



JISC RepositoryNet

Repositories are important for universities and colleges in helping to capture, manage and share institutional assets as a part of their information strategy. JISC is funding JISC RepositoryNet to help universities and colleges build and manage repositories so they are interoperable and research and learning outputs can be accessed and re-used.

JISC RepositoryNet

In 2006 JISC committed £15 million towards Digital Repositories and Preservation activity, to support the UK educational community in realising the benefits of digital repositories, and as part of this work JISC has established JISC RepositoryNet.

JISC RepositoryNet brings together a number of activities that have been funded by JISC including:

- Repositories Support Project
- The Depot, a repository for UK researchers
- Intute: Repository Search
- Repositories Research Team

JISC is also funding a number of universities and colleges to set up or further develop repositories for their research and learning assets. In order to realise the potential of a distributed network of digital repositories it is important that institutions set up their repositories according to common standards and for them to embed the use of repositories within their institutions and working processes. The aim of JISC RepositoryNet is to help form an interoperable network of repositories. It will do this by providing UK universities and colleges with access to trusted and expert information about repositories and by supporting some key services that form building blocks for a network of repositories.

By working together, sharing practice and implementing common standards, UK universities and colleges can help to improve access to research and learning and to manage and curate their output.

All repositories within UK universities and colleges can participate in and contribute to RepositoryNet, for example by implementing common practice. JISC has funded four projects that will undertake activity to help coordinate and share practice:

Intute: Repository Search

Content deposited in institutional repositories is growing, however there is no comprehensive and easy way to search and retrieve this content. In order for this content to be useful to the UK higher education community it must be widely accessible. In partnership with UKOLN and SHERPA, Intute has been commissioned by JISC to develop a simple and comprehensive repository search engine that will help the UK higher education community discover, access and retrieve the content stored in institutional repositories.

The name of the search engine is Intute: Repository Search. A prototype of the search engine is available now and can be used to search across 69 UK academic repositories and The Depot. These repositories contain over 140,000 working papers, journal articles, reports, conference papers and other scholarly items. The search results will link to the full text of the items stored in the relevant institutional repositories if the content has been made available as Open Access.

The Intute repository search project will:

- Make it easier for the UK higher education community to find and use Open Access material
- Raise the visibility of repository content
- Encourage the deposit of content

<http://irs.ukoln.ac.uk>

Use the Intute: Repository Search feedback form for any enquiries: <http://irs.ukoln.ac.uk/feedback>

The Depot

'Put it in the Depot'

The Depot is a service that enables all UK researchers to deposit their academic papers and other outputs under terms of Open Access, including those whose institution does not yet have a repository.

The Depot is provided as a national facility to support the policies of UK universities and national funding agencies towards Open Access, aiding policy development in advance of a comprehensive institutional repository network.

The Depot offers the following features:

- It will accept published papers from researchers at institutions that do not currently have an institutional repository. The principal target is articles that have been peer-reviewed and accepted for publication. These articles are called post-prints
- It will redirect users to the correct institutional repository where one already exists
- It will support the transfer of relevant content to help populate new institutional repositories when they are established. Institutions will be notified when deposits are made
- It conforms to institutional repository standards so that Intute: Repository Search and other search engines and services can locate and use the contents of The Depot. www.depot.edina.ac.uk

The Depot is being managed as a service at EDINA.

If you have an enquiry please contact the EDINA helpdesk
Email: edina@ed.ac.uk Tel: 0131 650 3302

Repositories Support Project

The Repositories Support Project (RSP) offers good practice and practical advice to English and Welsh higher education institutions (HEIs) to enable the implementation, management and development of digital institutional repositories.

The RSP will contribute to building repository capacity, knowledge and skills within institutions. Through providing guidance and advice, it will benefit the whole of the UK sector resulting in the wider take-up and development of institutional repositories.

The aim of the RSP is to progress the vision of a deployed network of inter-working repositories for academic papers, learning materials and research data across the UK and encourage:

- More repositories
- More content in repositories
- More use of content by researchers
- More re-use in innovative services

The RSP is building a databank of expertise, know-how and best practice. Its support materials will concentrate on four broad themes:

- Technical: software selection and installation, technologies, metadata and interoperability
- Organisational: staffing, business requirements and incentives, copyright clearance and digital rights management
- Repository management: policies, workflows, archiving and preservation
- Advocacy: advocating to different stakeholders and advising on advocacy within institutions
www.rsp.ac.uk

If you have an enquiry, please email the Repositories Support Project.

Email: rsp@nottingham.ac.uk

Repositories Research Team

JISC has established the Repositories Research Team in order to bring together JISC project outcomes and in particular to further technical understanding in the area. The remit for the work of the research team includes:

- Liaising with other national and international repositories activities
- Synthesizing JISC project and programme outcomes
- Engaging with interoperability standards activity and repository architectures
- Gathering use cases and scenarios from JISC projects and helping them exploit synergies with similar projects and initiatives

The Repositories Research Team is a collaboration between UKOLN and CETIS.

If you have an enquiry please email the Repositories Research Team.

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EDINA

www.edina.ac.uk

JISC Repositories and Preservation Programme

www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres.aspx

JISC also funds a learning materials repository called **Jorum**.

Jorum can be used by UK higher and further education institutions to deposit and access learning materials. www.jorum.ac.uk

Repositories Research Team

www.ukoln.ac.uk/repositories/digirep/index/Repositories_Research

SHERPA

www.sherpa.ac.uk

UKOLN

www.ukoln.ac.uk