



# Toolkit for the Impact of Digitised Scholarly Resources: Usage and Impact of JISC Phase I Digitisation projects

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## OHPR News and Notices

As from 2 April 2007 the OHPR project moves out of its development phase. All content is now available on the site.

We are currently investigating enlarging the basic content of the histpop site. We hope to have material post-1920 from Ireland and post-1931 from Scotland available during late 2008.

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## Histpop - The Online Historical Population Reports Website

### A collection of British Historical Population Reports

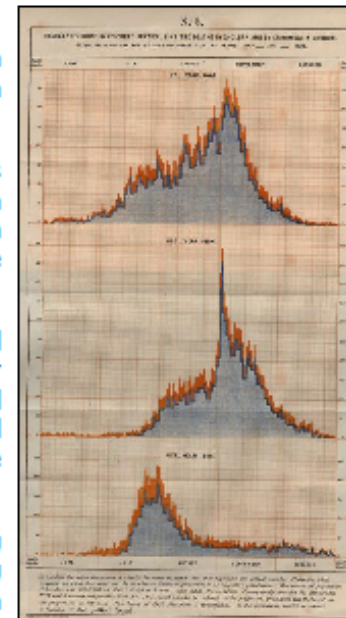
The Online Historical Population Reports (OHPR) collection provides online access to the complete British population reports for Britain and Ireland from 1801 to 1937.

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These 200,000 pages of census and registration material for the British Isles are supported by numerous ancillary documents from The National Archives, critical essays and transcriptions of important legislation which provide an aid to understanding the context, content and creation of the collection.

In digitising this resource the OHPR has enabled Browsing through the collection by date or geography, or Searching the content directly. Documents relating to the digitization and web development process may be accessed via the Project tab.

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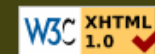


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Dr. M<sup>c</sup>Cormick's  
Plan for a Boat  
Expedition.

COPY of a LETTER from Dr. M<sup>c</sup>Cormick to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

11, Apsley Cottages, Twickenham Green,  
20 February 1850.

Sir,  
I BEG leave to transmit herewith, for the approval of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a list of the crew, gear and provisions and clothing requisite for the equipment of the Boat Expedition, which I have volunteered to conduct in search of Her Majesty's ships "Erebus" and "Terror," under the command of Captain Sir John Franklin.

The boat I should prefer for this service would be one similar, in the materials of its construction, to the boat used by Sir Edward Parry, in his attempt to reach the North Pole in the year 1827; but this I must leave to the superior judgment

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## WELCOME

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**Welcome to the Toolkit for the Impact of Digitised Scholarly Resources.**

This toolkit, first assembled in 2009, is an effort to give a variety of people interested in understanding ways of measuring the impacts that their online scholarly resources are having. This website is meant to be a growing resource, with additional contributions from experts expanding and modifying it over time. If you have a contribution you would like to make, we encourage your participation!

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## Interviews

- Key project personnel
- Related but non included institutional personnel
- End-user communities
- Subject specialists
- Other stakeholders
- Funding personnel



## Project impacts revealed through interviews

- Quality of undergraduate dissertation work improved by early contact with digitised primary sources  
*‘Histpop made it possible to do a completely different project’*
- Type of research projects being presented at conferences increasingly quantitative  
*‘You do feel the ground shifting...’*
- New possibilities for serendipitous research  
*‘What I’ve found most enjoyable... is the serendipity’*



