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Institutional Repository Usage Statistics UK (IRUS-UK)

IRUS-UK collects raw usage data from UK Institutional Repositories (IRs) and processes these data into COUNTER-conformant statistics. This provides repositories with comparable, authoritative, standards-based data and opportunities for profiling at a national level. The IRUS-UK service is a community-driven development, responding to user needs.

Welcome to four new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, bringing the current total to 147 repositories:

- **University of Liverpool Repository** (the University of Liverpool)
- **Westminster Research** (the University of Westminster)
- **QMU Repository** (Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh)
- **Aberystwyth Research Portal** (Aberystwyth University)

We are currently working with a variety of software including EPrints, DSpace, Pure portal, Fedora, Worktribe and Haplo.

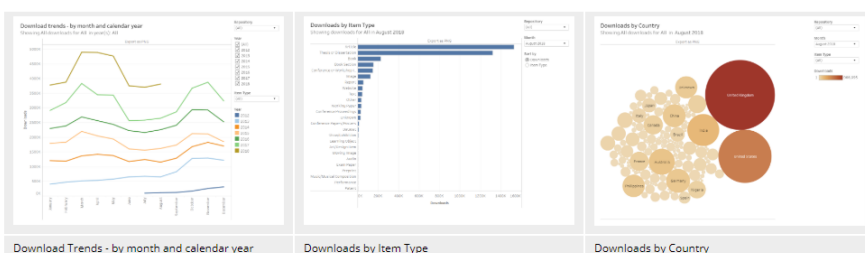
If you would like to participate in IRUS-UK, then please contact our helpdesk help@jisc.ac.uk adding IRUS-UK to the subject field.

Data visualisations

In October we released an initial set of three data visualisations of download usage data. Visualisations indicating download trends over time, downloads by item type and downloads by country offer alternative views of data held within the portal and flexibility to



present IRUS usage data in an engaging format. Further visualisations to supplement the initial set will be released in 2019 Q1.



All visualisations can be viewed across all repositories or individually. The default setting on each is for your own repository.

'Guide to visualisations' indicates the current visualisations available and how you can customise them. You can download the guide: [Guide to visualisations](#) (PDF).

New case studies: OAPEN, OpenAIRE and CORE

Standardised usage statistics are important in order to monitor and demonstrate Open Access developments. Three new case studies published on the service website in October outline how IRUS-UK has collaborated with international initiatives (CORE, OAPEN and OpenAIRE) to enhance the provision of COUNTER-conformant usage statistics globally.

The IRUS collaboration with OAPEN supports usage reporting to funders and publishers whose books are available in OAPEN. Utilising IRUS data, OAPEN partner KU Research, has been able to understand more about patterns of usage of Open Access ebooks. View the case study [here](#).

IRUS-UK represents UK repositories to increase the efficiency of OpenAIRE as usage statistics from the majority of UK repositories can be gathered through the IRUS API. Both services collaborate on international committees to contribute to the ongoing standardisation of usage statistics globally. View the case study [here](#).

The collaboration with CORE allows repository managers to view combined CORE and IRUS-UK usage statistics to understand what portion of usage is through CORE and via their native repositories. This helps to demonstrate increased exposure and usage of institutional repository content that is harvested by aggregators such as CORE. View the case study [here](#).

'IRUS-UK: the technical aspects' webinar recording

On the 24th of October we held a webinar 'IRUS-UK: the technical aspects'.

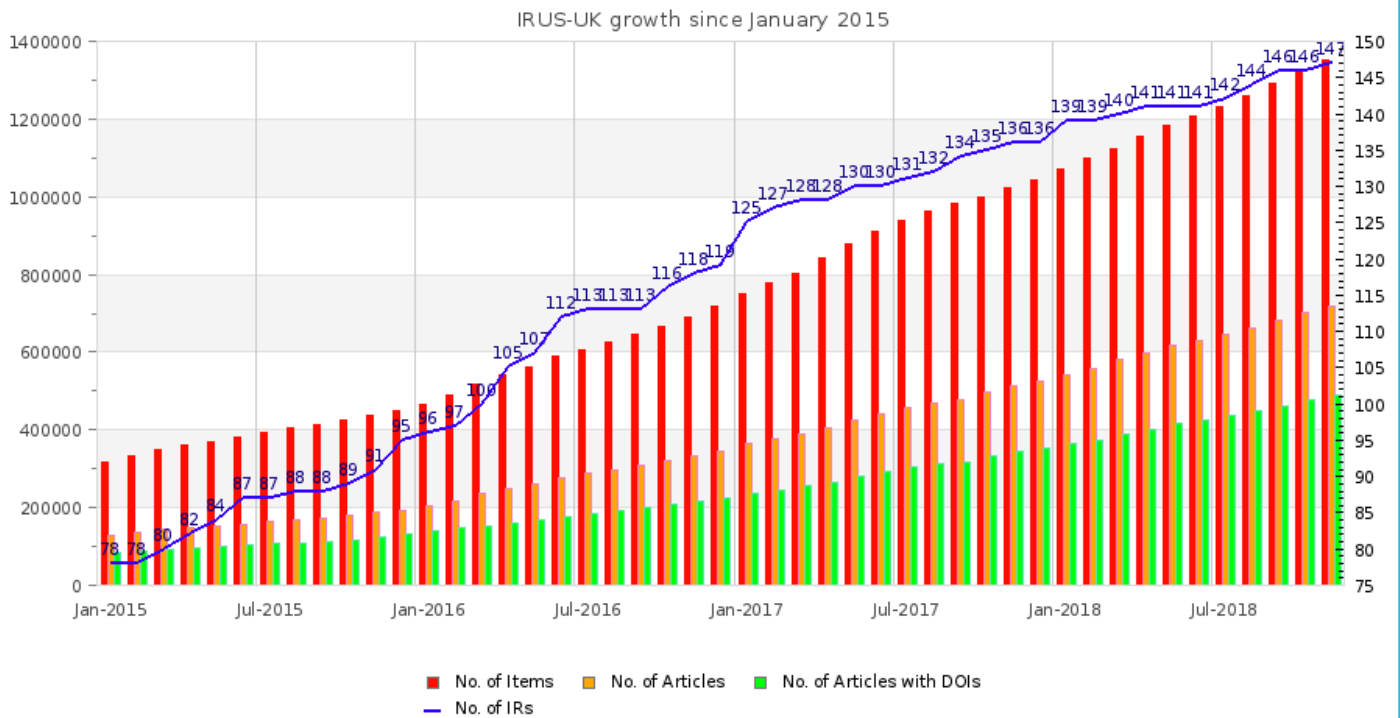
The webinar covered how we gather and process raw data, the IRUS tracker, filtering robot and rogue usage, exposing usage statistics, and recent developments.

Download the presentation: [PDF](#), [PowerPoint 2010](#)

Watch the video: ["IRUS-UK: technical aspects" \(MP4\)](#)

We held two webinars earlier in the year, one on exposing ORCIDs and one as an introduction to the service. They are also available from our website at <http://irus.mimas.ac.uk/activities/webinars/>.

IRUS-UK growth over time



Project Honey Pot

Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has

contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. Further information can be found on the Project website <http://www.projecthoneypot.org/index.php>.

Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with service developments by visiting our website www.irus.mimas.ac.uk

We welcome your views on your experience of using the website and portal.

Please get in touch if you have comments, questions or ideas for future developments.

