Strength in Numbers: Leveraging global collaboration to standardize IR usage measurement and assessment

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- » Data-driven culture
- » Lack of consistent, comparable usage data
- » Hinders collections assessment and ability to demonstrate value (ROI, impact comparisons, etc.)



Background on IRUS



Institutional Repository Usage Statistics (IRUS)

IRUS-USA

» An aggregation service, enabling IRs to share/expose usage statistics at the individual item level, based on a global standard – COUNTER

- » Collect raw download data from IRs all item types within repositories
- » Process those raw data into COUNTERconformant statistics

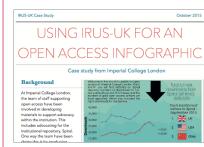


Case studies: available in IRUS-UK Support Materials (http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/support)

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 >90% of eligible UK IRs are using IRUS-UK, this participation provides opportunities. These are illustrated within several case studies.

Imperial College London

Developing materials to support advocacy for their institutional repository, Spiral



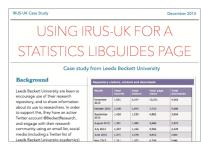
Aberystwyth University

Promoting Open Access activity and systems



Leeds Beckett University

Encouraging use of their institutional repository



Reading University

Reporting to a senior management research committee



White Rose Research Online

Combining repository usage and Altmetric data (+ DIY guide for other IRs)



Open University

Promoting the benefits of their repository and benchmarking





Stakeholders & selected use cases

Repository manager	Researcher			International initiatives	OA publishers
I want to					
 Identify trends and patterns in usage Report to management Benchmark my IR performance against a national picture 	 Monitor usage and impact of my research Report usage of my research to my funding body 	 Monitor the transition to OA Assess impact of new policies Demonstrat e impact of funded research 	 Consume usage statistics for presentation in my product Utilise Robots exclusion list as a basis for developing my stats 	• Interact with a national aggregator providing a single point of transfer for usage stats	 Collate and aggregate usage stats from various platforms
Status					
Current	Current	Future	Current/future	Current	Future



Introduction to IRUS-USA Pilot Project



- March 2017: CLIR/DLF and JISC announce intent to collaborate
- » August 2017: Pilot began

- » Pilot Process:
 - Install Tracker Protocol Plugin
 - Test and evaluate data and reports
 - Provide feedback on results



- » Caltech [Authors]
- » Caltech [Thesis]
- » Indiana University [IUScholarWorks]
- » Montana State University [ScholarWorks]
- » University of Houston (via Texas Digital Library) [Institutional Repository]
- University of Maryland [DRUM]
- » University of Pittsburgh [D-Scholarship]



Pilot Logistics and Current Status

- » Community-driven decision making process
- Phased approach
- Leverage skillsets of distinct groups to refine pilot data collection and assessment





Repository Analytics & Metrics Portal



Overview of IRUS Interface







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Overall Summary

These tables provide summaries of data in IRUS-USA including: number of participating repositories, number of items downloaded from these repositories since they joined, numbers of downloads (in total, to the end of the previous month, and during the current month) and also the latest date for which data is available in IRUS-USA.

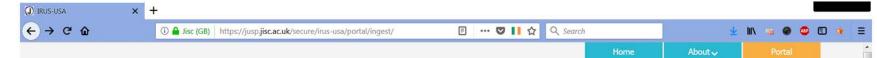
Overall Summary

Headlines at a glance as of 11th	Feb 2018
Repositories	7
Items	85,968
Downloads up to Jan-2018	2,229,285
Downloads in Feb-2018, so far	209,732
Total Downloads	2,439,017

Yearly summaries

Year	No. of Repositories	Article Downloads	Total Downloads
2017	7	249,024	1,682,815
2018	7	84,142	546,470







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Ingest Summary Statistics

This table provides an analysis of the data ingest process for each participating repository. It shows for each repository: the total number of downloads recorded since they joined (RawDataln); the number of downloads by applications listed in the COUNTER Code of Practice as Internet robots, crawlers, spiders, etc. (http://www.projectcounter.org/code_practice.html">http://www.projectcounter.org/code_practice.html</hd>

Repository	RawDataIn	COUNTER Robots	IRUS-USA Exclusions	DoubleClicks	FilteredDataOut (Total downloads)
Overall Totals	6,006,134	1,954,913	1,370,893	241,311	2,439,017
Caltech [Authors]	1,450,257	882,134	113,542	12,838	441,743
Caltech [Thesis]	355,535	224,604	32,125	2,457	96,349
Indiana University [IUScholarWorks]	288,571	4,162	84,028	20,110	180,271
Montana State University [ScholarWorks]	838,386	17,937	288,727	71,560	460,162
University of Houston [Institutional Repository]	137,755	1,466	70,765	15,511	50,013
University of Maryland [DRUM]	1,320,549	7,339	345,465	99,624	868,121
University of Pittsburgh [D-Scholarship]	1,615,081	817,271	436,241	19,211	342,358