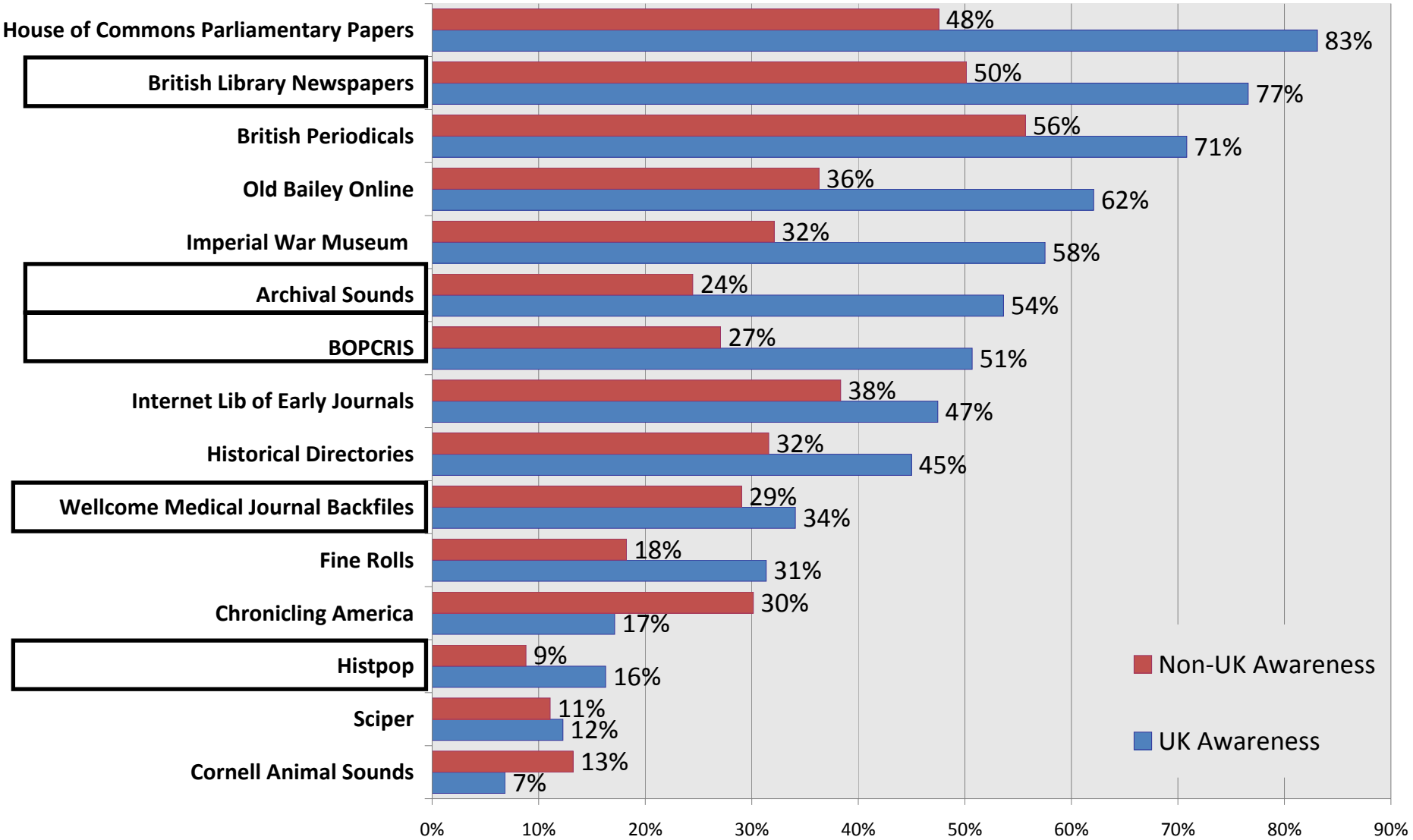
## Focus groups

Themes we covered:

- General attitude to and knowledge of digital resources
- Methods of searching for digital resources
- Citation of digital resources
- Issues of trust in discovering and using digital resources
- Training and support in using digital resources
- Resource specific questions – findability and usability

