

NGTS-2
Commonly Held Content In Non-Roman Scripts
Monthly Report - September
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NGTS-2 met three times over the phone (14 Sep, 28 Sep, 5 Oct), discussing the joint NGTS-1/NGTS-2 survey, the questions that were relevant to non-Roman issues, and the question of how broadly or narrowly to define the scope of the group's charge. This issue, based on which non-Roman scripts might constitute a "commonly held" collection across the UC, was referred to the Steering Committee for discussion: at issue was at what point does presence of a non-Roman collection across campuses become "commonly held"? Only Chinese collections are held at almost all campuses (eight). For some important scripts, such as Hebrew or Persian, there are almost no "commonly held" materials. That being said, it was agreed by NGTS-2 to look more broadly at collections held at more than one campus when appropriate. At the present time, the concentration of effort on "low-hanging fruit" means that Chinese materials are the primary collection under consideration.

The survey was finalized and distributed across various system-wide channels. Team 2 began reviewing responses in late September. In addition, the team reviewed the endorsement template for backlog clearing on behalf of NGTS Executive and Steering (for HOTS and CAMCIG), and reviewed the HOTS survey of cataloging language expertise across the system.