

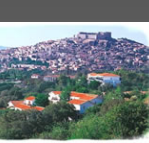
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Project StORe

- expectations, a solution
and some predicted impact from
opening up the research data portfolio

Graham Pryor





StORe guide

- Libraries and the research agenda
- The StORe project
 - Objectives
 - Results from a survey
- Support and self-determination
- The challenge for librarians?

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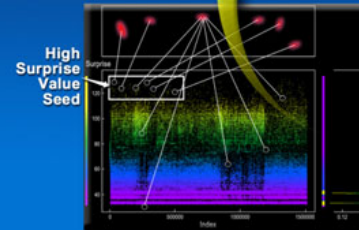


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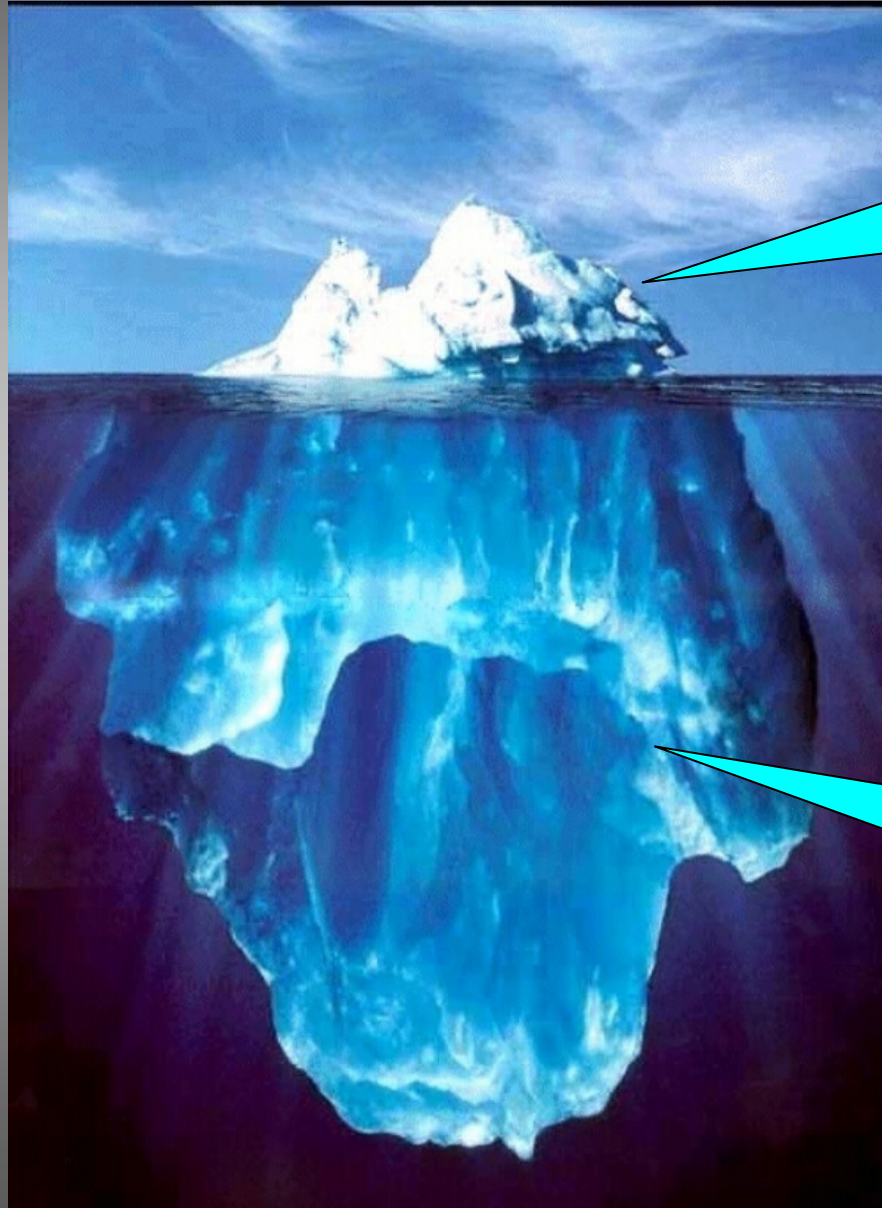


Challenges in Internet Anomaly Detection

£3,000,000,000 current annual investment – UK Research Councils



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Scholarly publications – the visible research output

Research data – the hidden asset (just melting away?)

