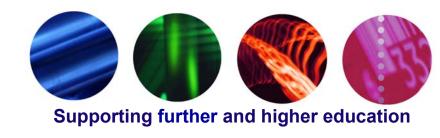
Joint Information Systems Committee

The UK FAIR Programme: OAI in context

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Joint Information Systems Committee

- Funded by UK Higher and Further Education funding councils
 - all post-16 education in the UK
- Serving >600 UK institutions
- Areas of responsibility
 - SuperJANET academic network
 - Data centres and advisory services
 - Development activity
 - Promote and disseminate best practice on the use of ICT
- http://www.jisc.ac.uk







- Focus on Access to Institutional Resources
- £2 million investment
- August 2002 October 2005
- 14 projects
- FAIR Advisory Board (FAB!)
 - Community representation
- http://www.jisc.ac.uk/programme_fair.html







- The 14 projects are split into 3 clusters
 - e-prints and e-theses (eFAIR 8 projects)
 - Museums and Images (4 projects)
 - Institutional Portals (2 projects)
- Projects are lasting from 1 year to 3 years
- Cover all post-16 education (university and college)
- Involve >40 institutions across the UK







- Investigate the deposit and disclosure of institutional assets
- Increase understanding of processes
 - Technical
 - Organisational
 - Cultural
- Contribute towards mechanisms and supporting services to allow the submission and sharing of content
- Inspired by the vision of the Open Archives Initiative







FAIR

- OAI and e-prints/e-theses
- OAI and museums
- OAI and preservation
- OAI and IPR
- Other JISC work
 - Pixus Image Portal
 - Working with publishers
 - Common Information Environment





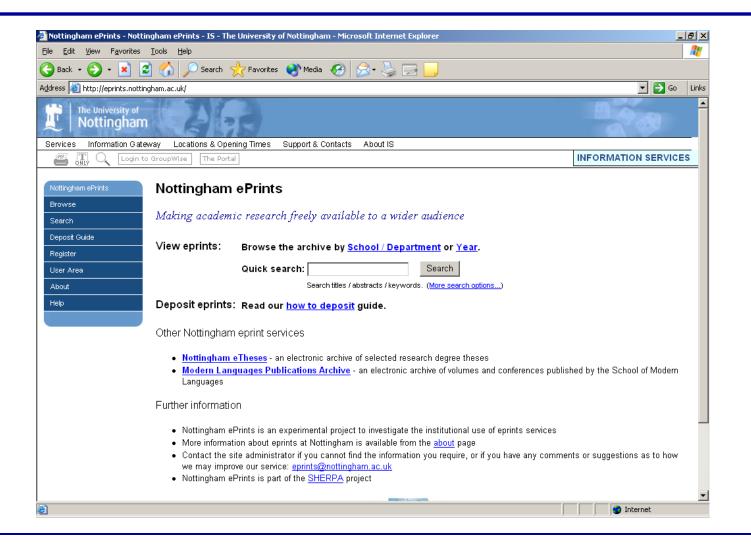


- Repositories are being created
 - Nottingham SHERPA
 - Glasgow DAEDALUS
 - Southampton TARDis
 - Also Durham, St Andrews, Open University and many other trials
- Software choice
 - eprints.org
 - DSpace
 - Mixture of use and content





