

Jisc-Elsevier statement of intent

Introduction

The 2017 infrastructure agreement between Jisc and Elsevier noted that priorities existed that were not documented in that agreement, but that both parties would identify and prioritise via a 'statement of intent' that documented clearly their common interests and intentions to act.

List A: Immediate priorities – for urgent action

A1. Pure

The following priorities, are recognised to offer value to both Jisc and to Elsevier as the Jisc services noted here complement, rather than competing, with Pure. In each case, Jisc would both adapt its service to work with Pure, and would then offer to market its service as "compatible with Pure".

A1.1. Elsevier will provide Jisc with a test instance of Pure to test the interoperability adaptor already developed by Jisc for the Research Data Shared Service¹

A1.2. Elsevier will adapt Pure, and make the adaptation freely available to Pure customers, so that it exhibits the behaviour to enable the effective use of Jisc Publications Router by Pure customers². The completion date will be October 2019.

A1.3. Elsevier and Jisc are both committed to support industry standards, and to work together to evolve the interface between the Jisc Publications Router and Pure.. Elsevier and Jisc will jointly agree on these during the development.

A2. Mendeley Data Manager

This priority and would add value to both Elsevier and Jisc services.

A2.1. Elsevier intends to adapt Mendeley Data Manager to allow its customers to use the Jisc Open Research Hub preservation function. We plan to deliver this in 2019.

List B: Medium term priorities – for discussion

B1. Interoperability

1.1 Jisc and Elsevier share a commitment to open persistent identifiers. While Elsevier adopts many best practices with respect to, for example, Crossref and ORCID, Jisc and Elsevier intend to make even better use of these industry standards, especially as those identifier solutions offer new opportunities to support workflows.

1.2 Jisc and Elsevier have both undertaken work on interoperability frameworks based on open, global standards. Jisc and Elsevier intend to take steps to ensure that their work results in as much integration and commonality between those frameworks as possible.

¹ We acknowledge the need for an NDA that protects Elsevier but allows Jisc to develop something that Pure customers can use- this is the next step in the process.

² Note that this can be achieved in a variety of ways, which might make progress easier for Pure. For example, Router could provide feeds that conform to the industry standard Crossref JSON format, providing that enables capture by Pure of content files as well as metadata.

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1.3 Jisc and Elsevier intend to discuss any further development, beyond the outcomes of the Pure-OpenAIRE project, that might easily be deployed to support Pure interoperability with Jisc Monitor Local.

B2. Skills

B2.1. Jisc and Elsevier share an interest in researchers' open science skills, and intend to discuss potential collaboration on training and awareness programmes either directly with researchers, and/or with research support professionals ('train the trainer'). Jisc is also aware of programmes by other publishers, and so would not look for an exclusive arrangement with Elsevier.

B3. Text and Data Mining

B3.1. Jisc and Elsevier intend to discuss whether Elsevier would join the eduTDM group to share understanding of researchers' needs on TDM³.

³ Note that both Wiley and Taylor & Francis are members, alongside Jisc and others.