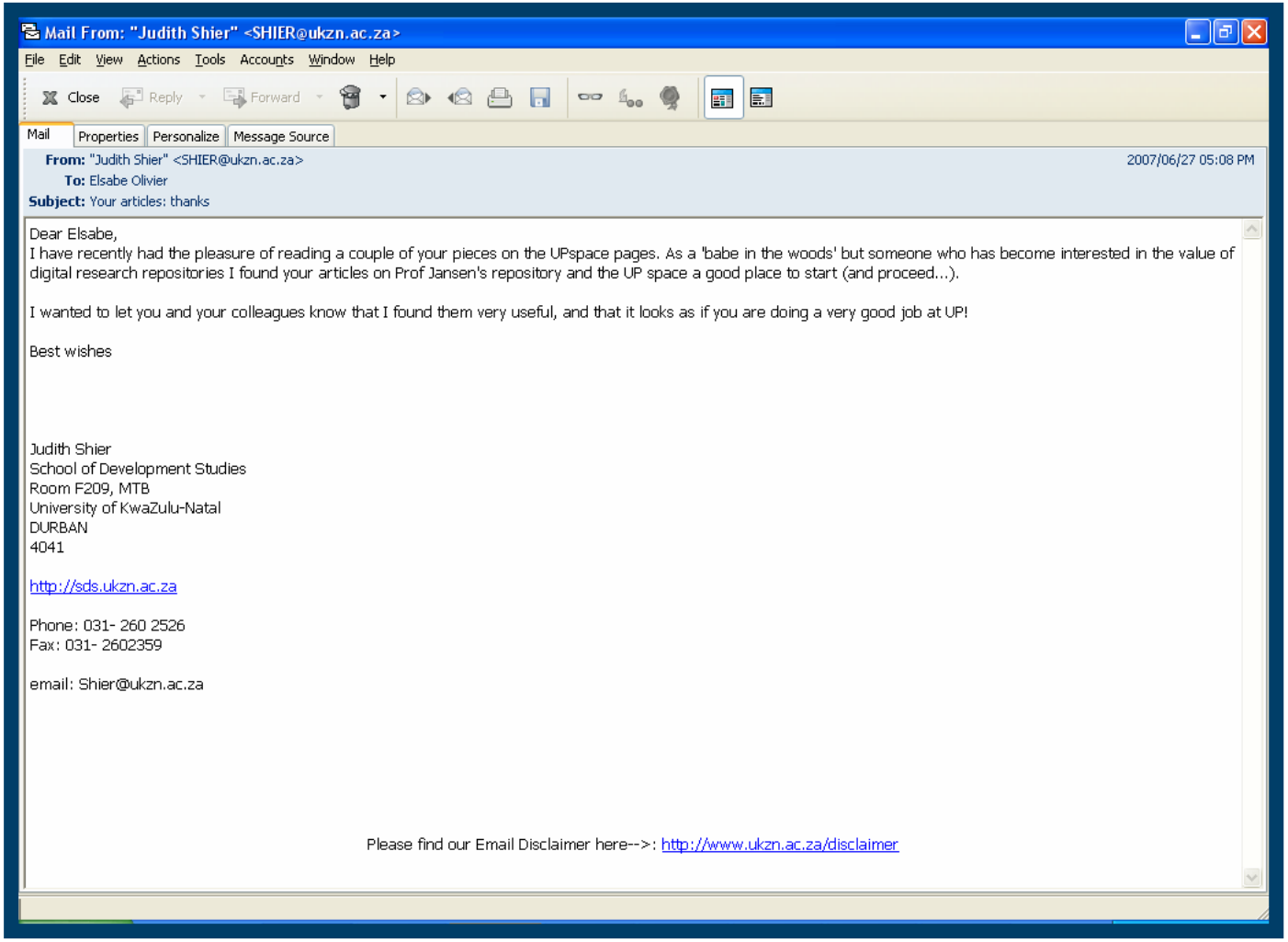
# Benefits to the Dean

- Central archive of his research output
- Showcase of his work and research at UP
- Increased visibility, usage & impact
- Dissemination of previously hidden material
- Increases communication among scholars
- Wide range of materials
- Highly retrievable via Google
- Long-term, safe preservation in digital format

# UPSpace usage statistics



# Benefits to scholars



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**From:** "Judith Shier" <SHIER@ukzn.ac.za> 2007/06/27 05:08 PM
**To:** Elsabe Olivier
**Subject:** Your articles: thanks

Dear Elsabe,
I have recently had the pleasure of reading a couple of your pieces on the UPspace pages. As a 'babe in the woods' but someone who has become interested in the value of digital research repositories I found your articles on Prof Jansen's repository and the UP space a good place to start (and proceed...).

