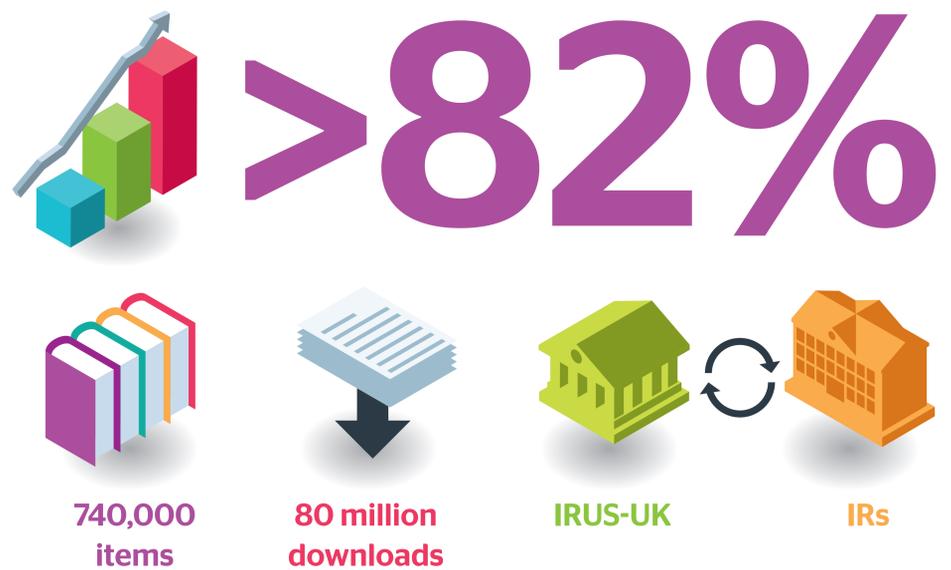


IRUS-UK: on the road to Open Metrics

IRUS-UK (Institutional Repository Usage Statistics) (<http://irus.mimas.ac.uk>) enables Institutional Repositories (IRs) to share and compare usage of resources based on the COUNTER standard.

IRUS-UK is a Jisc-funded national aggregation service, which produces COUNTER-compliant usage statistics for all content downloaded from participating UK institutional repositories (IRs). Part of Jisc's Open Access offer, IRUS-UK provides access to authoritative, standards-based statistics supporting universities to gain a better understanding of the breakdown and usage of their institution's research, which they can quickly and easily benchmark against comparable organisations and share with key stakeholders.

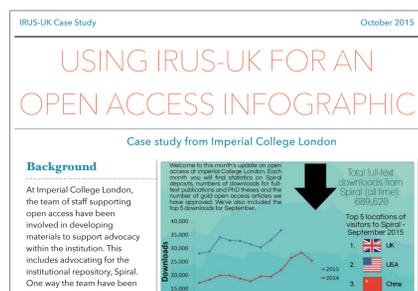


IRUS-UK is unique in aggregating statistics across many repositories and it currently represents >82% of eligible repositories in the UK, handling data from over 740,000 items and downloads of over 80 million (by January 2017).

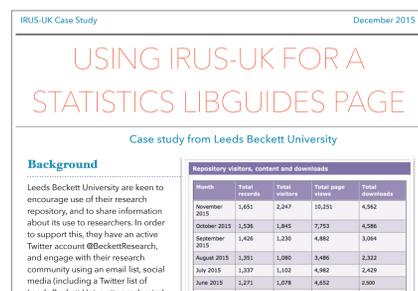
Case studies: available in IRUS-UK Support Materials (<http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support>)

Apart from the advantages for individual institutions, IRUS-UK aggregates data to illustrate the combined usage of UK institutional repositories. This level of information provides an understanding of the ways in which UK IRs are used and provides organisations with statistics to use and exploit to support advocacy activities. Now that >82% of eligible UK IRs are using IRUS-UK, this participation provides opportunities. These are illustrated within several case studies.

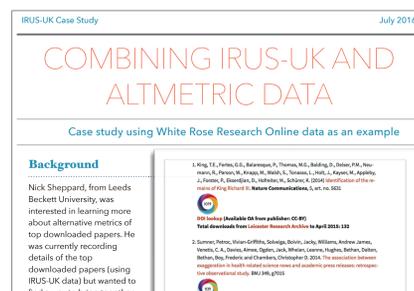
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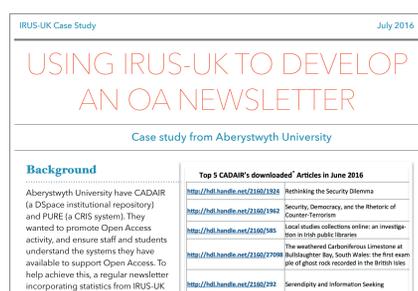
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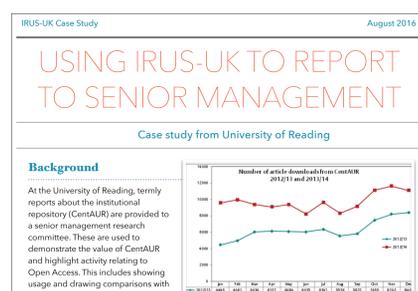
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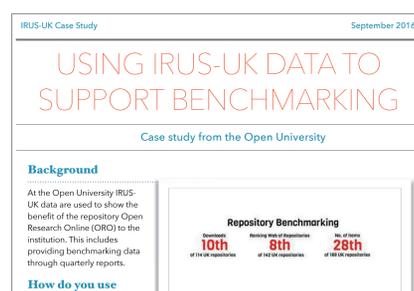
Aberystwyth University
Promoting Open Access activity and systems



Reading University
Reporting to a senior management research committee



Open University
Promoting the benefits of their repository and benchmarking



Conclusion - Key points

- » Aggregating institutional repository usage provides valuable benchmarking opportunities for organisations and countries
- » Finding new and engaging ways to present and share usage data is key to supporting advocacy
- » Combining and presenting data from multiple sources offers a rich and varied view of the value, impact and reach of research
- » IRUS-UK as a service is now prevalent across the UK and is part of Jisc's OA work
- » The IRUS tracker protocol is universally applicable and is already in use outside of the UK

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