# Experiences with Eprints and DSpace





## **DAEDALUS**

- Part of the JISC FAIR Programme
- Funded until June 2005
- Building an Institutional model
- Partner with the CURL SHERPA Project
- Core strategic aim for the Library
- Two strands
  - Advocacy
  - Service Development

# Issues which we are exploring

- Cultural
  - Encouraging deposit content
  - Barriers to use and deposit
- Organisational
  - IPR and copyright
- Technical
  - Software
  - Metadata Standards
  - File formats

## Range of Repositories

- Published and peer-reviewed papers
- Pre-prints, grey literature, technical reports, working papers
- Theses
- Research Finding Aids
- Administrative Documents
- Other objects: images, sound files, film clips
- Search service

## Range of Software

- GNU Eprints (Southampton)
- DSpace (MIT & H-P)
- ETD-db (Virginia Tech)

All are OAI-PMH Compliant

# Implementation at Glasgow

- Hardware
- Set-up and Installation
- Configuration
- Administration

## Hardware

Both Eprints and DSpace run on the same server

#### Sun Fire

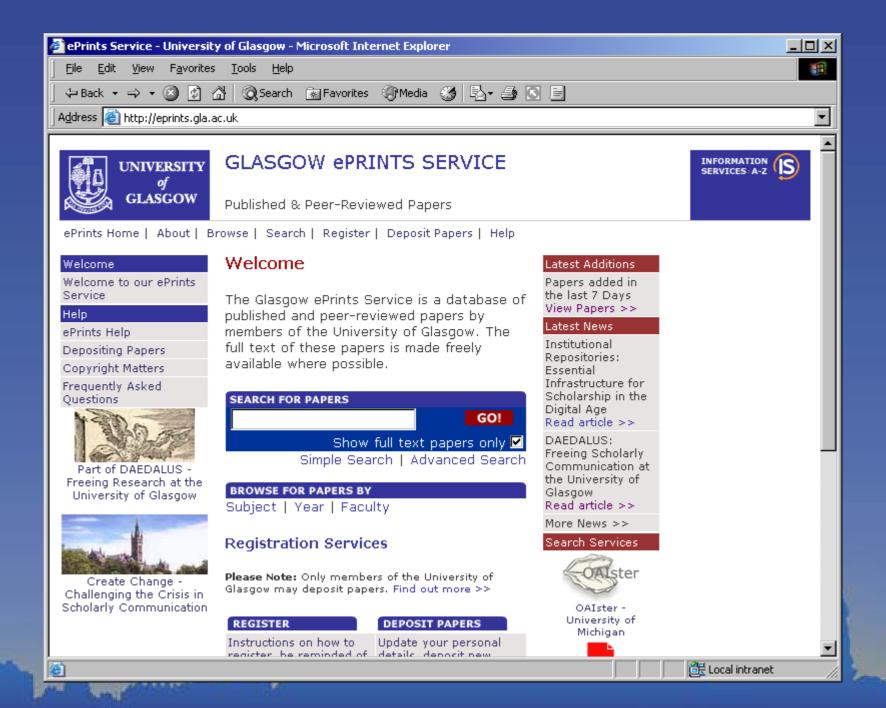
- Solaris OS
- 4 Gbytes of Memory
- 12 x 36 GB Disks