I wanted to let you and your colleagues know that I found them very useful, and that it looks as if you are doing a very good job at UP!

Best wishes

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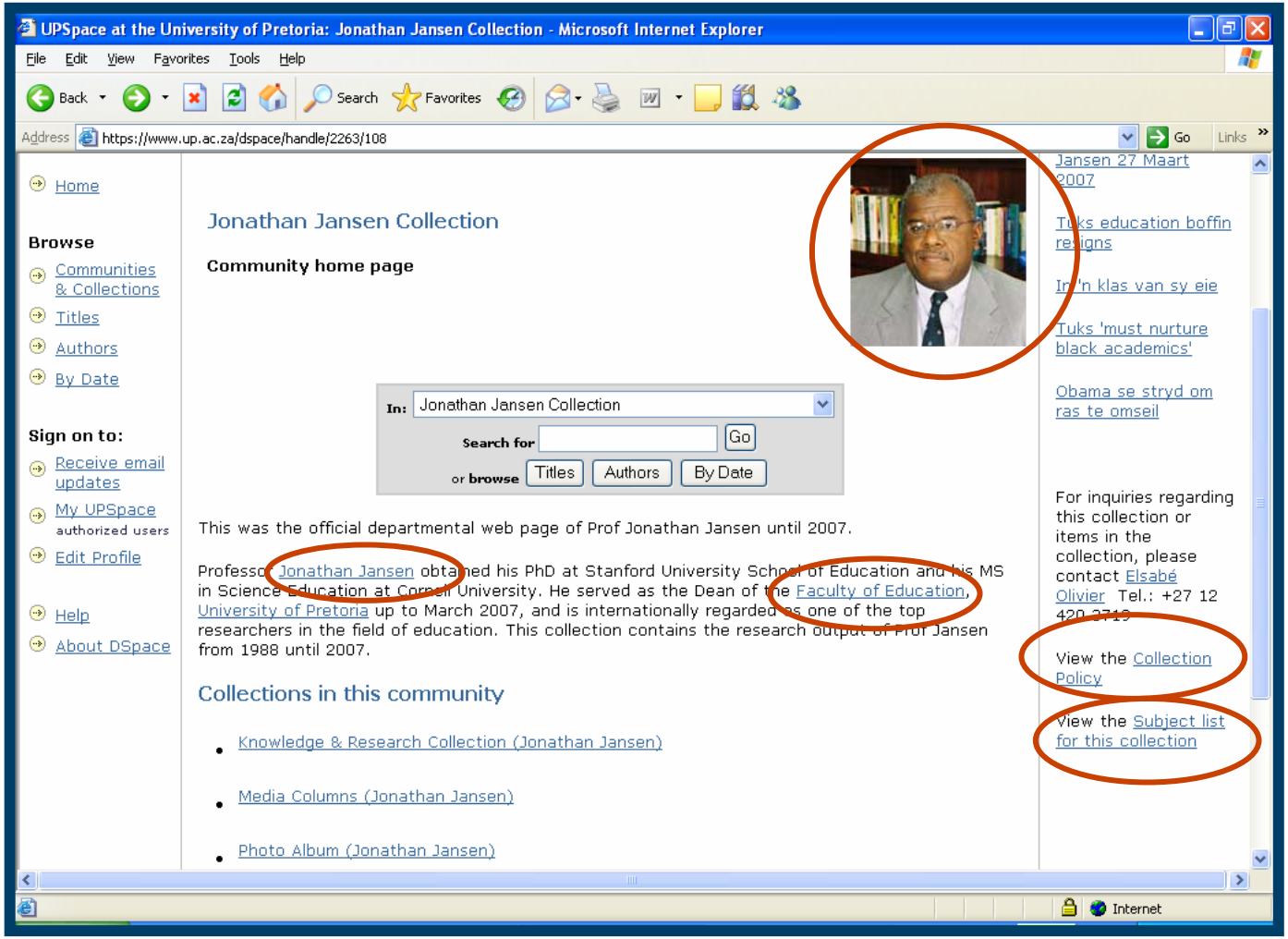
# Benefits to UP