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The pencil is mightier than the pen

- Robert M Pirsig, *Lila – an inquiry into morals*

- Science as provisional
- Contains a mechanism “whereby new dynamic insight can wipe out old static patterns without wiping out science itself”
- Enables continuous evolutionary growth

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~~The pencil is mightier than the pen~~

The computer is mightier than the printing press

So, the next stage in the evolutionary growth of ~~science~~ librarians will be...?



Political landscape

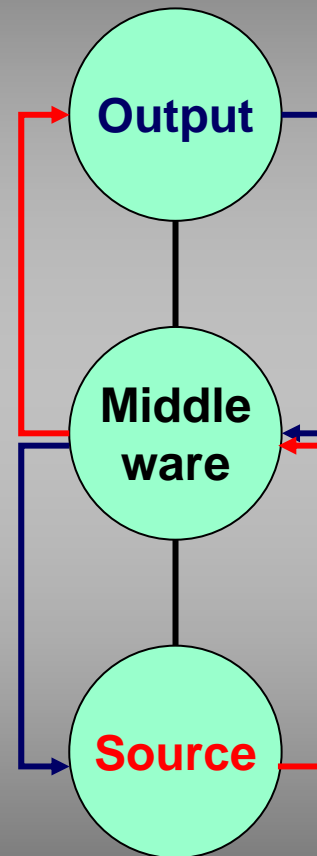
- Open access movement – the Berlin, Budapest and other declarations
- Wellcome Trust
 - Funding linked to commitment to deposit
- UK Research Councils – data policies
 - Publicly funded research data a public good
 - Appropriate curation throughout the lifecycle
 - Need for high quality metadata

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The StORe mission

- Seamless transport from research data to research publications and vice versa
- Bi-directional links proven in social science e-research but capable of export to other disciplines



