Highly Automated Import of Metadata into an Institutional Repository: A PHP Tool

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Introduction

DORA is the bibliography and institutional repository for all publications affiliated with the four Research Institutes, launched in 2016 and now containing 60,000+ items, of which 16,000+ are Open Access. It is based on Drupal/Islandora with a high degree of customization.

To relieve researchers of a time-consuming administrative task, the software imports publications directly from other databases instead of asking for manual submissions.

Publication Alert

Several services offer APIs for querying for publications (e.g., Scopus, PubMed, Web of Science, CrossRef). A restriction on authors affiliated with the relevant institution and for a relevant time period (e.g., the last two years) is possible. The results, containing only a few relevant IDs (as DOI and e.g. Scopus ID), are stored in a staging list and displayed to the library team. A duplicate check is done and publications already in our repository or in the staging list are discarded.

The fetching of the IDs for the relevant publications can be triggered manually or scheduled to happen regularly. Publications that should not be ingested (i.e., including authors erroneously considered affiliated to our institutes) can be "blacklisted" and excluded from the staging list.

Metadata Fetching, Integration & Enrichment

For each publication, the full metadata is fetched from several sources and then integrated and displayed when opening the form for editing. Further enrichment of metadata is performed semi-automatically with tools helping the library team to add information stored in our system such as funding programs and the full internal affiliation.

Publication Ingestion

The publication is ingested into the repository and made available to website visitors. The library team triggers a notification e-mail to the researcher, asking for a check of the metadata and for the accepted version in case the published version is not open access.

Take home ...

- The library activity adds new publications to the institutional repository. This is done efficiently and with high quality metadata (PHP tool will be available soon).
- After providing such a service to the researchers we can ask for their contributions – especially to add the accepted version of their publications, increasing the quantity of articles publicly available via green Open Access.