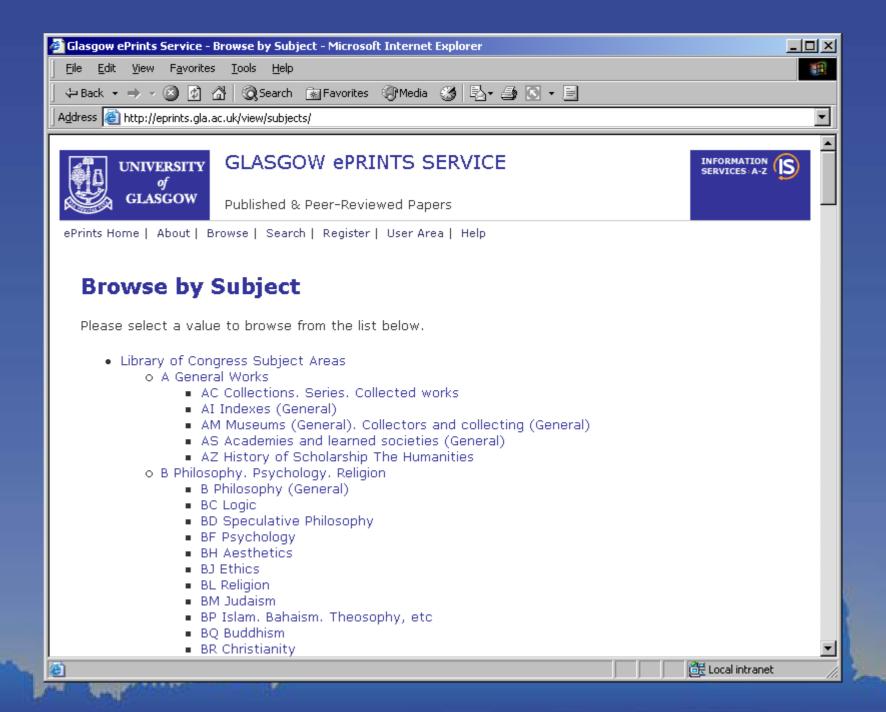
## **GNU Eprints**

- Developed at the Electronics and Computer Science Department of the University of Southampton.
- ePrints version 2.0 launched 14 Feb 02
- We are currently running 2.1.1
- 77+ sites now running ePrints
- http://software.eprints.org

eprints.org was previously supported by CogPrints, funded by JISC as part of its Electronic Libraries (eLib) Programme.









## Courseware in academic library user education: a literature review from the GAELS Joint Electronic Library project

Joint, Nicholas and Kemp, Robert and Ashworth, Susan (2001) Courseware in academic library user education: a literature review from the GAELS Joint Electronic Library project. *Association for Learning Technology Journal* 9(3):26-42.

Full text available as:

Rich Text Format - Requires a viewer, such as Microsoft Word PDF - Requires Adobe Acrobat Reader or other PDF viewer.

#### Abstract

The use of courseware for information skills teaching in academic libraries has been growing for a number of years. The GAELS project was required to create a set of learning materials to support Joint Electronic Library activity at Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities and conducted a literature review of the subject. This review discovered a range of factors common to successful library courseware implementations, such as the need for practitioners to feel a sense of ownership of the medium, a need for courseware customization to local information environments, and an emphasis on training packages for large bodies of undergraduates. However, we also noted underdeveloped aspects worthy of further attention, such as treatment of pedagogic issues in library CAL implementations and use of hypertextual learning materials for more advanced information skills training. We suggest ways of improving library teaching practice and further areas of research.