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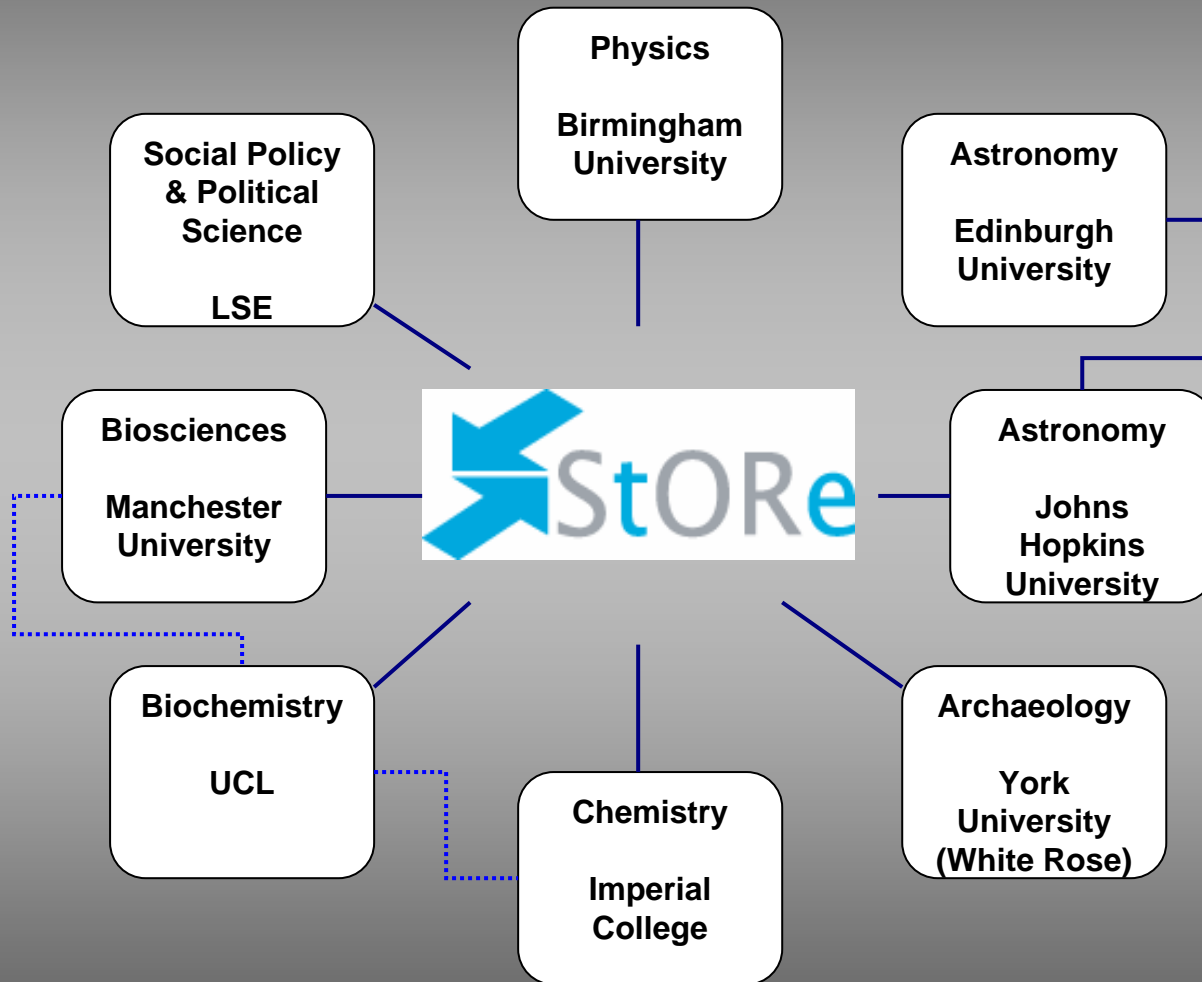
The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window with two tabs open. The left tab is 'SuperCOSMOS Science Archive - Microsoft Internet Explorer' and the right tab is 'Edinburgh Research Archive : Home - Microsoft Internet Explorer'. The address bar shows the URL 'http://surveys.roe.ac.uk/ssa/' for the left page and 'http://www.era.lib.ed.ac.uk/index.jsp' for the right page.

The left page, 'SuperCOSMOS Science Archive', features a dark blue sidebar with the following menu items: SSA Home, Data Overview, Schema browser, Data access, Radial, Menu query, Freeform SQL, CrossID, Cookbook, Personal SSA, Q&A, Release History, Downtime, Links, and Credits. The main content area is titled 'SSA - SuperCOSMOS Science Archive' and contains text about survey plates and data access.

The right page, 'Edinburgh Research Archive', has a dark blue header with the ERA logo and the text 'Edinburgh Research Archive'. The main content area includes a search bar, a 'Welcome to the Edinburgh Research Archive' section, a 'Search' section with a search box and 'Go' button, a 'Browse' section with links for 'Communities & Collections', 'Titles', 'Authors', and 'By Date', a 'Sign on to:' section with links for 'Receive email updates', 'My ERA', and 'Edit Profile', and a 'Depositing Items' section with a link to the 'Deposit Guide'. There are also two sidebars: 'Copyright' and 'Mediated Deposit'.

The taskbar at the bottom shows the Windows Start button, several open applications (Inbox - Microsoft Outlook, StOReMain, Microsoft PowerPoint), and the Edinburgh Research Archive browser window. The system tray shows the time as 11:19.