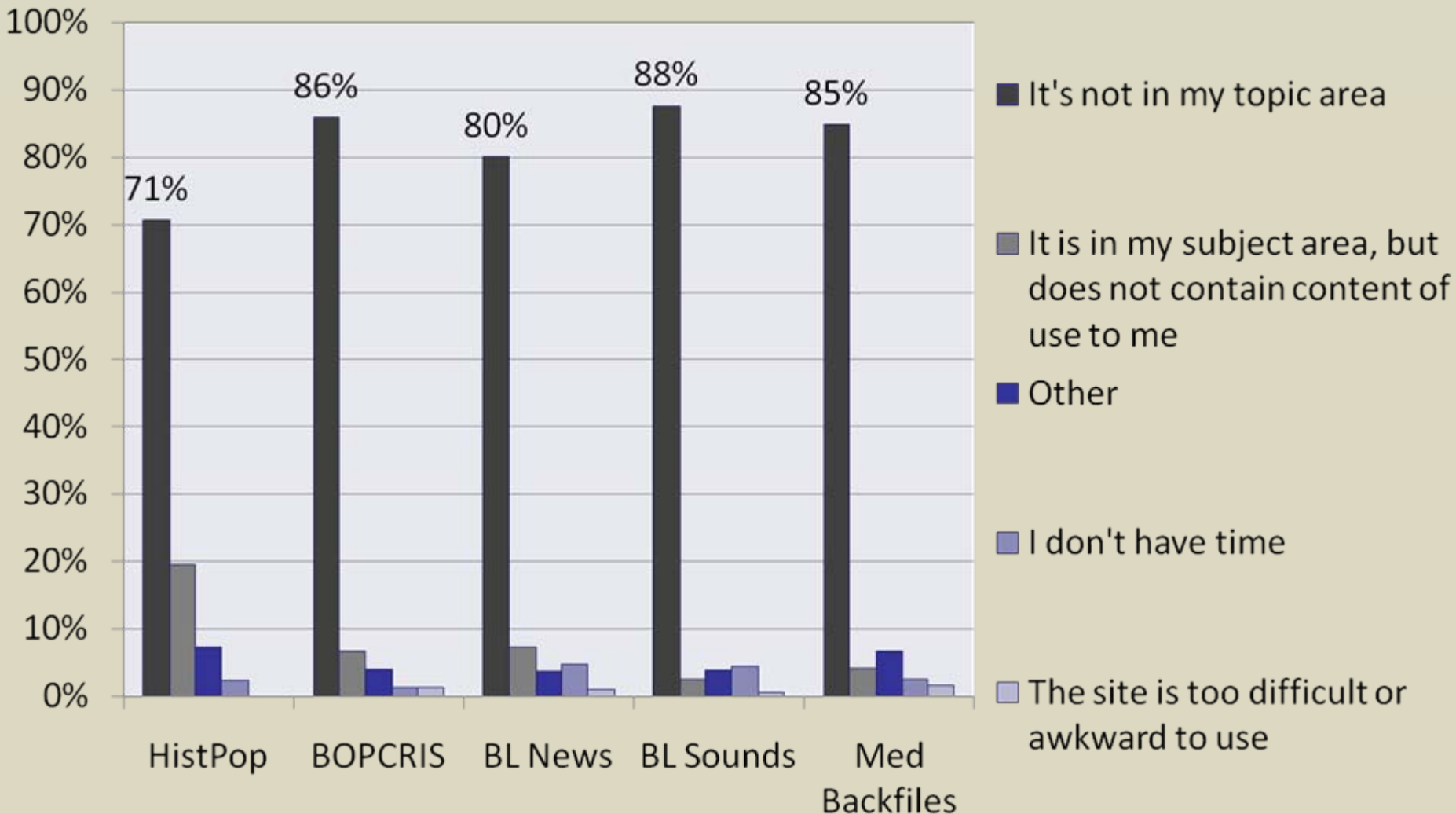


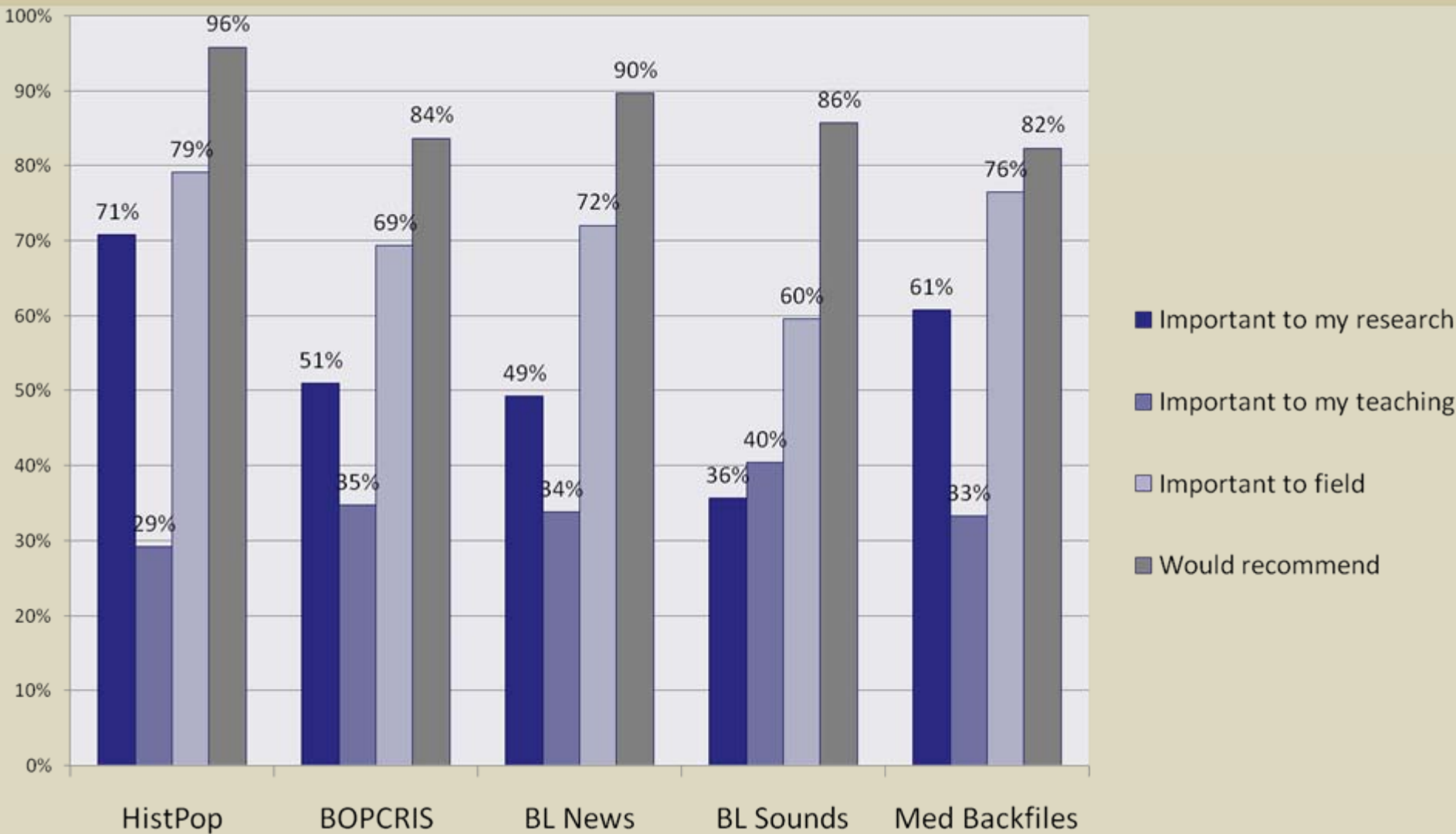
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