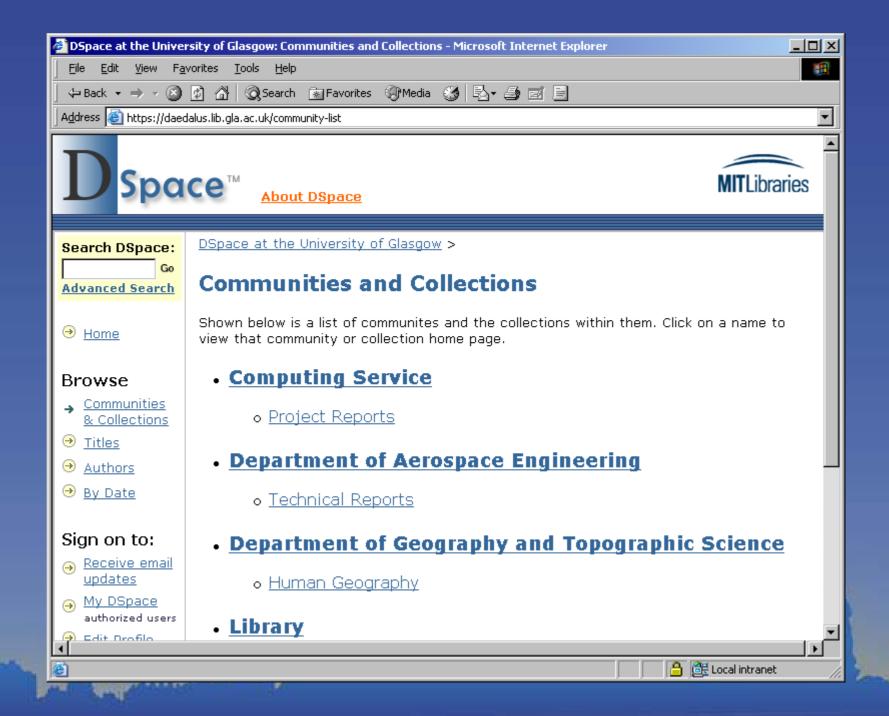
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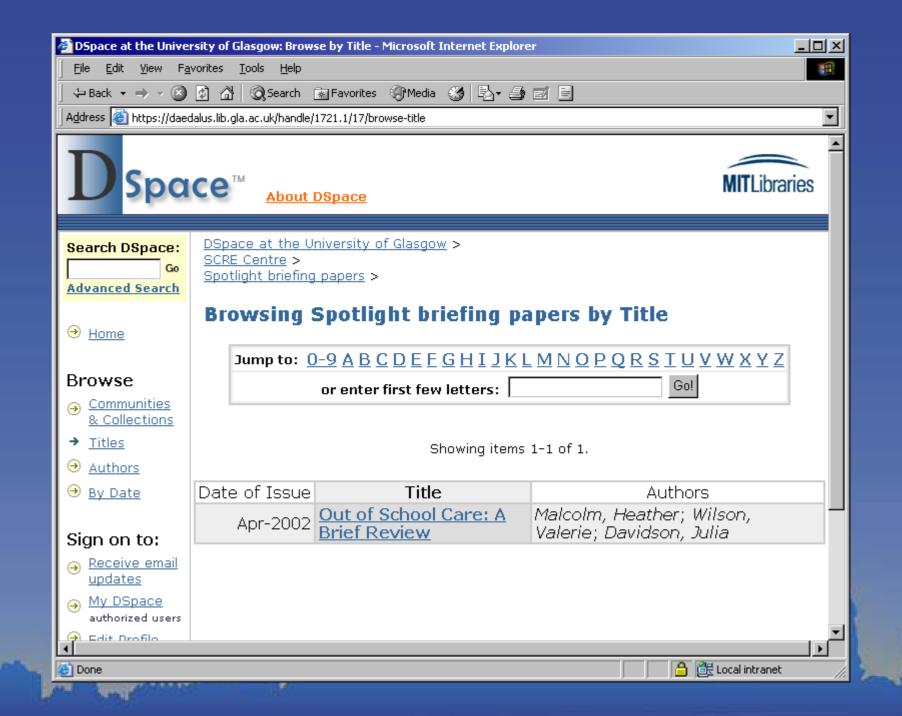


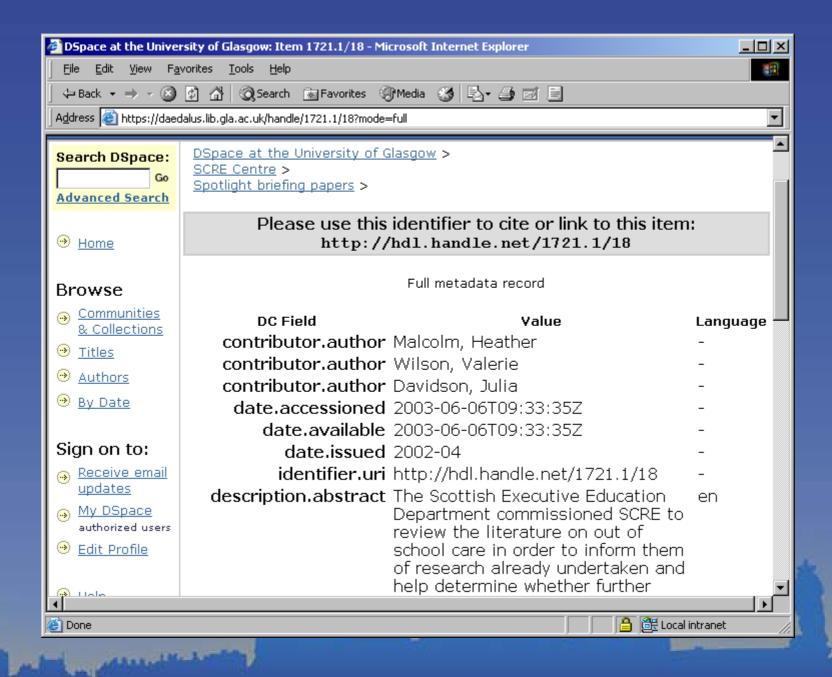


## **DSpace**

- Development driven by Academics at MIT
- Freely available from November 2002
- Digital Preservation promise
- Metadata: Dublin Core "qualified"
- DSpace Federation
- http://www.dspace.org







## Versions

### **GNU Eprints -**

Beta March 2001

1.0 April 2001

1.1.2 Nov 2001

2.1.1 Dec 2002

#### DSpace -

1.0 Feb - May 2003

1.1 May 2003

## Installation

### **GNU Eprints -**

Week and a half to do initial install

Several additional weeks to configure and make changes (Testing and development)