- Long term archiving & preservation of research output
- Showcases UP's wealth of knowledge
- It can serve as an indicator of the University of Pretoria's quality, visibility, prestige and public value
- Can act as advertisement for funding and sponsors

# Benefits to me

- Convenient retrieval of items
- Refer future requests from scholars to the collection
- Easy and single, user-friendly access point
- Developed new skills
- Enhanced my visibility
- Partner in the “publishing” process
- Increased relevance to the faculty & UP

# Elements

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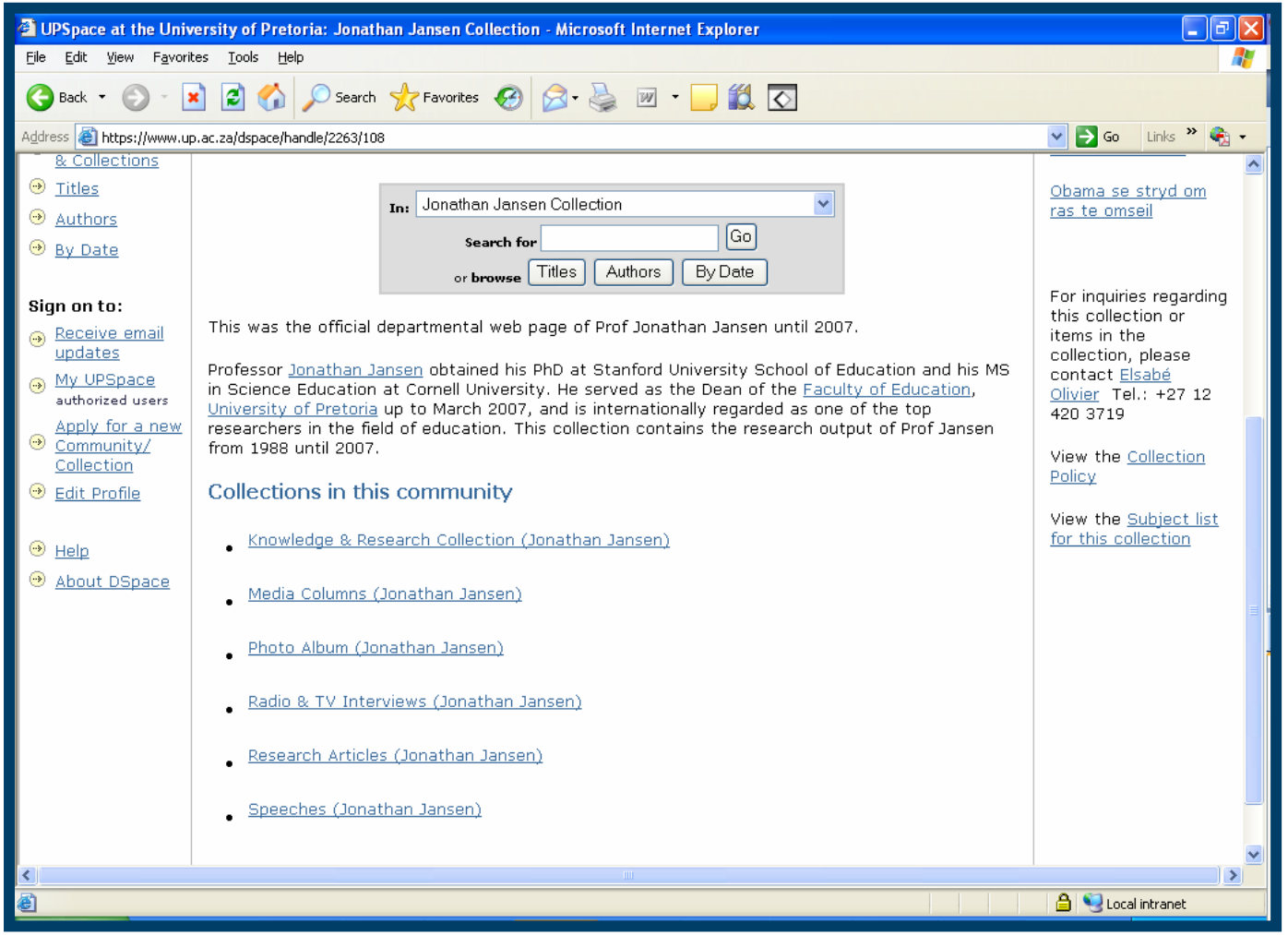
# Collections