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7 domains surveyed for data management and research process

Library origins of project – experience with generic tools and protocols

Survey team: library and domain expertise

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New opportunities

- Explore a deeper level of detail
- Supplement published papers
- Validate experiments
- Track the use and improvement of research output
- Identify collaborators
- Confirm completeness of information searches

New risks

- Uncertainty of peer review
- Premature dissemination
- Subversion of scholarly paper
- Scavenging
- Lack of interpretative data



StORe survey

- 85% approved aims as likely to prove advantageous
- Questionable data management practices and a metadata conflict
- Tension between open access and data ownership



Data management

Common practice of storing unique and original research data on the hard drives of PCs and laptops (especially prevalent in chemistry and the biosciences)

“Once removed from the computers I hold the only available copies of most of my data”











Metadata – researchers identified

- The need for improved and universal standards
- A need for different metadata for different phases of the research lifecycle (raw, processed, published data and beyond)
- A clear link between the condition of metadata used and the level of support from information specialists

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The assignment of metadata

I decide which terms to use and I assign them:		212
Research colleague(s) assign metadata on the team's behalf:		55
Research support staff assign metadata on the team's behalf:		22
Metadata are assigned by library/information services staff:		4
Metadata are assigned by the repository administrators:		37
Metadata are generated automatically:		63
It is not known who assigns metadata:		68
Other (please specify):		37

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Types of support used	Academic staff	Research assistant	Post-graduate	Contract researcher	Independent researcher	Other	Totals
Documentary support	29	5	16	6	2	8	66
Support by intermediary	16	2	7	1	0	3	29
Repository-enabled support	56	5	7	5	1	9	83
No support is provided	60	7	23	4	3	9	106
Unknown	31	11	25	1	1	9	78
Other	5	1	4	1	0	3	14
No Answer	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	197	31	83	18	7	41	377

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Assistance by library or IS staff	Academic staff	Research assistant	Post-graduate	Contract Researcher	Independent researcher	Other	Totals
Documentary (guidance notes etc.)	61	6	24	5	4	9	109
Formal training	38	3	27	3	0	3	74
Online or telephone Help	<p>“...my university assigned a librarian to our department but I have not used her services...”</p>					5	89
structuring searches						1	26
Help in the conduct of searches	20	4	11	3	0	4	42
Fully managed intermediation (searches and results)	3	2	5	0	0	1	11
Unknown	83	19	34	8	3	21	168

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The research culture - a broad perspective

- Self-reliance and tradition of individual research endeavour
 - “No assistance required – it’s my responsibility”
 - “I rely on my own skills”
- Protection of research profile or status
 - “Data archives would become the preserve of the scavengers, unable to generate their own research ideas”
 - “The most important factors are those that would benefit my research profile”
- Conflict between a competitive environment and the aspiration to collaborate
 - “The competition for publication is intense and would not be aided by making data freely available”
 - “It should be a requirement for publicly funded research that data be made available”

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Factors that **discourage** the sharing of research data

The threat of loss of ownership		202
Risks to an established research niche		104
Risk of premature broadcast of research findings		235
Subversion of intellectual property rights, including copyright		163
Ethical constraints relating to my research		58
Consideration of data protection and other confidentiality issues		115
The time/effort required to enable sharing		193
Risk of diversion from principal objectives through the generation of additional work		144
Risk to commercialisation opportunities		59
Increased competition for funding		77



The StORe team concluded that

- Data sharing is a fundamental principle of research, but...
- It is conducted mainly through private networking, with >50% through the personal exchange of e-mails or portable media
- Bureaucratic processes and organisations are anathema to researchers
- Both standards and simplicity are sought for research data management (esp. for metadata)
- Assisted self management is preferred to overt intermediation



Design for the StORe middleware

- Web 2.0 approach, similar to services like Flickr or MySpace, gives control to the researcher
 - Researchers determine which items are public / private
 - Researchers form collaborations with colleagues / 'friends'
 - Researchers select items for deposit and for publication
- Based on federations of institutional repositories and data archives
- Permanent links created between publications and underlying data
- Simple process for assignment of metadata
 - Searchable metadata assigned at collection level inherited by items within the collection
 - Collection owners add individual items plus minimum additional metadata (e.g. titles)

