



INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES: *Yes, We All Have One, Now What?*

An Investigation into Long-Term Preservation and Copyright Compliance



InterPARES 3 Project
International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems
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Research Problem

Institutional Repositories (IRs) are being developed by universities internationally to create open access to the scholarly output of academic communities and preserve it long-term.

IRs collect materials ranging from published and unpublished works to scientific data sets. However, the literature shows that IRs lag behind on policies and procedures for long-term preservation and licensing of their content.

Established policies and procedures for the authenticity, security and accessibility of IR materials are essential to ensure continued access and preservation.

Research Objectives and Questions

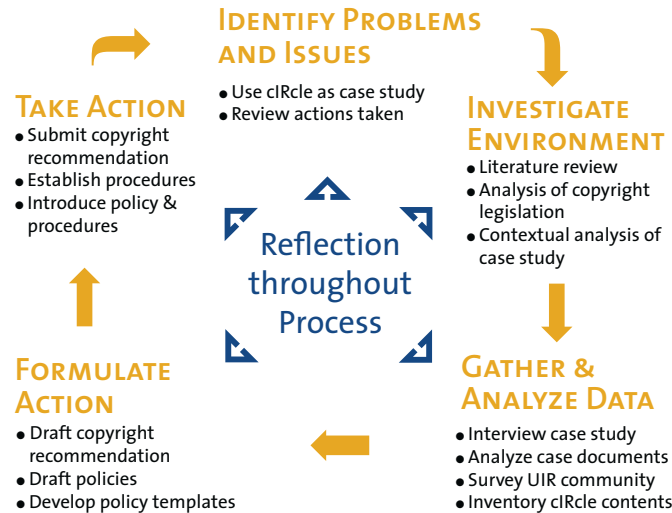
Identify and address the challenges presented to IRs by long-term preservation of the different types of digital materials they collect.

Research Questions:

- How to ensure the long-term preservation of and access to authentic materials, many of which are unique?
- How to ensure that no infringement of copyright legislation occurs during the processes of long-term preservation and access?

Research Methodology

Action research with an ethnographic approach is being used in conducting the case study. Action research involves progressive problem solving that employs participative and iterative methods. It makes extensive use of case study methodology, as well as working jointly with subjects who act as both participants and contributors in the research activity.



Collaboration

cIRcle, the University of British Columbia's (UBC's) IR, began in 2007, and now contains about 25,000 items. Mandate: to collect research and teaching materials created by the UBC community and its partners, make them openly accessible and preserve them long-term. <http://www.circle.ubc.ca>

The *InterPARES 3* project is the third phase of the International Research on Permanent Authentic Records in Electronic Systems, which aims to develop the knowledge essential to the long-term preservation of authentic records. <http://www.interpares.org>

University Institutional Repositories (UIRs): Copyright and Long-Term Preservation is a collaborative research project of UBC's Faculty of Law and School of Library, Archival and Information Studies. The project addresses directly the issues of copyright and long-term preservation in UIRs. <http://uir-preservation.org>

Research Outcomes



Policy and Procedures that remain current, easy to comply with and supported by management

- Acquisition policy
- Digital preservation policy
- Intellectual property policy



Advocacy, by identifying UIR specific copyright concerns on institutional and national levels, to assist policy creators and legislators

- Copyright recommendations dealing with intellectual property, dissemination of materials and the operations of UIRs were submitted prior to an official review of the current Canadian Copyright Act



Moving Forward

- A survey investigating the use of UIRs and their relationship to university records management
- Detailed procedures to support policy implementation
- A model preservation plan based on the case study plan
- A white paper on the necessary changes to copyright legislation

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