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### **U.PORTO**

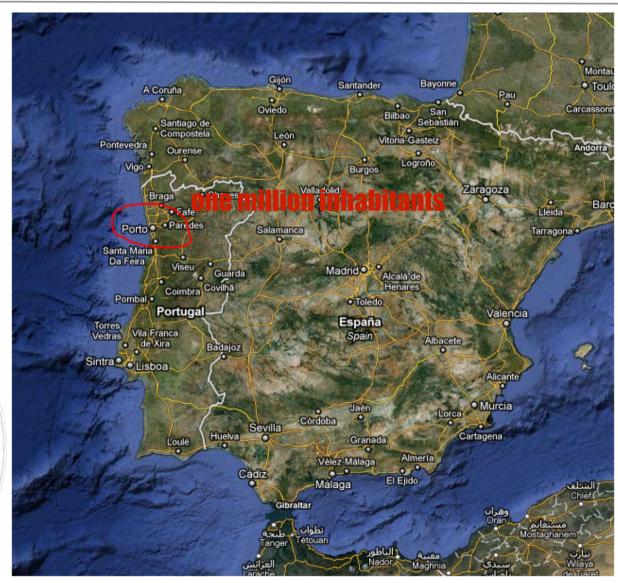
- State University created the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1911
  - Origins dating back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century
- National Law (RJIES)
  - > Law n.° 62/2007 (10th September)
  - > Changes HEI governance
- U.PORTO
  - New statutes (DL n.° 96/2009, the 27<sup>th</sup> April)
  - State Foundation under a private law
- U.PORTO: the largest university in Portugal (14 public HEIs)







# **U. PORTO :: Geographical position**







## **U.PORTO :: Schools and Research Units**

#### Rectorate/Central Services

- 14 Schools
  - School of Architecture
  - School of Fine Arts
  - School of Sciences
  - School of Nutriton and Food Science
  - School of Sport
  - > School of Law
  - School of Economics
  - > School of Engineering
  - School of Pharmacy
  - School of Arts
  - School of Medicine
  - School of Dental Medicine
  - School of Psychology and Education Science
  - Institute of Biomedical Sciences Abel Salazar
  - Business School
- 69 R&D+i units
  - 31 assessed as excellent or very good
- 30 Libraries + 12 Museums
- Student Suppot Services





## **U.PORTO** :: Academic Community

#### **Students**

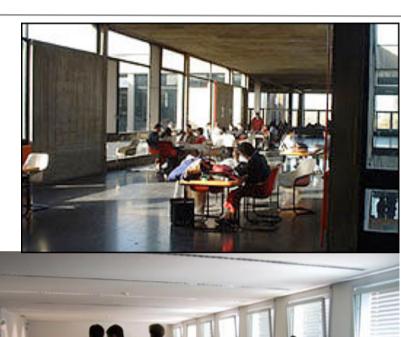
- > 30.898 (total)
- > 1st cycle → 9.647
- ➤ Integrated Master
  → 12.758
- ➤ Master + 2nd cycle
  - → 5.406
- > Specialization
  - → 4258
- > PhD + 3rd cycle
  - → 2.828

