

Development and Usage of Open Archives in France

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Background

- Promotion of COUNTER in France (*since 2005*)
- Usage studies of online resources (*since 2006*)
- Survey on development and usage of open repositories in France (*2008-2010*)
- Case study on log files and usage statistics of Lille institutional repository (*2009-2010*)
- Two conferences at Lille on usage assessment (*2008 and 2009*)
- Several publications and communications
- International collaboration

Team & Projects

- Multidisciplinary research team (~10 scientists and professionals)
- Audit of access to academic resources by 30+ HE institutions in the Lyon region
- Case study with international academic publisher (200+ serials and 800 e-books)
- Case study on French OA platform (200+ titles)
- Working group on usage statistics of French academic consortium COUPERIN
- Scientific follow-up of European PEER study

OA in France

Growth of the OpenDOAR Database
France



Survey figures:

150 OA sites in 2009,
with 1.8m items

66 Research
61 HE
23 Other

81 IR
19 Subject
11 National
23 Scientific
16 Other

- Stakeholders: CNRS (CCSD, CLEO, INIST), universities (COUPERIN)
- National repository (HAL) but lack of coordination and standardization
- Growing awareness on usage statistics, some models and initiatives

Our approach

- State of the art (COUNTER, PIRUS, DINI etc.)
- Evaluation of log file metrics (CIBER, Cybermetrics)
- Assessment of usage statistics (IRIS case study)
- Discussion of empirical results
- Recommandations

Recommandations

For the development of OA usage assessment

1. *User-centred design*
2. *COUNTER compliant approach*
3. *Limited number of metrics*
4. *Terminology/Glossary*
5. *Monthly distribution of statistics*
6. *Distinction full text vs records (metadata)*

Recommandations

For the development of added value services

1. *Modular statistics*
2. *Cumulative tables*
3. *Technical assistance and explanation*
4. *Alternative impact measures (citations, links, annotations, social tagging, bookmarks...)*

Recommandations

For the development of web log analysis

1. *4 activity metrics (page views, downloads, sessions, site penetration)*
2. *4 content related metrics (name of source used, subject of source, age of source used, type of material used)*
3. *3 navigation metrics (search approach, form of navigation, referral links)*
4. *2 user related metrics (geographical location, name of organization)*

Next steps

- *Glossary of usage statistics and web log metrics (eng – jpn – ger – fre)*
- *Minimal requirements for OA/IR usage statistics*
- *Recommandations for service environment*

- *Structuring of existing collaboration*
- *Partnership and exchange with COUNTER, JISC and other projects/organizations*

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