



IRUS-UK

Pure development work and participation in IRUS-UK

As part of our ongoing development we have been working towards adding Pure as one of our supported software platforms; we already have institutional repositories using EPrints, DSpace and Fedora platforms.

Now we are very pleased to announce that we have our first participating repository using the Pure platform: Discovery, University of Dundee.

At this stage we do have some other repositories who are progressing participation in IRUS-UK but we are very happy to hear from anyone who would like to be included. Please do get in touch via irus@jisc.ac.uk

If Pure is your platform or if you would like the data from your CRIS to be included in IRUS-UK too, then do get in touch.

Institutional Repositories Usage Statistics in UK (IRUS-UK)

IRUS-UK collects raw usage data from UK Institutional Repositories (IRs) and processes these data into COUNTER-compliant statistics. This provides repositories with comparable, authoritative, standards-based data and opportunities for profiling at a national level. IRUS-UK is a community-driven development, responding to user needs.

Welcome to four new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 117 institutional repositories representing >78% of eligible institutional repositories:

University of Bolton Institutional Research Repository (UBIR)

University of Brighton Repository

University of Wales Trinity St David Research Repository

Discovery, University of Dundee

We are delighted to announce that Discovery, University of Dundee is our 1st participating repository using the Pure platform. See the 'Pure developments and participation in IRUS-UK' item for more information.

IRUSdata-UK

IRUS for data is a Jisc beta service offering COUNTER-compliant download statistics at an item and file level to 19 test centres: <http://jusp.jisc.ac.uk/irusdata/>.

We're keen to add new test centres, so if you have a data repository in your institution we'd love have you aboard - please contact david.kernohan@jisc.ac.uk

Work on exposing ORCID in IRUS-UK

We recently presented at:

UKSG Forum at Grand Connaught Rooms, London (16/11/2016)

'Exposing ORCID through IRUS-UK' as part of a 'Data' themed panel session.

The slides from this presentation will be available in the IRUS-UK website shortly.

We have been working in collaboration with one of our CAG members and participants, White Rose (a consortia repository) and have now developed a demonstrator to display author statistics. By utilising ORCID we can remove all ambiguities of individual authors' names i.e. you can be certain if 'John Smith', 'J.D. Smith' and 'Jonathan Smith' are all the same author or not.

If you have ORCID in RIOXX we can now expose them and can display a simple, but fully searchable 'Index of Authors with ORCID' and 'Individual Author Statistics' reports, as uniquely identified by their ORCID showing biography, publications list etc.

We are looking for volunteers to work with us on this exciting area. Please do get in touch via irus@jisc.ac.uk

We will also be publishing a blog post on the Jisc Scholarly Communications blog:

<https://scholarlycommunications.jiscinvolve.org/wp/>

Community Advisory Group

As part of the continuing work to ensure that the IRUS-UK service is developed to meet the needs of its user community the CAG provides input on the ongoing development of IRUS-UK; provides recommendations on various aspects of the service development; and reviews and comments on service enhancements and priorities. It complements the excellent feedback we already get from our active user community and is not in any way intended to replace it.

Our next CAG conference call is on the 25th November. The CAG has its own email list for discussion at any time and 'meets' twice a year with the IRUS-UK team. These are done once via conference call, around November time and once via a face-to-face meeting in April/May time.

Are you interested in being a member of the IRUS-UK CAG? If you would like to be a representative, then please contact Hilary Jones (hilary.jones@jisc.ac.uk) or via our helpdesk (irus@jisc.ac.uk).

More new case studies

We've added two more case studies so now have six available. The latest two are:

Using IRUS-UK to report to senior management at University of Reading – CentAUR – a case study showing how they use IRUS-UK data to provide termly reports to a senior management research committee. These demonstrate the value of CentAUR and highlight activity relating to Open Access. The reliability of the IRUS-UK data enables reporting that is concise, visual and easy to interpret. These reports have been well received and allow for easily identifiable patterns, such as peaks and troughs in annual usage. IRUS-UK statistics allow the repository to show comparative analysis of downloads and advocacy for etheses. The IRUS-UK reports used are the Item Report 2 (IR2) for total downloads by item type for CentAUR and the Repository Report 1 (RR1) for downloads of comparator institutions.

