

A Broad View of Repositories

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Information Environment

- The JISC Repositories and Preservation programme is a £14m investment in Higher Education repository and digital content infrastructure.
- The programme contains 44 projects that are starting up or enhancing repositories.

This tag cloud represents the themes that the start up and repository projects are addressing.

e-Learning Research outputs

e-Theses Research data Multimedia and images

Preservation IPR Web 2.0

Repository software development

Academic collaboration Administrative documentation

Integration/Embedding

- Research outputs is, unsurprisingly, the most common theme.
- The range of work within this theme is varied:
 - different software platforms
 - improving deposit rates
 - embedding within university practice
- Some interesting projects:
 - EMBRACE
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/embrace.aspx
 - AIR
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/air.aspx
 - IncReASe
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/increase.aspx

- Many departments produce non textual research objects
- A few projects addressing the needs of these communities.
- Kultur
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/kultur.aspx
- Primo
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/primo.aspx
 - <http://primo.sas.ac.uk/eprints/>

- Theses generally not available electronically and are more difficult to search and borrow than other academic materials.
- Repositories are ideal for storing this information. But there are obstacles such as IPR and examination procedures to take into account.
- EThOSNet
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/ethosnet.aspx
- From Entry to EThOS
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/entry.aspx

- E-Learning is the second largest theme in the start up and enhancement strand.
- Now that VLEs are so heavily involved in HE there is an opportunity to share the objects that are used to teach students in a virtual environment. Can of course, rely to objects used in the classroom if they are in digital format.
- Depositing learning objects in repositories does not have the same momentum or ideological weight that research outputs have but there are a lot of interesting projects that are investigating this area and there is a national service in Jorum (<http://www.jorum.ac.uk/>)
- Faroes
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/faroes.aspx
- Pocket
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/pocket.aspx
 - Builds on OpenLearn: <http://openlearn.open.ac.uk/>

- There is a lot of data produced by researchers that does not get published in journals. This data is of great interest to other academics.
- Like learning objects, sharing data does not necessarily appeal to as much of the academic community as sharing research objects.
- DISC-UK Datashare
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/datashare.aspx
- eCrystals Federation
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/ecrystals.aspx
 - Continuation of eBank project: <http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/projects/ebank-uk/>

■ Grey Literature

- Committee papers, administration records, other output of Universities.
- KCL Committee Zone
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/kcl_committee_zone.aspx

■ Conference information

- Access Grid
- RACE
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/race.aspx

- How many different repositories could my institution produce?
- It depends.....
- Some Institutions are choosing to use one repository for a wide range of materials.
 - Nottingham Trent
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/ir_nott_trent.aspx
 - Bucks Knowledge Archive
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/chilternrep.aspx
- Other institutions are working at getting their different repositories to interoperate fluidly:
 - BID (university of Oxford)
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/bid.aspx

- More information on the Start Up and Enhancement Projects:
 - Themes:
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/suethemes.aspx
 - Software:
http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/programme_rep_pres/repositories_sue/software.aspx
- More general information about repositories:
 - Repository Support Project: <http://www.rsp.ac.uk/>

Any Questions?

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