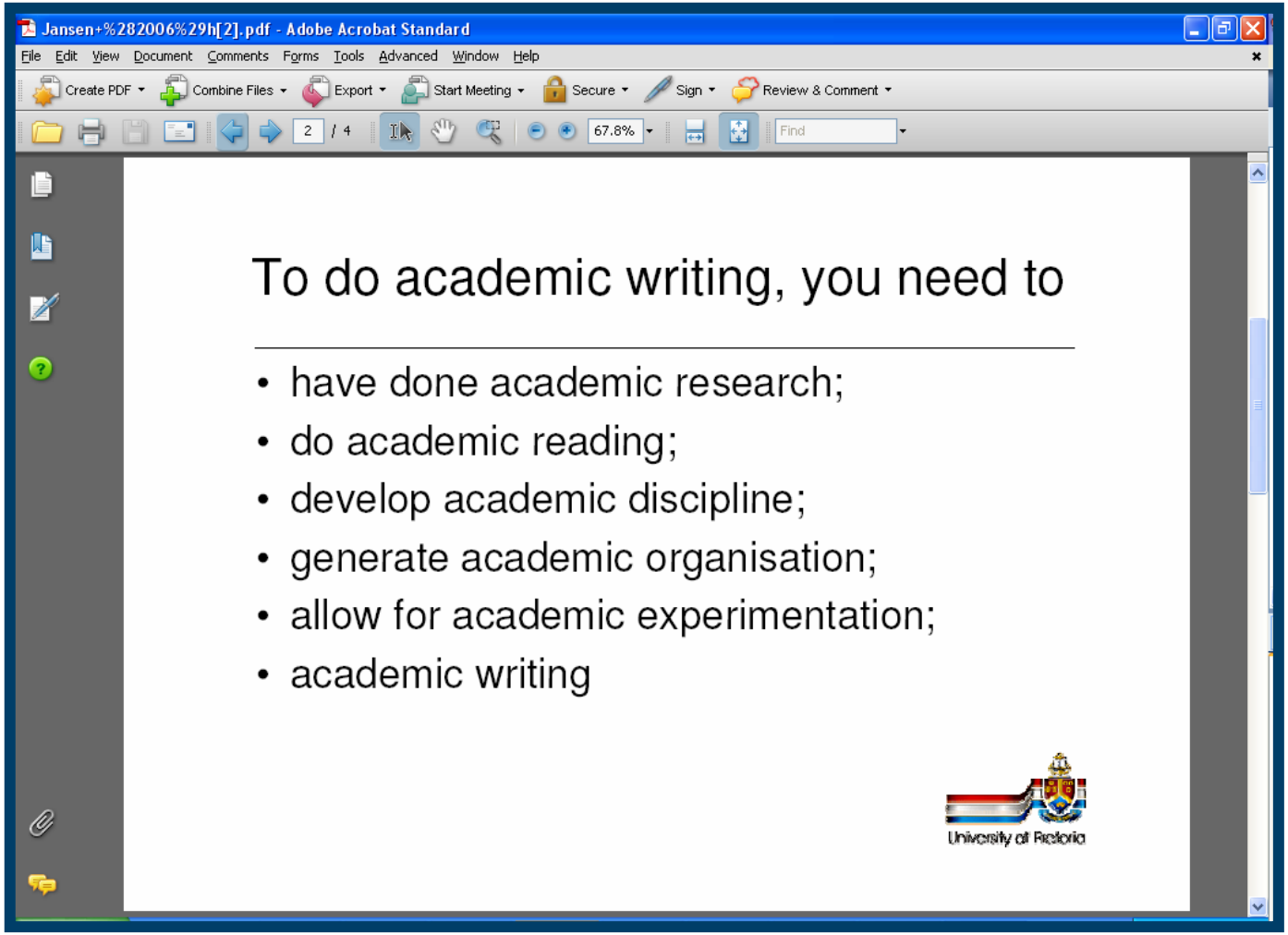
# My role as Administrator

- Developed the Collection policy
- Identified & developed new collections
- Liaise with the Dean, secretaries & other staff
- Marketing on campus
- Mapping between collections