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StORe
Source-to-Output Repositories

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All Collections | My Collections | Collaborative Collections | Approval queue | Profile

Item: Business Analysis

Collection: **Edinburgh**

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Dublin Core


[StOReBusinessAnalysis \(application/msword\)](#)

[Add File or](#)

EDIT

* Denotes required fields

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A collaborative collection that I might use the pilot demonstration in Edinburgh

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Abstract

Open access publications may be a means of increasing availability of scholarly materials. However, there are other drivers which prompt HE institutions to spend staff time and investment on developing IRs. If the publishing arguments are put to one side, there is a separate and strong case for developing an IR which is justified by a library's functions of collecting, managing and curating materials.


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Population censuses - Population, vital statistics and censuses
Social indicators and quality of life - Society and culture

Depositor(s):

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Creator	Ken
Subject	data portal, multilingual thesaurus, online data analysis
Description	Multilingual Access to Data Infrastructures of the European Research Area
Publisher	
Contributor	
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Relation	
Coverage	
Rights	
Type of Research	Primary from Secondary (Creates new data based on existing data)
Data Repository	UKDA
Study	4995
Visibility	Private
Owner	Ken Miller (forum)
Contributors	

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Item: Business Analysis

Collection: **Edinburgh**

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Dublin Core



StOReBusinessAnalysis
(application/msword)

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Roles, Rights, Responsibilities, Relationships - 1

- Institutional Repositories tend to be managed by ‘generalists’ located in libraries and information services, and usually lacking data skills
- Subject repositories are staffed by domain experts with well-developed data handling skills
- Data sets tend to be unique
 - are deposited without multiple copies
 - are not self-describing and may
 - require interpretation, particular competencies and domain knowledge
- Representation information, which may include software programs, is required to assist with interpretation
- Closer partnerships between institutional and subject repository staff will be essential to building engagement with the designated community

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Roles, Rights, Responsibilities, Relationships - 2

- Institutional repositories have a fundamental argument for sustainability because of their position within an institution
- They are frequently located in departments with a persistent service orientation - i.e. libraries or information services - whose main role is the management of information
- Many scholars care primarily about their discipline or domain, before their institution
- Scholars who have hybrid skills in domain science and data/information handling will be a valuable resource in the future

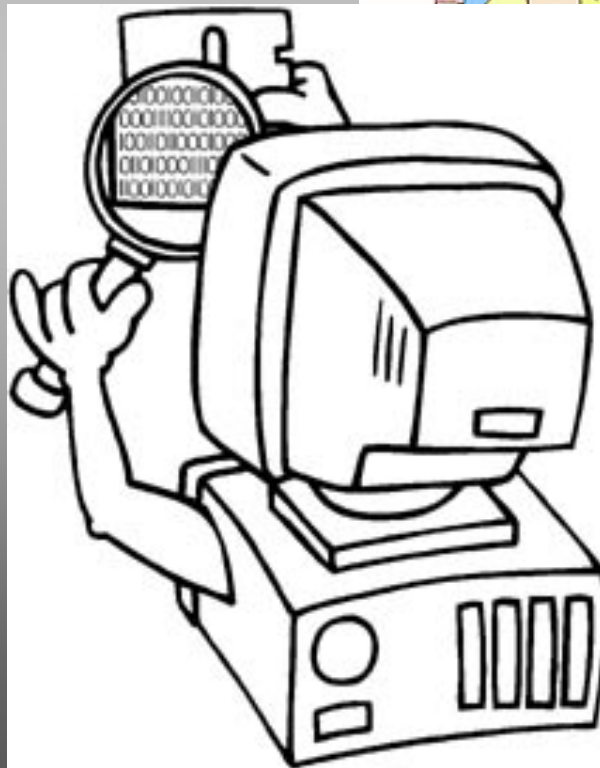
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The next stage in the evolutionary growth of librarians...

Re-emergence of the scholar librarian?



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Conclusion



Thank you