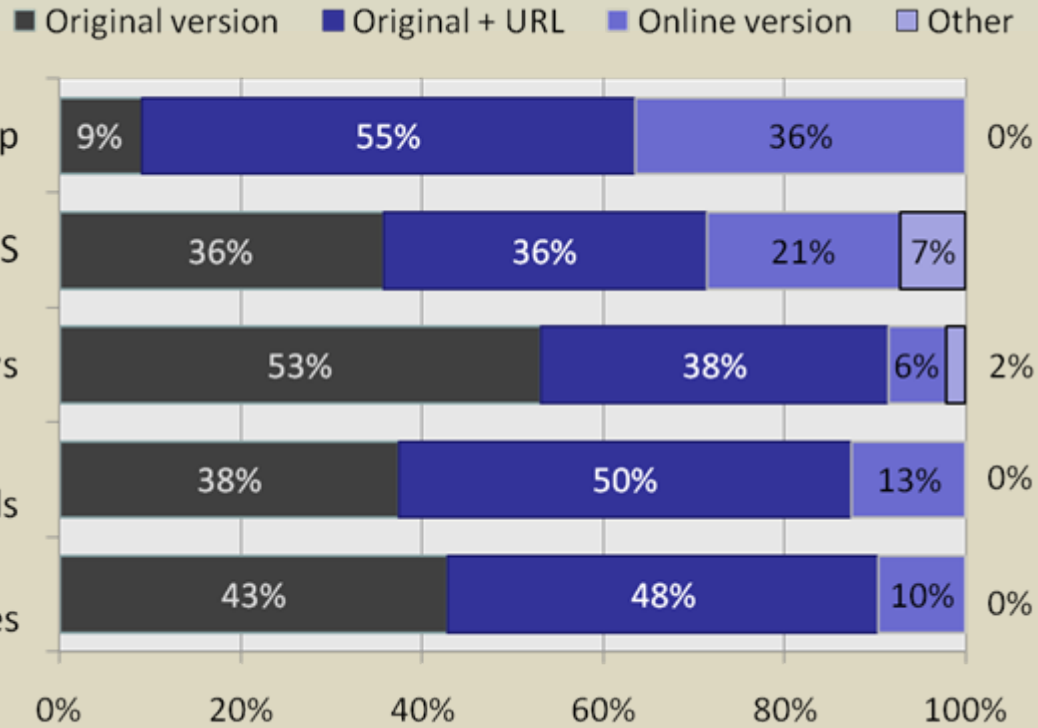
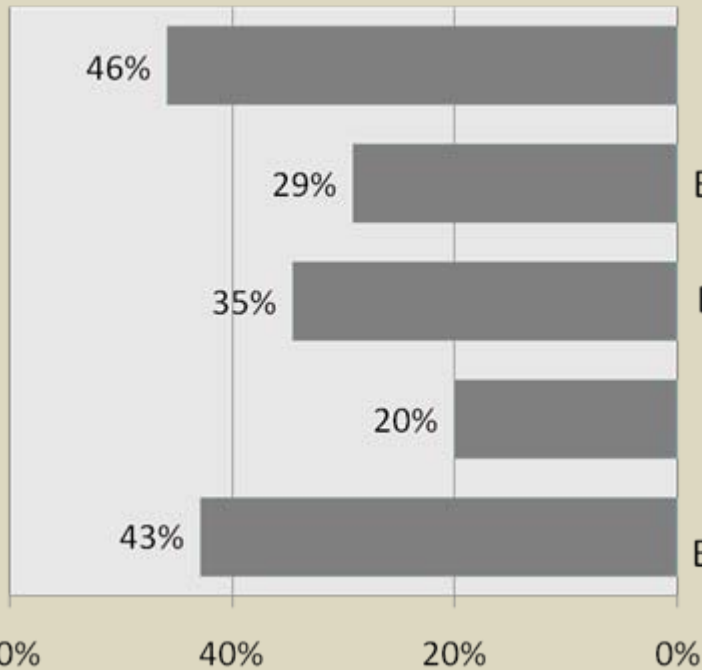