# My role as Submitter

- Prepared the e-version of items
- Organized Excel / Word spreadsheet
- Obtained copyright permissions
- Submitted items and added metadata
- Attached files

# Knowledge & Research Collection



# Media columns

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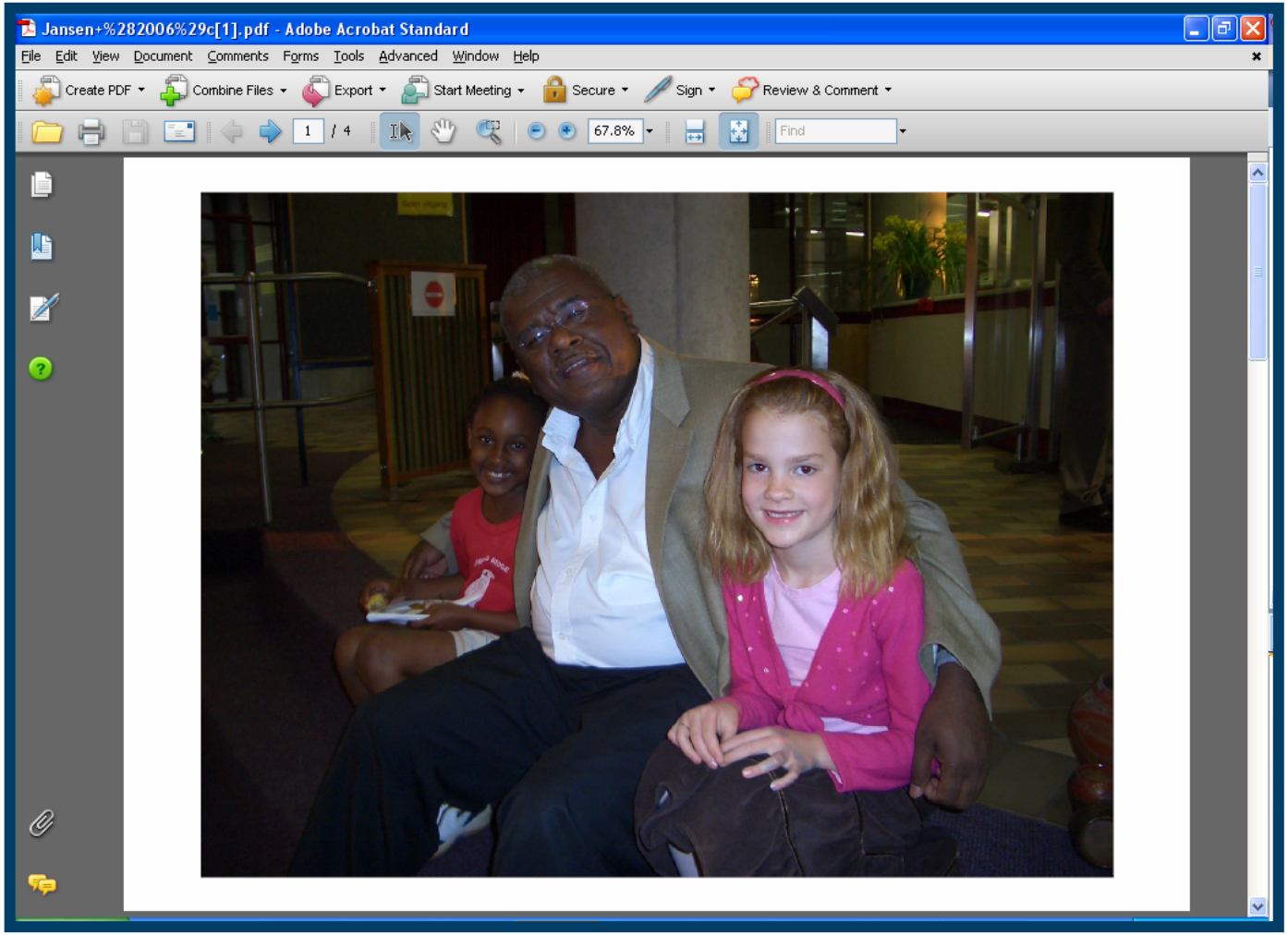
