



Customer Newsletter

Welcome to the third EPrints Services customer newsletter. As a valued support customer we would like to keep you more informed with what we are busy with at EPrints HQ at the University of Southampton in the UK. In particular we aim to use this format to keep you updated on new projects and feature improvements which we are making exclusively available to you. Since our last newsletter we have completed the roll-out of IRStats2.5 to all of our hosted customers, and will be contacting relevant self-hosted customers shortly. As promised, the roll-out of Search filters (Facets) to hosted customers has now commenced.

In this newsletter we are including information on improvements to the REF Compliance Checker, Reporting Framework, ORCID support, Duplicate record detection as well as our continued EPrints community outreach, OR2017 and the Repository Fringe.

Feedback is important to us so please let us know what you'd like to hear about in future newsletters. Just reply to this email.

EPrints Services Management Team





Issue2 Plugin

This new package helps repository administrators find duplicate records by examining their metadata.

It is as an alternative to the existing Issues tool, and has a simplified interface and more intuitive search.

We have released the first version of this package, with further updates planned. See <https://wiki.eprints.org/w/Issues2> for details, or contact us if you would like to know more.

This work has been funded by Jisc and carried out by EPrints Services.



Open Repositories 2017

Earlier this year, we attended Open Repositories 2017, which was in the far off land of Brisbane, Australia. Catch up on our report [here](#).

Repository Fringe 2017

We were also present at the Repository Fringe in the vibrant city of Edinburgh. Catch up on all the action on the [Fringe](#) website.



ORCID Support Plugin

Following funding from Jisc, the 'ORCID Support Advance' Bazaar plugin is under development. With the original 'ORCID Support' providing repositories with the basic infrastructure for storing and displaying ORCID, the 'Advance' version builds on this. It allows users to connect their ORCID and import works from orcid.org, as well as update their user and activity information in their orcid.org profile.

The 'ORCID Support Advance' plugin represents the continuing efforts to pull development efforts together from a range of repositories across the community. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Alan Stiles and the community for their contributions.

The 'ORCID Support Advance' plugin will be released very soon.

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REF Compliance Checker Plugin

The latest versions of the "REF Compliance Checker" and the "Generic Reporting Framework" Bazaar plugins are now available to all!

Not only will the reports now be more informative, they can also be generated via search forms allowing for more finely tuned reporting. Extra export options are now

available too, helping to highlight the information you need to get things ready for REF.

Special thanks must go to our beta testers (York St John University, Keele University, University of Gloucestershire and University of West London) who provided invaluable feedback during the development of these updates, we'll be in touch with all our customers shortly to arrange the roll-out.

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Updated REF2021 Plugin

We are in the process of creating a new plugin, based on our successful REF2014 work.

This will support REF2021 activities and will also integrate with the REFCC plugin.



IRStats2 Public release

Based on good work by the EPrints community, and our own invested development time, we have produced a new version of IRStats2.

This version is freely available from the Bazaar for all to use.

The new version includes a number of improvements to existing features, such as easier deployment, faster database code, tool tips and improved browser detection, as well as a number of smaller tweaks and fixes.

It now also includes filtering to allow the blocking of known web crawling robots as standard.

These changes and more, including a fresh user interface are already present in our customer only version of IRStats2.5. These further changes will be added to a public release in due course.

EPrints 3.3 Public release

We have been working with the community, to update the public version of EPrints 3.3. We look forward to producing a new version soon. All EPrints Services hosted customers and those under our managed software environment already receive patches and fixes as they are produced.



EPrints 3.4

We are continuing with 3.4 development, and initiating plans for upgrades and roll-outs for hosted customers. New features are being curated, such as - new visualisation tools, bookmarks & collections, a more flexible user interface. As well as further support for repositories outside the publications domain.

Looking ahead...

More EPrints 3.4, more on our CRIS-lite features, MePrints Profile extensions, Research Data repositories, Open Education (EdShare), Research Impact repositories.

You are receiving this email as you are currently listed as one of the three official support contacts for your repository support contract with EPrints Services at the University of Southampton, or we have been asked to include you.

If you have any questions on the above topics or anything else please [click here](#) to drop us an email.