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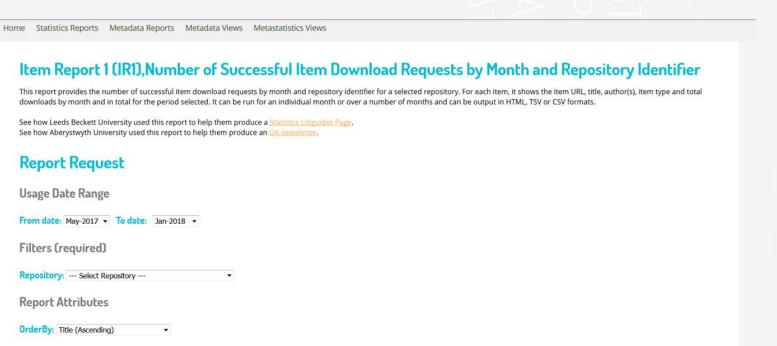
ItemTypes Report

This table provides a breakdown of the item types used by participating repositories that have been mapped to each of the IRUS-USA item types used in the Item Type Statistics table.

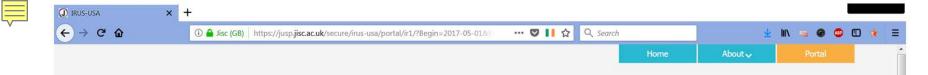
Comparison of IRUS-USA item types and repository item types

IRUS-USA item type	Repository item type	No. of items
Article	Article	5,213
Article	Article; Dataset	1
Article	Article; Dataset; Other	1
Article	Article; NonPeerReviewed	202
Article	Article; Other	2
Article	Article; PeerReviewed	28,470
Article	Article; Software	1
Article	Article; Technical Report	1
Article	Book review	13
Article	Literature Review	2
Article	Periodical	61
Article	Publication	22
Audio	Audio file	9
Audio	Audio; NonPeerReviewed	1

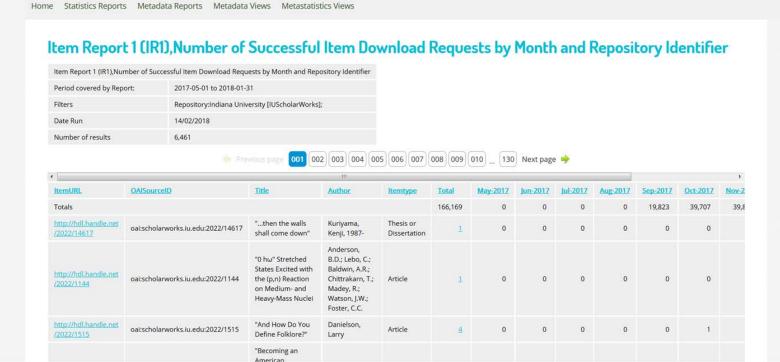




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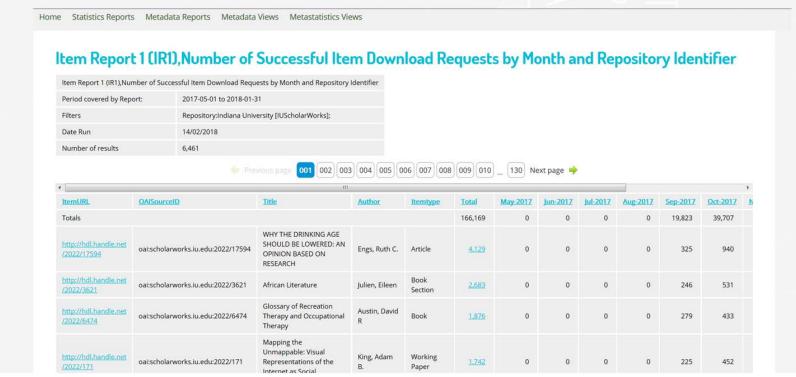
















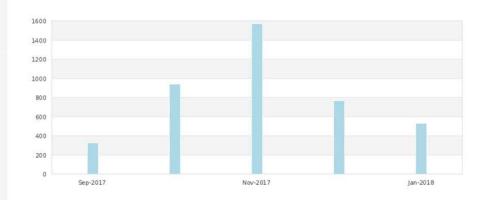
Item Statistics

WHY THE DRINKING AGE SHOULD BE LOWERED: AN OPINION BASED ON RESEARCH

Author(s)	Engs, Ruth C.
IRUS Item type	Article
Source Item type	Article
URL	http://hdl.handle.net/2022/17594
Repository	Indiana University [IUScholarWorks]
Platform	DSpace

