



## An institutional repository is the best means for providing Open Access to research output, maximizing its visibility, usage and impact.

**The University of Southampton's School of Electronics and Computer Science leads the world in open access, software to support it, and its applications.**

We have built repositories for clients ranging from large, broad-based research universities to single-subject departments. Taking the time to understand the client's particular situation and requirements, we provide sound advice based on this extensive experience.

Our unrivalled expertise in understanding, developing and applying policies for repositories in research-based institutions is fundamental to our approach. The final product is a repository that fulfils all your needs.

EPrints Services offers a range of great value-for-money packages to meet the general needs of all clients.

Our standard packages are shown on our website – and while these have been developed to cover the most usual requirements of research-based institutions, we understand that every institution is unique in some way and that a completely standardised package may not always be appropriate.

For this reason, every package can be tailored to provide exactly what you require in terms of the size and complexity of your repository and the bespoke enhancement of the free EPrints software upon which it will run.

### Institutional Repositories The advantages

- providing the means to Open Access for your researchers' work
- increasing citations and the impact of their articles, hence also research income
- simplifying CV-generation, research performance assessment (internal and external, e.g. RAE submissions), grant-application and fulfillment (e.g. RCUK)
- providing a home for teaching and learning materials
- enabling data-sharing and enhancing research opportunities
- providing a unified means of record-keeping, monitoring and rewarding institutional research assets



## EPrints Services can help with:

- Training IT or library personnel to set up and run a repository
- Advice on policy matters, such as how to develop an institutional archiving policy and how to facilitate, incentivise, monitor and reward compliance
- Complete repository-building service
- Customisation to client's specifications
- Technical support
- Ongoing repository-hosting and maintenance function if required
- Advice on populating the repository, including document formats and structure
- Advice and practical help with advocacy and promotion of the repository within the institution

The EPrints software has the largest – and most broadly distributed – installed base of any of the repository software systems described here.

**Open Society Institute Guide to Institutional Repository Software**

EPrints worldwide-installed base affords an extensive support network for new implementations. The size [...] suggests that an institution can get it up and running relatively quickly and with a minimum of technical expertise. The number of EPrints installations that have augmented the system's baseline capabilities [...] indicates that the system can be readily modified to meet local requirements.

EPrints validates many of [self-archiving's] claims. It is possible for researchers to make their research freely available to everyone, increasing the impact of their research in the process [...]. With EPrints and the Open Archives Initiative, the fundamental building blocks are in place to spread this revolution to all other disciplines.

**Ed Sponser and Eric F Van de Velde, Caltech (SPARC review of EPrints software).**

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