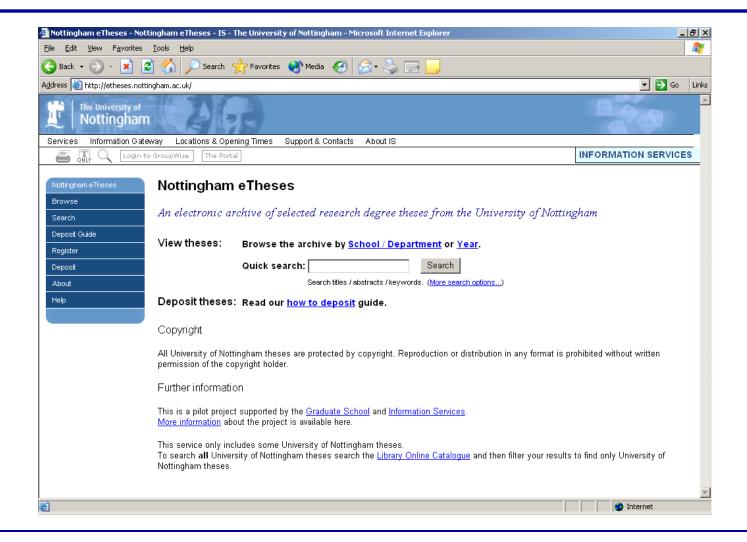
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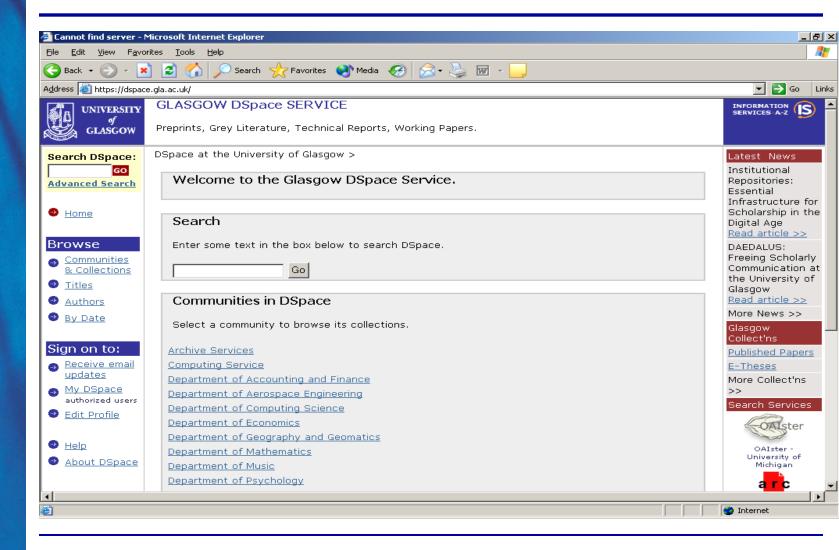
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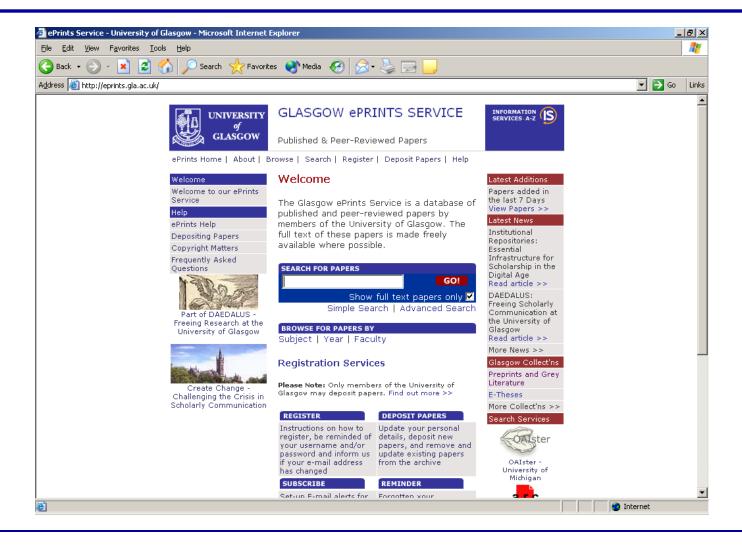








