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IRUS-UK

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.

Annual survey 2018

Our annual survey is live and will remain open until 6th March 2017.

Invitations have been sent out to the primary IRUS-UK contacts, but you can also access the survey through the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/irus2018

If there are other people who work with your repository usage statistics then do pass this link on to them.

Thank you very much to everyone who has responded so far.

As an added incentive to complete the survey we are offering entry into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

Welcome to six new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 138 institutional repositories representing 90% of eligible institutional repositories:

Roehampton Research Explorer

King's Research Portal

Edinburgh Research Explorer

Hope's Institutional Research Archive (HIRA)

University of Bath's research portal

School of Advanced Study, University of London

These include 4 more repositories using Pure portal platforms and 2 more using EPrints platforms. The University of Edinburgh's Research Explorer joins Edinburgh's Research Archive (ERA) making this our 2nd institution with both EPrints and Pure portal platforms participating.

Pure portal, other platforms and how to participate in IRUS-UK

Currently we have 11 repositories (IRs) who are using the Pure platform. If you are using Pure we can accommodate any repository running 5.6.3 or higher and would be very pleased if you would like to join us.

We also support EPrints, DSpace and Fedora as well as working with other platforms. Please contact us if you would like your repository to join. We have 138 participating repositories, so 90% of UK repositories and as an aggregation service you can compare and benchmark across most of the UK.

Reminder of helpdesk address for all Jisc Services

Jisc now has a new centralised help desk for many of its services with a single point of contact: help@jisc.ac.uk.

This helpdesk is staffed by a dedicated team who will route queries through to individual services for the appropriate service team to deal with in the usual way.

IRUS-UK is using this new email address for enquiries and all emails sent to irus@jisc.ac.uk will be redirected there. To help with efficient routing on to us, we would encourage you to mention IRUS-UK or IRUS in the subject line or body of your email.

We would like to assure you that all enquiries about IRUS-UK will continue to be answered directly and promptly by the IRUS-UK team and you will continue to receive our full support as usual.

Our latest reports and views

Item Report 1 Daily (IR1D) and Repository Report 1 Daily (RR1D):

IR1D shows the number of successful item download requests by day and repository identifier for a selected repository.

RR1D shows the number of successful item downloads by day for all participating repositories.

Top Download Report:

The total downloads that we report for either top 10 or top 20 are the net figures for downloads from a repository since participating in IRUS-UK, after the subtraction of COUNTER Robots, IRUS-UK Exclusions and Double Clicks. These figures form the COUNTER-conformant usage statistics.

Each of these reports have variable filtering options. They are all available in the portal with detailed descriptions, as well as these details being on the website in our Support section – Statistics and Reports: http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/support/statsreports/.

Invitation for institutional repositories (IRs) to contribute

We are always looking for ways to involve our participants.

To show examples of how IRUS-UK data can be used to help promote your repositories we are looking to write more case studies.

If you are currently using the IRUS-UK statistics in your institution and are willing to share how you use them, please contact help@jisc.ac.uk and we will arrange to discuss this with you.

It should only take a short phone call and we will write up the case study.

You will be contacted to give approval of the writing up before we add anything to the website.

Work on exposing ORCIDs in IRUS-UK

In the IRUS-UK portal you can search for a specific item or results by author name, which can be constrained to a single repository. However, it's a bit hit and miss: many researchers may share the same name; others have different names during their career; or there are different variations of the same name – J. Smith, John Smith, John J. Smith, etc.

So, it is difficult for us to accurately produce per-researcher reports.

The solution to this problem is the ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor Identifier) - a persistent digital identifier that distinguishes one researcher from every other researcher, which is immune to name variations or changes.

We've been doing some work to begin incorporating ORCIDs into the item metadata we hold. So far, we've carried out initial harvests of ORCIDs available from White Rose Research Online and ORO: Open University Open Research Online, as well as manually adding in a few other ORCIDS during development.

The White Rose and Open University ORCIDs have been exposed in their RIOXX records, via their OAI-PMH interfaces, which makes it straightforward for us to reliably extract them and integrate them into our system.