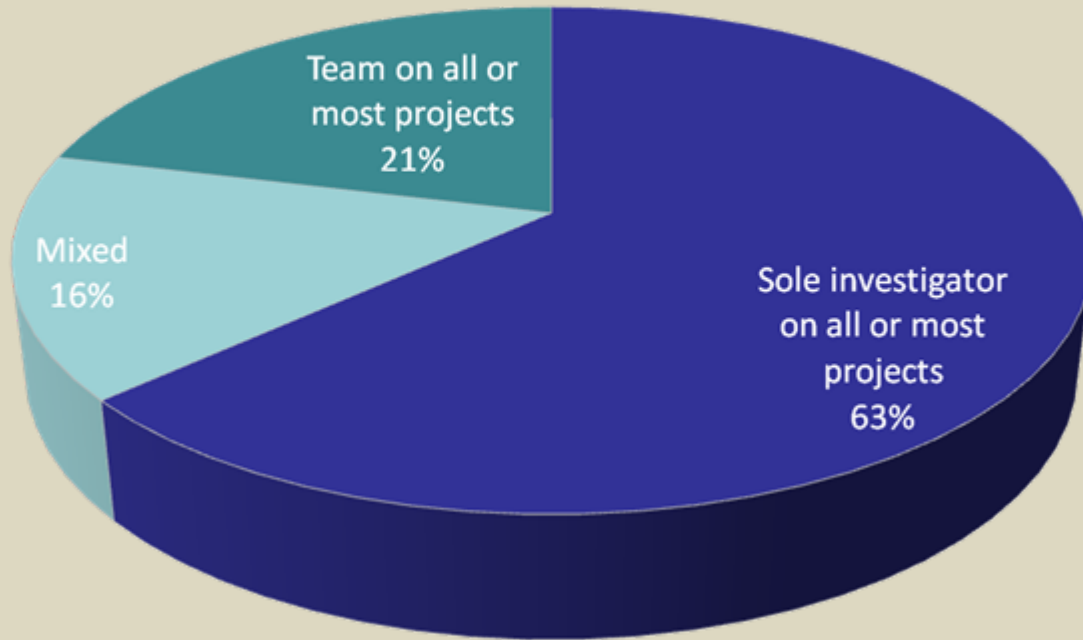
Have you ever published a piece based on your work in this collection?

If so, how did you cite the collection?





### Collaboration





# Key recommendations to JISC

- Close contact with users when developing a project is key
- Design for serendipitous discovery and flexible uses
- Measure impact from the beginning of any new project
- Monitor impact regularly, but don't become bogged down by it
- Build in sustainability strategies
- Use the measures for impact to try to enhance impact
- It is essential to view multiple sources of evidence to measure impact
- Inclusion within trusted gateways is important
- Be wary of changing URLs
- Custodians of original / analogue resources (librarians, archivists, curators, etc.) should be involved in the creation of the digital resource. Development of collections should include librarians, archivists, technical staff and programmers, user communities, and domain experts.



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