Monthly downloads from Indiana University [IUScholarWorks] (4129)

Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018
325	940	1572	764	528







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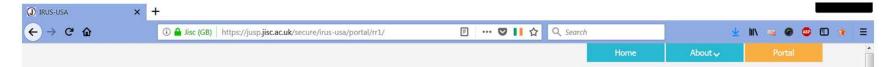
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Period covered by Report: 2017-05-01 to 2018-01-31 Repository:Montana State University [ScholarWorks]; Filters Date Run 14/02/2018 Number of results 7,117

ItemURL	Title	Author	Total	May-2017	Jun-2017	Jul-2017	Aug-2017	Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018
Totals			323,111	24,033	34,037	35,670	30,846	35,474	37,948	44,401	35,601	45,101
http://scholarworks.montana.edu /xmlui/handle/1/2237	Action research in mathematics education : a study of a master's program for teachers	Segal, Sarah Ultan.	41.573	2,436	4,033	4,759	4,640	4,124	5,348	5,736	4,593	5,904
http://scholarworks.montana.edu /xmlui/handle/1/2224	A descriptive study of childhood obesity monitoring practices used by Montana pediatric providers	Schwarzkopf, Nancy Denise.	10,352	608	1,117	1,111	888	1,107	1,215	1,525	1,006	1,775
http://scholarworks.montana.edu /xmlui/handle/1/2449	Importance of financial literacy and financial literacy content in curriculum	Tschache, Candice Arrington.	6,403	284	360	615	613	738	751	1,021	684	1,337







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Repository Report 1 (RR1), Number of Successful Item Download Requests by Month and Repository

This report enables you to view the number of successful item downloads by month for all participating repositories. The report can be filtered to limit the results to a selected item type. It can be run for an individual month or over a number of months and can be output in HTML, TSV or CSV formats. The results can be sorted by repository or by total number of downloads in ascending or descending order.>.

See how The University of Reading used this report to help them produce a Report to senior management. See how the Open University used this report to help them produce Data to support benchmarking.

Report Request

Usage Date Range

Begin date: May-2017 ▼ End date: Jan-2018 ▼

Filters (optional)

Item Type: --- ItemType ---

Report Attributes

Format: HTML -







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To whom it may concern

Period covered by Report: 2017-05-01 to 2018-01-31

Filters: 2018-02-14

Number of results

Repository	Total	May-2017	Jun-2017	Jul-2017	Aug-2017	Sep-2017	Oct-2017	Nov-2017	Dec-2017	Jan-2018
Totals	2,229,285	32,177	45,011	46,917	42,662	121,238	427,411	519,057	448,342	546,470
Caltech [Authors]	397,066	0	0	0	0	0	75,836	104,560	99,071	117,599
Caltech [Thesis]	85,548	0	0	0	0	0	16,772	20,529	20,764	27,483
Indiana University [IUScholarWorks]	166,169	0	0	0	0	19,823	39,707	39,819	33,706	33,114
ScholarWorks	436,354	32,177	45,011	46,917	42,662	48,651	53,694	59,375	47,629	60,238
University of Houston [Institutional Repository]	44,088	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,306	15,453	16,329
University of Maryland [DRUM]	784,774	0	0	0	0	11,280	171,938	214,244	169,774	217,538
University of Pittsburgh [D-Scholarship]	315,286	0	0	0	0	41,484	69,464	68,224	61,945	74,169



Pilot Benefits and Lessons Learned (so far)...



Pilot Benefits To Date

1. Standards

- Encourage use and adherence to appropriate standards to:
 - ensure comparison & consistency
 - support interoperability

2. Collaboration

- Learn from others, both nationally and internationally
- Share resources for ensuring the measurement of impact is clear and useful, and that metrics and tools are suitably applied
- » Leveraging expertise



Lessons Learned – In Progress (1 of 3)

What are the benefits of comparing IR usage among US users?

- »» What opportunities are there for international comparison of IR usage or for demonstrating the impact of advocacy campaigns, i.e. OA Week?
- »» Are existing, recorded IRUS-UK use cases applicable on an international basis?



Lessons Learned – In Progress (2 of 3)

- » How can IRUS adapt to better serve evolving and expanding stakeholder needs?
 - »» Who are the broader community of stakeholders (beyond IR administrators) and what benefits could they get from a service like IRUS?
 - »» What additional metrics and comparisons should be developed to better engage expanded stakeholder communities?



Lessons Learned – In Progress (3 of 3)

- » What would an expanded IRUS-USA service model look like?
- What assessment methods should be employed to determine the value and continual optimization of an IRUS-USA service?



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