#### **Teachers & researchers**

- > 2.366
  - → 76% PhD

#### Technical & Administrative staff

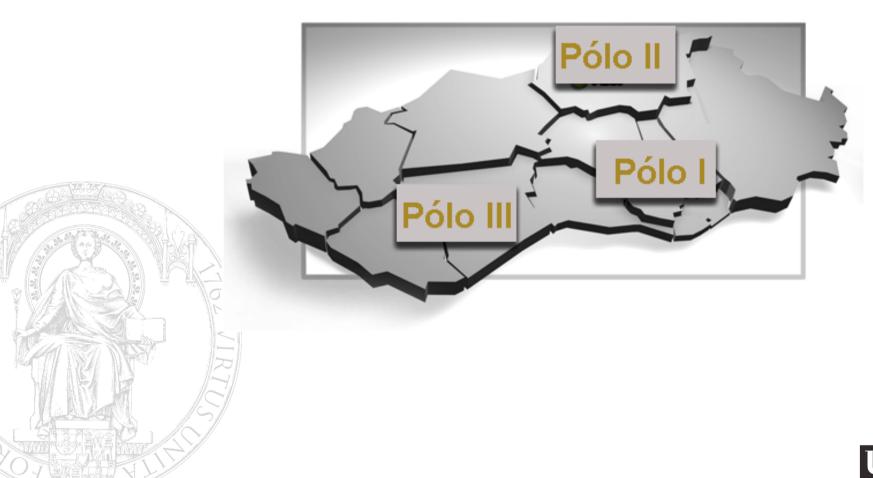
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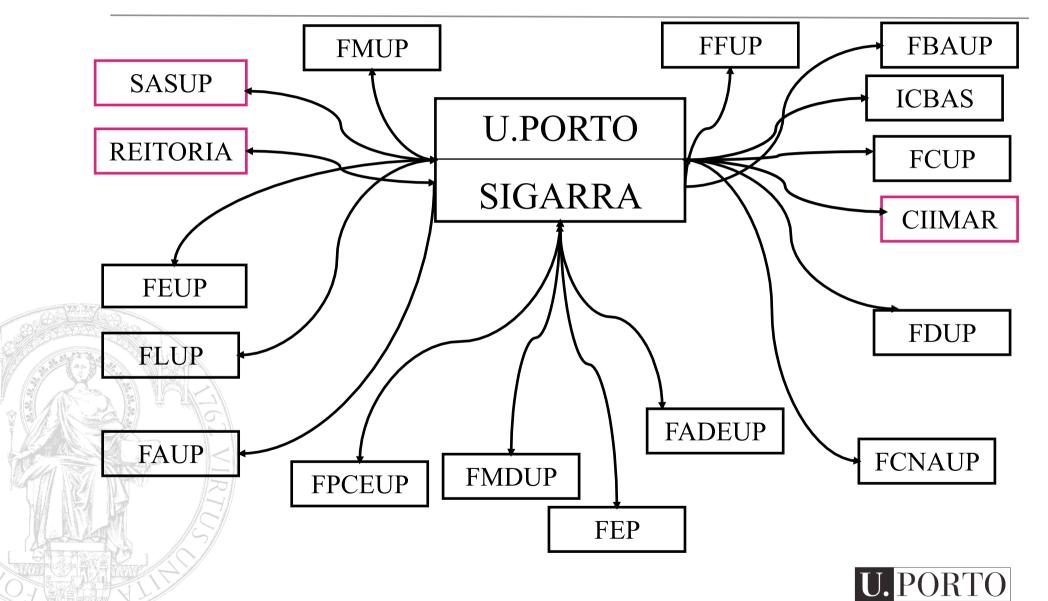


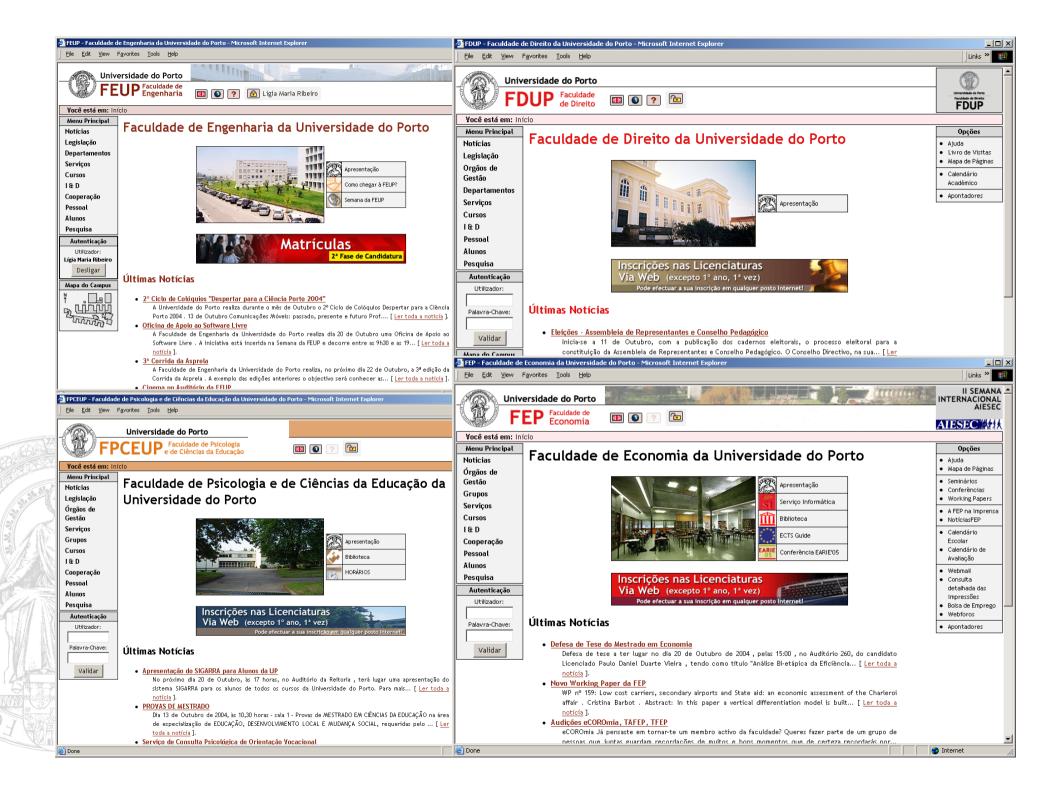
# **U.PORTO** :: Geographic distribution