#### DSpace -

"Not a plug and play adventure"

DSpace for Dummies [U of Tennessee]

3 months off and on to install (fully)

## Skill Sets

**GNU Eprints -**

PERL

MySQL

Unix / Red Hat Linux

**DSpace** 

JAVA/Tomcat

PostgreSQL

Unix / Red Hat Linux

os

**BPL** 

**DBMS** 

BPL DBMS OS Backend Programming Language / Server Database Management System
Operating System

# Configuration

## **GNU Eprints -**

"Look and feel"

Added XML document formats

Library of Congress Subject Headings (now default)

#### DSpace -

Minimal configuration at the moment

# **Eprints Default Doc Types**

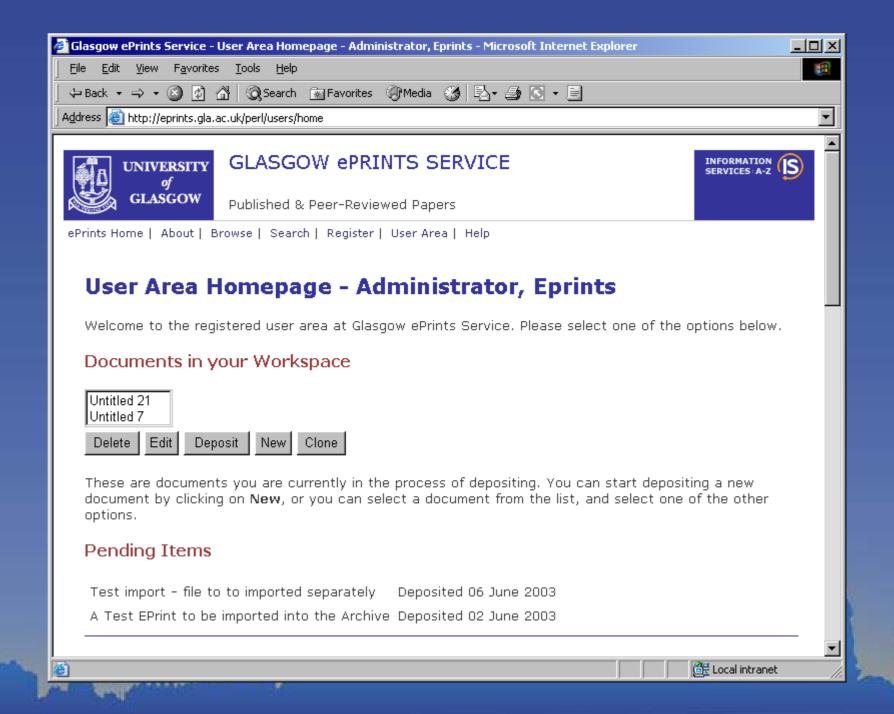
- Preprint
- Conference Paper
- Conference Poster
- Book
- Book Chapter
- Proceedings
- News article

- Journal (Paginated)
- Journal (Online)
- Theses
- Technical Report
- Other

# DSpace Default Doc Types

- Animation
- Article
- Book
- Book chapter
- Dataset
- Learning Object
- Image
- Image,3-D
- Map
- Musical Score
- Plan or blueprint

- Preprint
- Presentation
- Recording, acoustical
- Recording, musical
- Recording, oral
- Software
- Technical Report
- Thesis
- Video
- Working Paper
- Other





#### **Edit Subject: (Top Level)**

Subject ID: ROOT

#### Location(s) in Hierarchy

- (Top Level)
  - o Library of Congress Subject Areas
  - o University of Glasgow

