

# Open Access Subject Repositories – an Overview

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## Label ?

- “Institutional repositories” is a widely accepted term but what should we use here?
- Disciplinary repositories ?
- Subject repositories ?
- Subject-based repositories ?



# Study of subject repositories

- 503 candidate repositories were found in either DOAR or ROAR or both
- Exclusion based on several criteria, for instance:
  - There must be a channel for authors regardless of affiliation to upload a manuscript
  - At least part of the content consist of working papers and/or submitted or accepted articles
- Only 56 repositories remained



# Organisational setting

- Universities or their departments 37
- International associations 8
- Independent 11



# When were successful repositories started ?

Start year	≥100000	≥10000	≥1000	≥100	≥1	sum
1991	1					1
1992	1					1
1993						0
1994						0
1995		1			1	2
1996			1			1
1997	2		1			3
1998						0
1999					1	1
2000	1	1	1	1		4
2001			1	1		2
2002		1	5			6
2003		3		3	1	7
2004			2			2
2005			2			2
2006	1	1	3	1		6
2007		1	4	1	1	7
2008				3		3
2009		1	1	1	1	4
2010				1	1	2
2011						0
2012						0
sum		6	9	21	13	54



# Software

- Custom-made 17
- Eprints 17
- Dspace 10
- HAL 6
- Opus 4
- Fedora 1
- SciX 1



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## Base country

- USA 17
- UK 9
- Germany 9
- France 4
- Italy 3



# Subject Fields

- Physics and mathematics 2
- Economics and management 6
- Computing and Information Science 11
- Medicine 4
- Philosophy 4
- Earth Sciences 7
- Social Sciences 16
- Arts and Humanities 6





# viXra

- Alternative to arXiv
- “The visual design of viXra.org (but not its content) is a parody of arXiv.org to highlight Cornell University's unacceptable censorship policy”



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**1.1.2010** - 59,785 ant names in the Hymenoptera Name Server

**13.IX.2009** - Plazi.org feeds taxonomic treatments into the Encyclopedia of Life

**27.II.2008** - Plazi.org, the repository for taxonomic treatments launched

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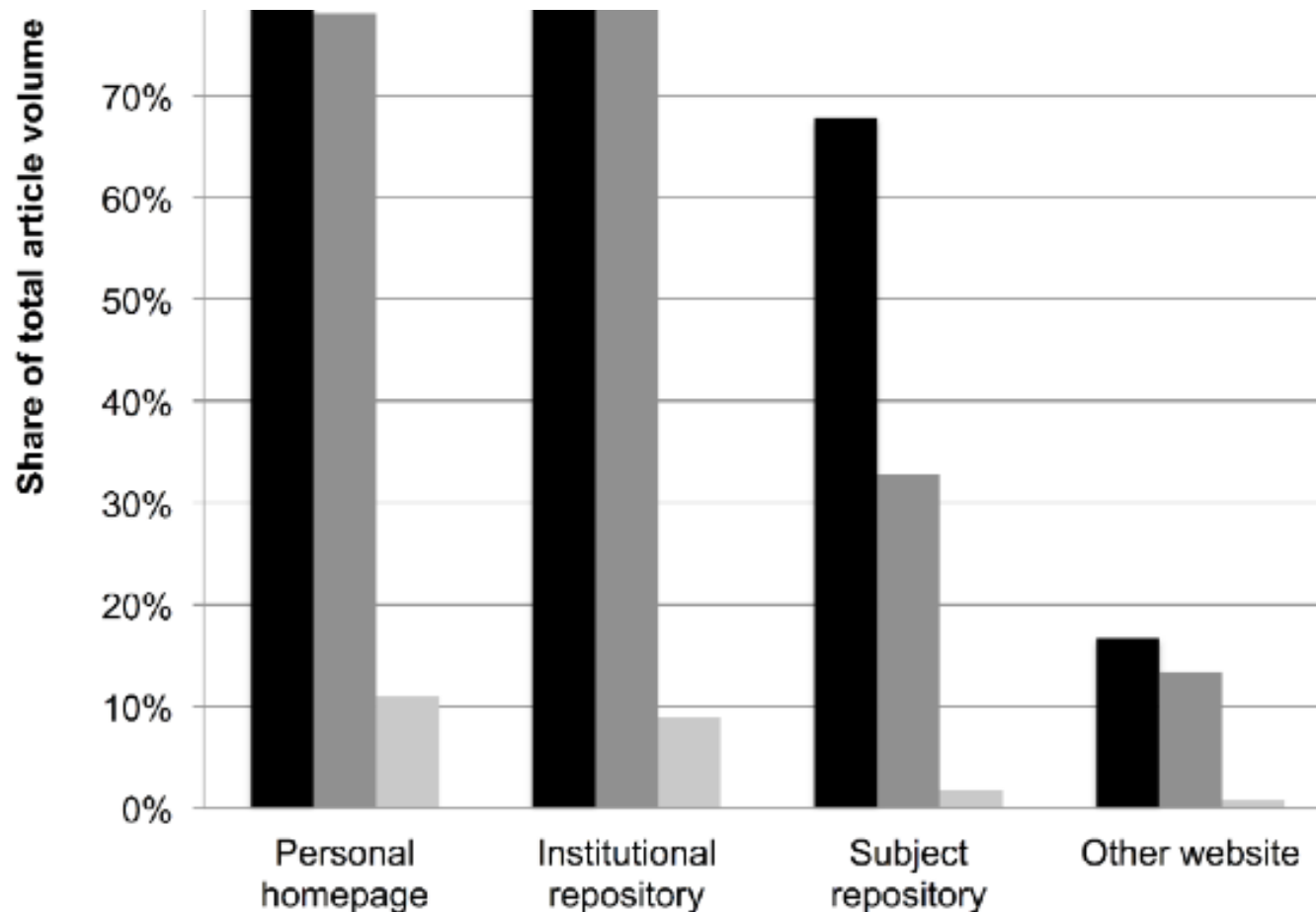
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# What do publishers allow ?



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# Conclusions ?

- Relatively few highly successful cases
- Patchy coverage of scientific field
- Is the “heyday” already past
- Negative attitude of publishers for uploading of accepted papers