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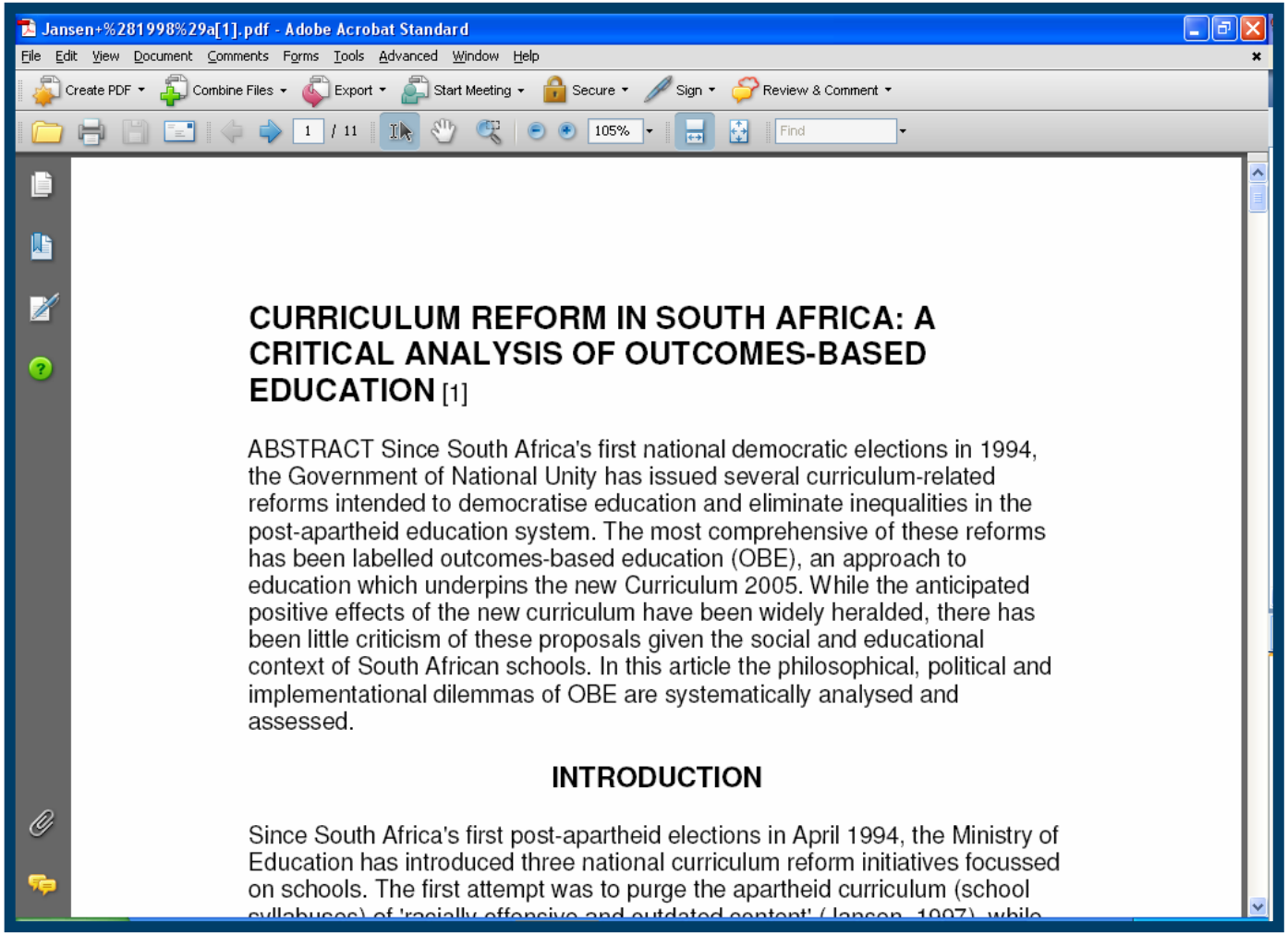
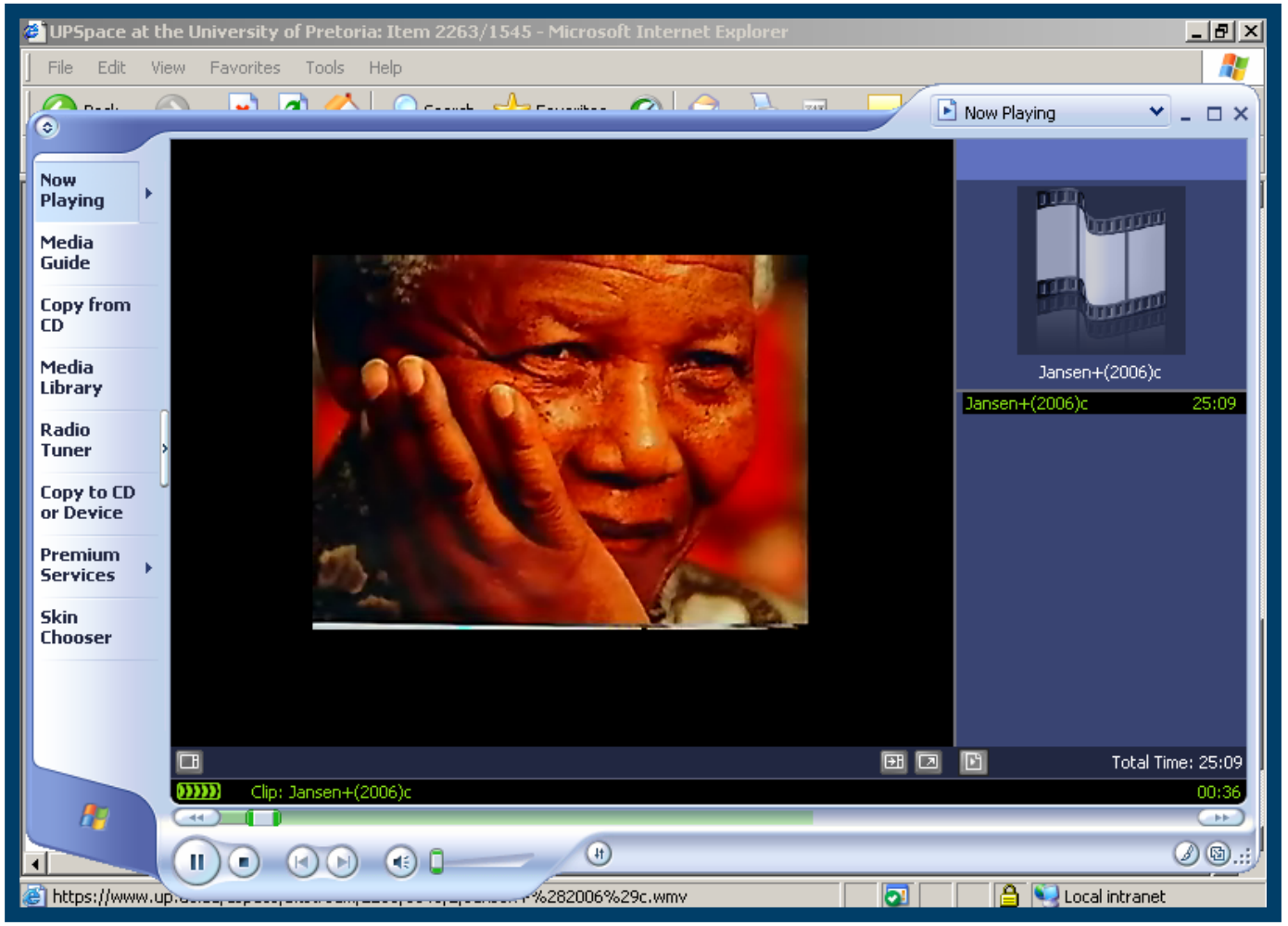