#### Children

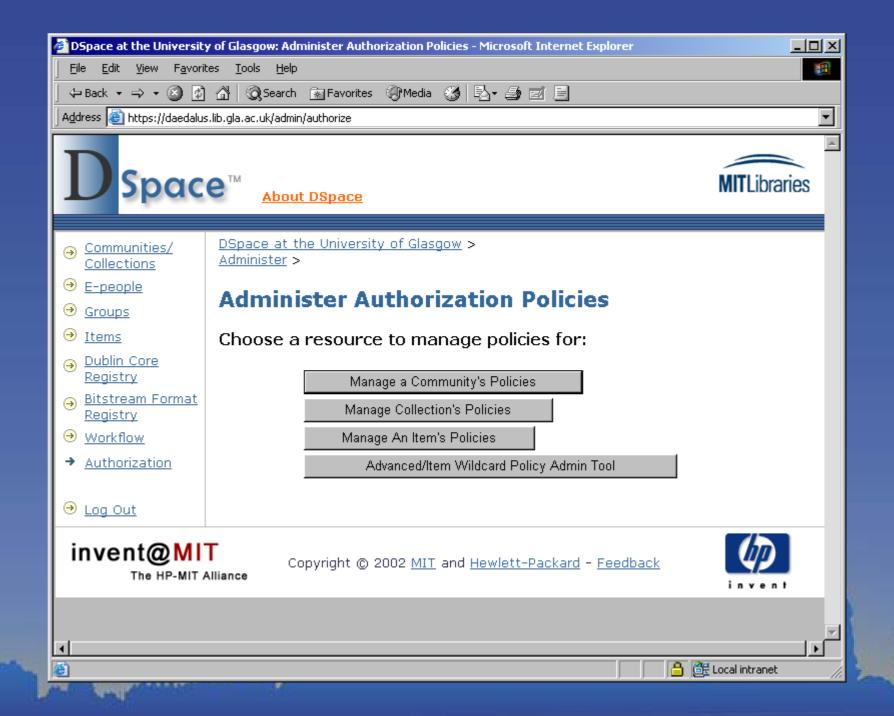
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Library of Congress Subject Areas	11	1	21
University of Glasgow	11	1	11

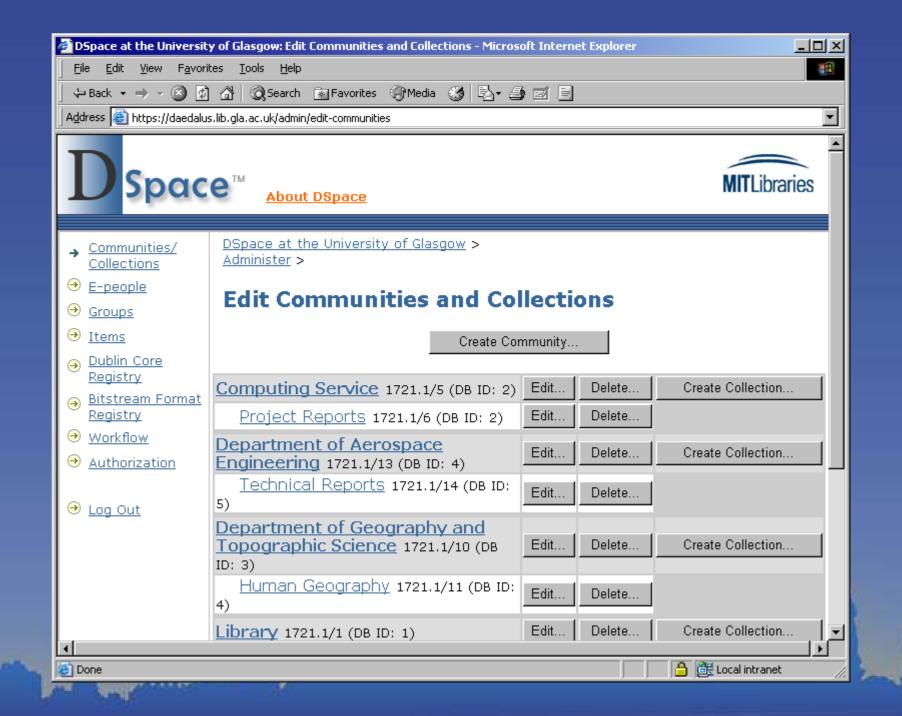
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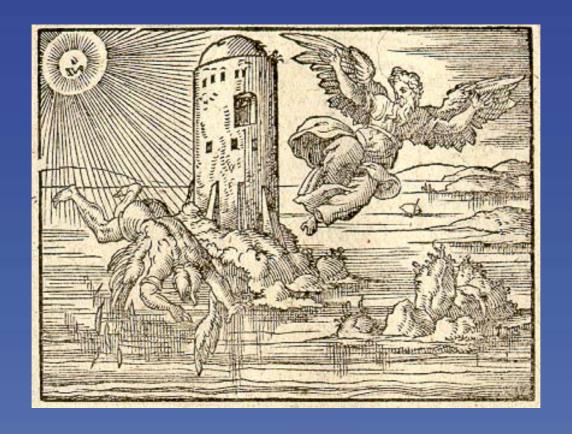


## **Further Evaluation**

- Customisation
- