Curating Published Data

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Two of the fundamental tenets of the scientific enterprise are verifiability and reproducibility of results.

In many cases, verifiability and reproducibility cannot be accomplished without access to the original data.

Hence the need to collect, curate, and provide access to the original data.
Johns Hopkins' “DataPub” Project

Create proof-of-concept system:

A system for enabling submission of associated datasets to a publication system

A system for harvesting and preserving published articles and associated datasets from a publication system

A system for capturing and preserving the relationships between the published article and its associated datasets
Linkage: Article and Data

The need to capture relationships: “This thing is linked to that thing in this way.”

Object Reuse and Exchange (ORE) Aggregation

Resource Map (ReM) – RDF/XML serialization
Example Publisher ReM

PublisherReM.xml

Flow of Content

Author submission Web app – assemble ReM

SWORD submission to Publication System

Publication System internals

Archive-side harvesting of content

Archive-side push of transformed ReM
Flow of Content

Author submits article and files to Web utility

Web utility creates initial ReM, packages everything up in Zip file, and makes deposit via SWORD

Publication system accepts SWORD deposit, opens Zip, inserts submission into regular internal workflow

Archive harvests published articles, supplementary files, and Publisher ReM, stores datasets locally, then feeds back a processed Archive ReM with links pointing to objects in Archive
The Archive: Home of Data

Provides permanent home for datasets

Datasets can be interlinked

Datasets can be cited

Citation analysis of datasets made possible

Discovery tools can be built
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