We've introduced two new views under the 'Metadata Views' menu:

- **ORCID Summary Statistics** – this displays a table which shows a summary of the number of ORCIDs we currently know about for each repository participating IRUS-UK, and the total number of items with associated ORCIDs for each repository.
- **Author ORCID browse** - this alphabetic browse index lists authors with an ORCID known to IRUS-UK. For each author, it provides a link to the author's public ORCID record ('Identifier' column) and a link to an Author statistics page ('Total downloads' column), which shows a list of all known items by that author and the number of recorded downloads for each item.

At the moment, as far as we know, relatively few institutional repositories expose ORCIDs. We'd like to encourage more institutions to adopt ORCIDs:
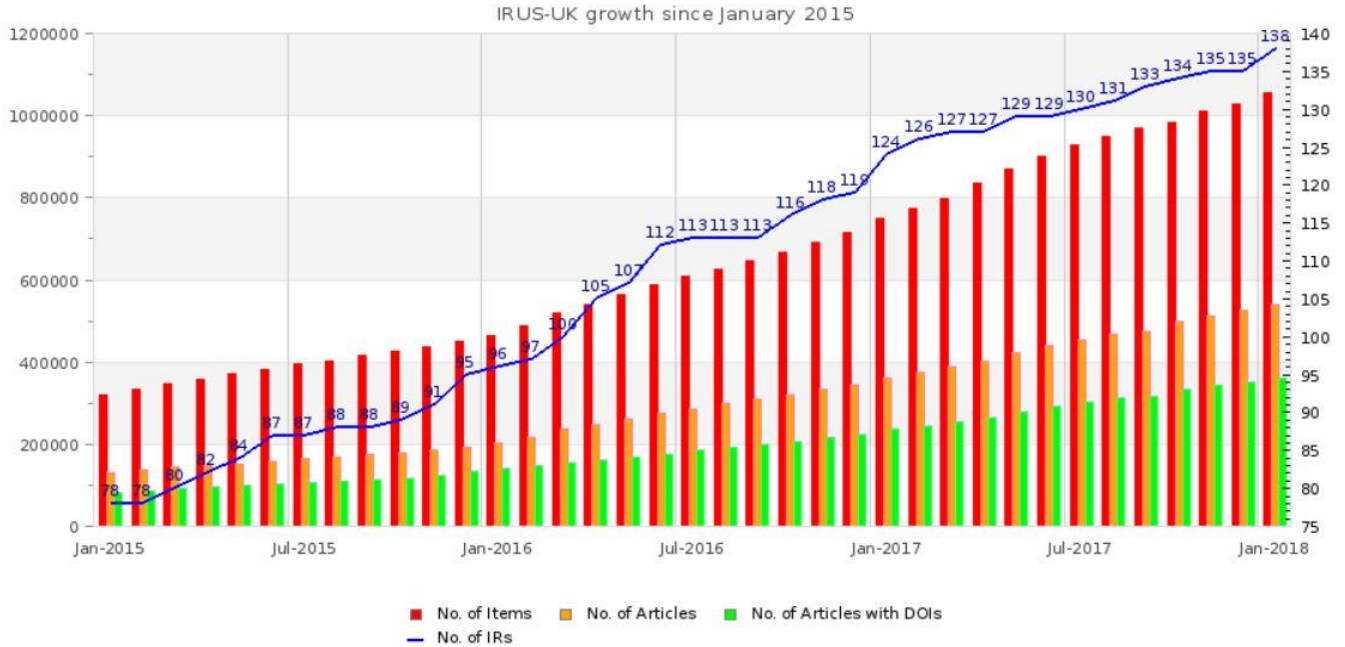
- Embed ORCIDs into your workflows
- Incorporate ORCIDs in your repository metadata
- Install RIOXX plugins (EPrints) / patches (DSpace)
- Expose ORCID metadata via RIOXX in your OAI-PMH interfaces

Once RIOXX metadata is widely available from institutional repositories, preferably including funder/grant information, then we'll be able to add more functionality to the service:

- Search by ORCID
- Targeted reports for researchers
- Targeted reports for funders
- Work with the ORCID API to enhance our metadata
- And many other things we haven't even thought of yet!

If your repository is already exposing ORCIDs and/or funder metadata via RIOXX records, and you'd like us to harvest your records, to let us know by emailing us at help@jisc.ac.uk.

IRUS-UK growth over time

IRUS-UK growth since January 2015

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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