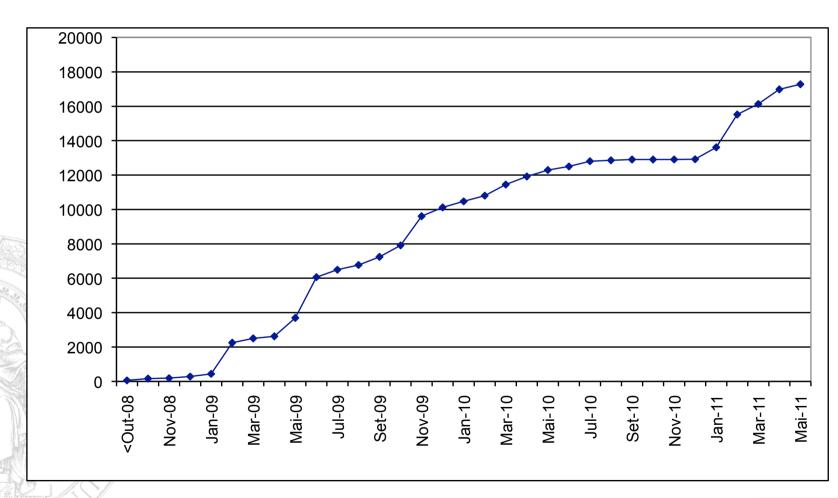
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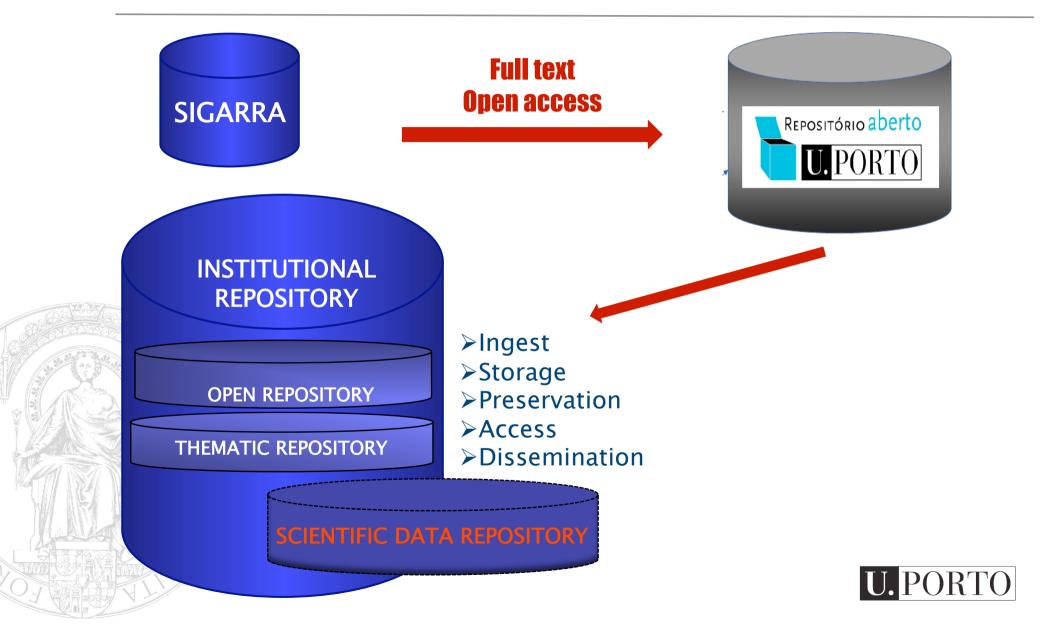
# **U.PORTO** :: Open Repository

#### Open Repository Publications (2008–2011)





## **Institutional Repository :: Ongoing project**



## **U.PORTO** :: **Vision**

#### Goals:

- > transform U.PORTO into a **Research University** by increasing the quantity and quality of research work
- > reach excellence in the various levels of higher education, according to international standards
- reinforce U.PORTO's internationalisation