http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/Using_IRUS-UK_to_report_to_senior_management-Reading.pdf

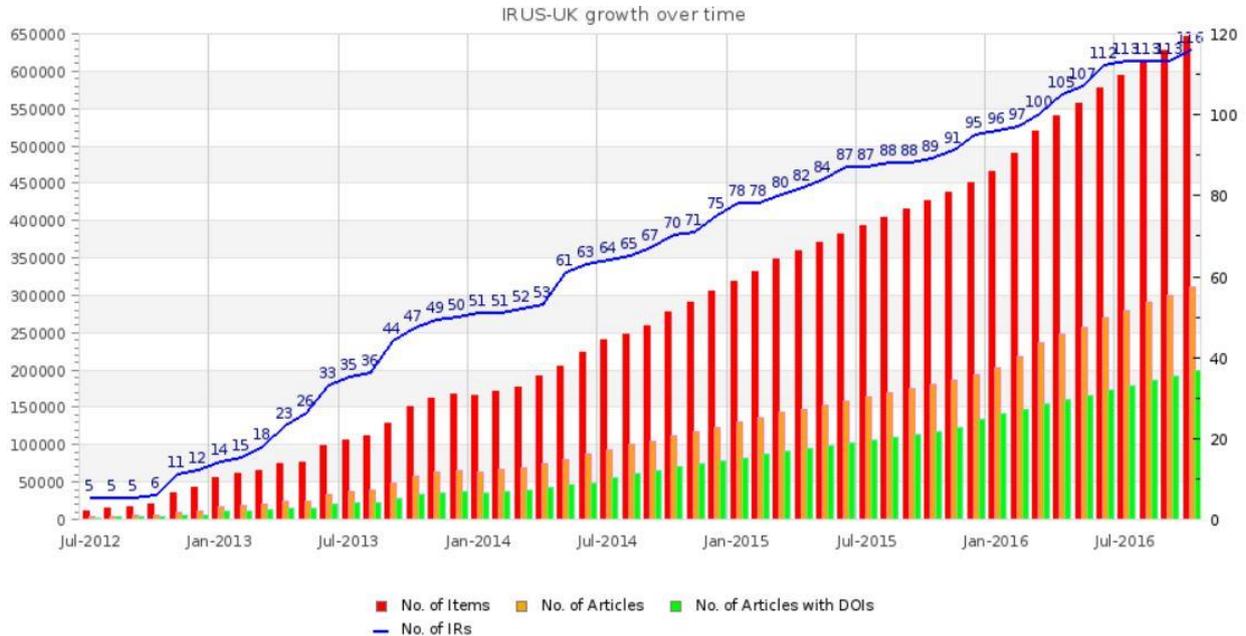
Using IRUS-UK data to support benchmarking at the Open University – Open Research Online (ORO) – a case study showing how they use IRUS-UK data to show the benefit of their repository to the institution, including providing benchmarking data through quarterly reports. Just one example of how they use IRUS-UK data is through the Repository Report 1 (RR1). This report allows a number of downloads, for a selection of institutions, to highlight where the Open University ranks overall. This is displayed in an infographic allowing key points to be presented quickly and effectively. These are shared in reports and the Open University's Open research blog – The Orb. The data have been of value to a range of stakeholders including Associate Deans of Research, departmental managers and academics. The IRUS-UK report used is Repository report 1 (RR1) for downloads of comparator institutions.

<http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/UsingIRUS-UKdatatosupportbenchmarking-OU.pdf>

All case studies are available from the Support Materials section of the Help page on the IRUS-UK website. We plan to collect more case studies of how different institutions are using IRUS-UK statistics in future and will add them to this page <http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support/>

If you are currently using the IRUS-UK statistics in your institution and are willing to share how you use them, please contact irus@jisc.ac.uk and we'll arrange to discuss it with you. It should only take a short phone call; we will then write up the case study.

IRUS-UK growth over time



Project Honey Pot

Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. Further information can be found on the Project website (<http://www.projecthoneypot.org/index.php>).

Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with service developments by visiting our website www.irus.mimas.ac.uk

We welcome your views on your experience of using the website and portal.

Please get in touch if you have comments, questions or ideas for future developments.



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