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Intute Repository Search: Easy Access to Academic and Research Content

Researchers are increasingly making their work freely available on the internet, by depositing their research output into institutional repositories. Intute Repository Search (www.intute.ac.uk/irs): is a JISC-funded beta search service which helps the academic community search over 95 UK HEI repositories in one go, thus providing a free and easy access to a wealth of academic, educational and research outputs from a wide range of institutions in the UK. At present, Intute Repository Search serves as a showcase for UK research output. It is a project led by the University of Manchester (Mimas), with the University of Bath (UKOLN) and the University of Nottingham (SHERPA).

This poster will show that Intute Repository Search has identified and successfully carried out specific development paths: simple metadata search, full-text indexing of documents, text-mining of full-text documents, automatic subject classification, clustering of results and browsing/visualisation of the search results. Screenshots will visually display the advanced discovery and retrieval features that IRS provides including automated document clustering and classification based on terminology; personalisation of searching; and concept visualisation from automated clustering.

This poster will be of interest to delegates of OAI6 and is relevant to the conference themes. The benefits that this search service provides are threefold: for the research community it means that IRS provides a more effective contextual search facility; for the institutions themselves it means that their research output attracts a global audience; and for society as a whole, it means that publicly funded research is not only made easily reached through Open Access but that it is also more clearly identifiable for the person or organisation who searches for a particular study.

Summary

Intute Repository Search service (www.intute.ac.uk/irs):

A collaborative project to showcase UK research output through advanced discovery and retrieval facilities

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