## **U.PORTO** :: Data Curation Initiative

- Curation of and access to the scientific data generated by researchers
- Short study: February 1 to September 30, 2011
- Expected results
  - Sample of existing datasets
  - Sample of existing curation practices
  - A first impression on researchers' needs
  - Analysis of datasets from a technical point of view
  - Collection of datasets in a standard repository platform
  - > Experimental interrogation of datasets



## **U.PORTO :: Data Curation Initiative :: Method**

#### Concluded

- > Interviews with researchers
- > Identification of use cases
- Collection of datasets

### Ongoing

- ➤ Information modeling for datasets
- Choice of repository platform

#### Future

- > Data curation platform
- Metadata model
- Datasets available on chosen platform



## **Data Curation :: Dataset 1 :: Gravimetry**

- The Astronomic Observatory of U.Porto
- Researchers from: Science School
- Data: gravimetry measures
  - > Data collected in campaigns at several Portuguese regions
  - Dataset is data from 1 campaign
- Curation
  - > Researchers replicate data in personal machines and in CD
  - Data in active use for Ph.D. research
- Use Case
  - > Researchers or industry get gravimetry dataset
- Metadata
  - Description used by researchers, has to be enriched for the repository

## **Data Curation :: Dataset 2 :: Pollution**

- The Engineering School, Chemical Department
- Data: pollutant densities
  - > Data collected in a Portuguese harbor
  - > Dataset is data from 1 set of samples for a single date
- Curation
  - > Researchers replicate data in personal machines and in CD
  - > Data in active use for a university contract
- Use Case
  - Administrative entity gets results analysis
  - Researchers use data as a time series
- Metadata
  - Description provided by researchers, has to be completed with set-level description

## **Data Curation :: Dataset 3 :: Materials Mechanics**

- The Engineering School, Mechanical Eng. Department
- Data: materials fracture
  - > Data collected in experimental setup
  - Dataset is data from 1 experiment
- Curation
  - Group leader keeps copies of files, experimental results and analysis using simulation
  - Some data in active use for research, other not
- Use Case
  - > Sharing data with other research groups
- Metadata
  - Some description available in the Excel files, requires set-level description



## **Data Curation :: Dataset 4 :: Civil Engineering**

- The Engineering School, Civil Eng. Department
- Data: sensor data from high-speed railways
  - Data collected in experimental setup
  - Dataset is data from 1 experiment
- Curation
  - Group members keeps files, including experimental results, models and analysis using simulation
  - > All data in active use for research
- Use Case
  - > Sharing data with research partners
- Metadata
  - Some description communicated by researchers, requires setlevel description



### **Data Curation :: Dataset 5 :: Education Science**

- The Psychology and Education Science School
- Data: interviews about basic school experiences
  - Data collected from people in a region
  - > Dataset is data from 1 set of interviews
- Curation
  - ➤ No concern with curation yet
  - > Data in active use for an M.Sc. thesis
- Use Case
  - None identified
- Metadata
  - Possible metadata set from the interview script, has to be completed with set-level description



## Data Curation :: Dataset 6 :: Psychology Data

- The Psychology and Education Science School
- Data: sensor data from experiments with people
  - > Data collected in lab conditions
  - Dataset is data from 1 experiment
- Curation
  - Group leader keeps copies of files, experimental results and analysis
  - Data provided is not in active use for research
- Use Case
  - Sharing data with other research groups
- Metadata
  - Possible metadata set from the experimental setup, has to be completed with set-level description



## **Data Curation :: Dataset 7 :: Ecology**

- The Sciences School, Biology Department
- Data: geo-referenced species
  - > Data collected in selected Portuguese regions
  - Dataset is data from 1 set of samples for a single region
- Curation
  - Researchers are preparing a curation plan in the context of an international project
- Use Case
  - Data exchange in collaborative international projects
- Metadata
  - Description provided by researchers
  - Set-level description according to emerging standards



## **Data Curation :: Dataset 8 :: Economy**

- The Economy School, Econometrics Group
- Data: population statistics
  - > Data aggregated from official agencies
  - ➤ Dataset is data from 1 aggregation
- Curation
  - > Researchers replicate data in personal machines and in CD
  - Data can be generated again from the official databases with stored queries
- Use Case
  - > Not identified yet
- Metadata
  - Description provided by researchers, has to be completed with set-level description



## **Data Curation :: Preliminary conclusions**

- Very diverse data
  - > Data with very different structure, contents and volume
- Similar use cases in data search
  - > Suggests models with common search features
- Dataset-level metadata
  - DCMI- Science Metadata
- U.Porto Data Repository
  - Project encourages the definition of a data curation policy
- Open Access is not yet an issue
  - Project contributes to get researchers confidence on the approach first