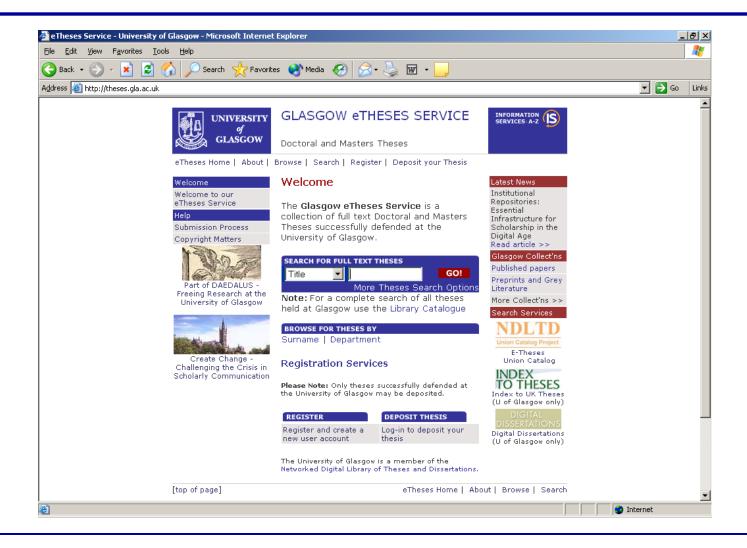
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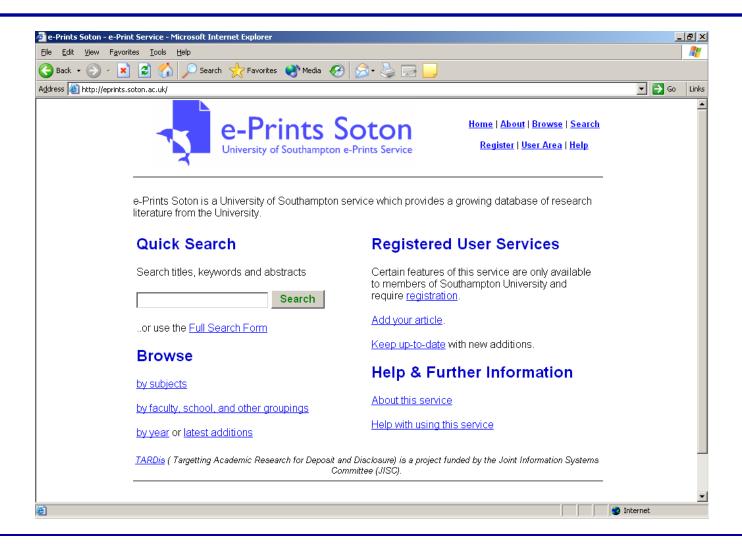
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e-prints: metadata collection

- Different materials
 - research outputs
 - learning materials (HaIRST)
- Different purposes
 - Access, CV creation, grant submission (TARDis)
- Quality
 - Mediated archiving
 - Standardised guidelines (ePrints UK)







- Repository for e-prints
- Repository for e-theses
- Repository for learning materials
- Repository for ??
- What is an 'institutional' repository
- Access across these
 - Institutional level
 - Regional/Consortium level
 - National







- ePrints UK is developmental service provider for UK archives
 - current list is at
 http://eprints-uk.rdn.ac.uk/stats/
- Seeking to enhance harvested metadata using web services
 - subject classification
 - name authority
 - citation analysis
- All FAIR archives harvested by OAIster







RoMEO

- Surveys of authors, publishers, OAI data providers, OAI service providers
- Work has led to OAI-rights working group
 - Aims to specify mechanisms for rights expression within OAI-PMH
- Publisher self-archive policy database
 - Which publishers allow what level of selfarchiving
 - Will shortly be available via SHERPA website as searchable database
- Need to clarify what can be shared







- University of Edinburgh working with partners (Theses Alive!)
 - Demonstrate OAI for UK theses
- Robert Gordon University (Electronic Theses)
 - Working closely with British Library on disclosure models for e-theses
 - Combination of OAI and central access
 - Combination of access and archiving
 - Learning from NDLTD experience







- OAI does not address long-term preservation
- Arts & Humanities Data Service receives 'traditional' deposits and provides access to these
- Hybrid Archives model seeks to build a bridge between such traditional deposit and deposit for harvesting
 - Deposit for preservation and access







- OAI can facilitate sharing of collections
- DC metadata a challenge!
 - subject access
 - need to know your audience
- Developing exemplar OAI service providers
 - Archaeology Data Service







- Image portal demonstrator
 - Provides searching across many different image collections
 - Z39.50 and OAI
 - Seamless access across technologies
 - http://pixus.scran.ac.uk
- Publisher use of OAI
 - Inderscience repository of bibliographic information
 - http://www.jisc.ac.uk/project_oairepository.html





Common Information Environment

- Many UK public bodies produce content
 - education, museums, public library, health service, e-science, archives
- CIE seeks to provide access to this content
 - Interoperability
 - Avoid duplication
- OAI a key technology to achieve this
- http://www.jisc.ac.uk/wg_cie_home.html







- Science & Technology Committee
 Inquiry into Scientific Publications
 - March 2004
- Submissions from JISC, SCONUL/CURL and individual institutions etc, plus publishers
- Investigating current pricing and availability of academic journals
- Will also consider alternative models, incl. institutional repositories







- First 18 months of FAIR has seen many issues emerge
- Issues around the use of OAI proving more challenging than OAI itself
- External influences are helping, e.g., scholarly communication is generating a great deal of discussion
 - FAIR is supporting these in turn
- OAI relevant in many contexts





Thank you



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