

# IRUS-UK

## Use cases

Over the past few months we have been collating information to produce a series of use cases. This has involved identifying, with the help of some of our participating repositories, different areas IRUS-UK can help with and how the data can be used. We are currently finalising a series of five use cases:

- Providing standards-based reliable repository statistics
- Reporting to institutional managers
- Reporting to researchers
- Benchmarking
- Supporting advocacy

These will be available on the website shortly.

## Out and about

**1:AM: 1<sup>st</sup> Altmetrics Conference:** In London, 25-26<sup>th</sup> September, Ross MacIntyre took part in a panel session: 'How are people using altmetrics now?', where he presented an overview of how altmetrics have been used to date, including the benefits and challenges of this, along with future plans. YouTube video: (<http://tinyurl.com/pxs4nqg>)

**Munin Conference on Scholarly Publishing:** In Tromsø, Norway, 26-27<sup>th</sup> November, Ross MacIntyre is giving a presentation "National shared service – aggregating Institutional Repository download statistics in UK" as well as holding a poster session.

**Article:** IRUS-UK team members are writing an article for the National Acquisitions Group (NAG) to be included in the next edition of their online journal 'Taking Stock'.

## Institutional Repositories Usage Statistics in UK (IRUS-UK)

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

## Welcome to six new participants

We would like to welcome our latest participating institutional repositories, meaning we currently have 70 institutional repositories representing 50% of eligible repositories:

Cardiff Met repository

Loughborough University Institutional Repository

LSE Theses Online

SpectraDSpace at Imperial College

STORRE: Stirling Online Research Repository

University of Hull, Hydra

### Other news

Our Community Advisory Group (CAG) is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> conference call on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Item types

The latest version of the IRUS-UK 'Item Types' report (v3.3) is now available from our website

[http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/toolbox/IRUS\\_item\\_type\\_report\\_v3.3.pdf](http://www.irus.mimas.ac.uk/help/toolbox/IRUS_item_type_report_v3.3.pdf). It

includes an examination of the effectiveness of our current item type mappings and details of new or amended guidelines on item types that have been made available since version 2.0 of the report was published.

This work has resulted in minor changes to the item type mappings that we use. These are detailed in the report.

## Improving the quality of your data in IRUS-UK

In order to improve the quality of your usage data in IRUS-UK, we want to ensure that we don't exclude any downloads that we should include and that we don't include any downloads that we shouldn't include.

If you have not yet let us have details of the IP addresses of any of the following, please can you do so or let us know if you don't use any:

1. Any institutional web proxy server that you use so that we don't mistake these for robots and exclude usage from them.
2. The IP addresses of any machines used to administer the repository and make test downloads. We want to exclude these from your usage data.

## Project Honey Pot

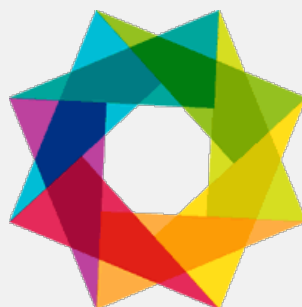
Project Honey Pot is a free, distributed, web-based, open source system for identifying the IP addresses of spammers and spambots. IRUS-UK is participating in Project Honey Pot and has contributed to the project by identifying a previously unknown email harvester. We recommend that our users also participate. Further information can be found on the Project website (<http://www.projecthoneypot.org/index.php>).

## Contact Us

You can keep up-to-date with developments by visiting our website [www.irus.mimas.ac.uk](http://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.



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