



White Rose  
Research Online

# Repository outline

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# Open access to research

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- WRRO created in 2004
- <http://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/>
- Part of a network of “institutional repositories”, “open access repositories”
- Houses research outputs for Leeds, Sheffield and York
- Predominantly journal papers, conference papers, working papers a few book chapters

# “Open access”

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- Online
- Unrestricted access
- No fee to the end user
  
- “Open” can also mean open standards and interoperability (e.g. OAI-PMH)
- Cross-searchable
- WRRO uses open sources Eprints software
- “Beyond subscriber access” – potentially a wider, more diverse readership

## Open access – 3 flavours

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- Open access journals (pay to publish e.g. BioMed Central; some journals sponsored etc.)
- Hybrid journals (e.g. Springer journals) – optional open access payment
- Self-archiving – complements published work; uses retained permissions – could be in an institutional or subject repository (e.g. arXiv)



## Repositories nationally/ internationally

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- 76 University based repositories (UK) including all Russell Group
- [OpenDOAR](#) directory – lists 1,265 repositories

## IRs: slow content growth

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- WRRO - over 3,000 items
- Small proportion of research outputs
- Awareness still low
- Original model based on self-archiving
- Now also offer a fully or semi-mediated model
- Trying to scale, trying to integrate

## Why bother with OA?

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- A number of research funders now require this (6 out of 7 UK Research Councils)
- Visibility (academic year 07/08 WRRO registered ¼ million hits generated by 88,464 visitors from 190 countries / territories (Source: Google Analytics))
- Tend to rank highly in Google searches
- Impact / citation increase
- Library curation
- It's a good thing!

# White Rose

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- Collaborative project between 3 White Rose libraries
- Recently agreed a Memorandum of Understand – moving towards a service
- Envisaged to be long term

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- WRRO currently organised by “Academic Unit” (browse)
- Most traffic straight from Google
- Can assign papers/outputs to multiple Academic Units
- Can create specific entries for White Rose research groups

## Your work

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- What would you like to deposit?
- How can we help?
- (Tech resources modest :-))
- What else should we be thinking about to make the repository useful to you?
- <http://eprints.whiterose.ac.uk/>