# Radio interviews

# TV Interviews

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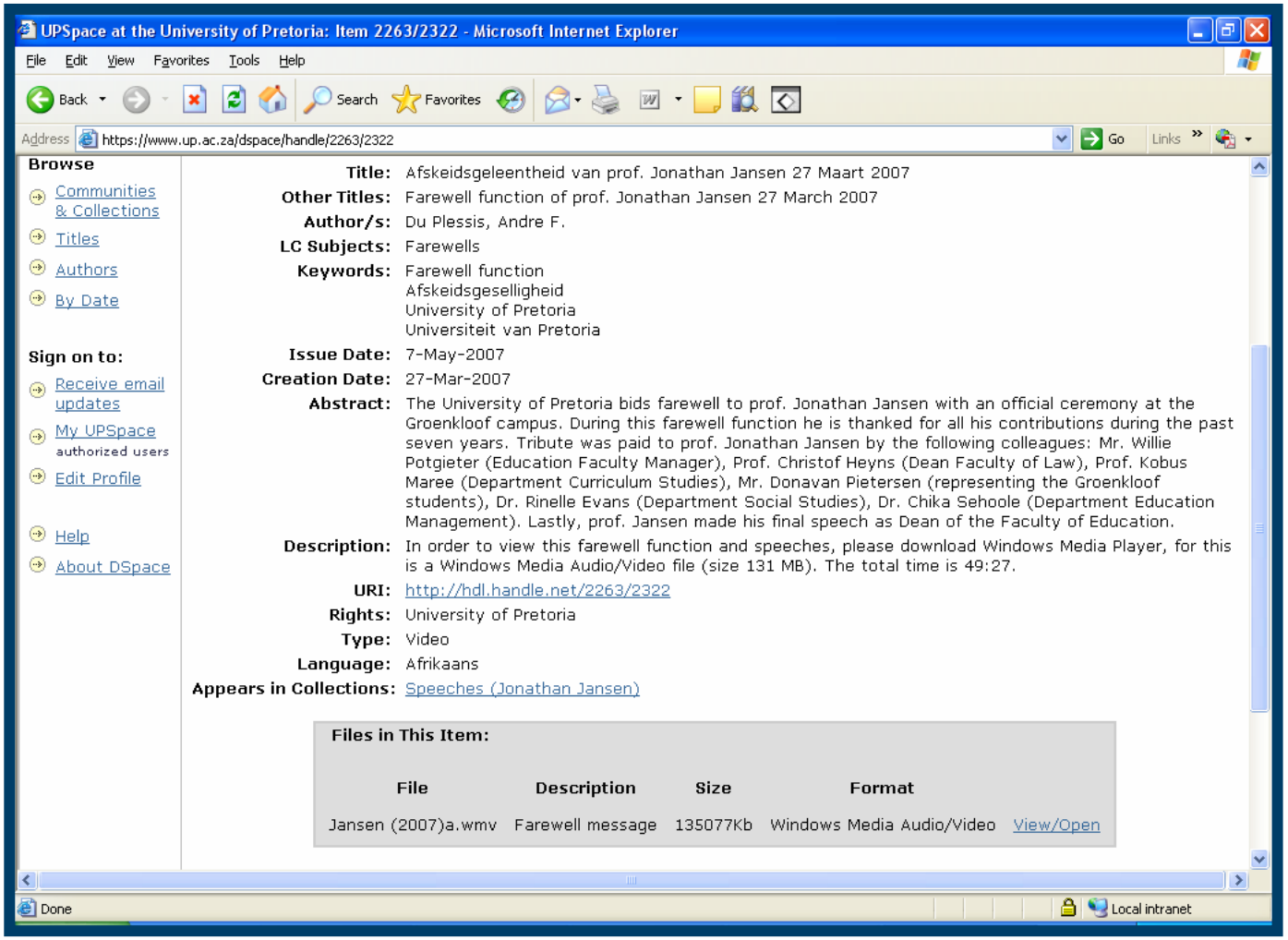
# Speeches

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# Suggestions

- Proactive interaction & cooperation
- Identify researchers / collections
- Foster relationships with departments / faculties
- Commitment to manage the collection
- Involve library staff members & convince them to participate
- Embrace the changes!

# In conclusion…

"This project has transformed my life as a Dean in three ways. First, it made me aware of the **power of technology** in managing the multiplicity of written tasks—media articles, media interviews, newspaper columns, intellectual pieces—that simply drift into spaces where I can never find these original writings. Second, it made me aware of the **efficiency of dissemination of ideas** in this information age if one simply took the time to create such a web space. Third, it made me aware of the **power of collaboration** between academic authors and the academic information services (library)—something that I had not explored until now. I am deeply grateful to the persistence of my academic library colleagues in opening up this new world in the life of a busy Dean" (Jonathan Jansen 2006)

# Thank you!


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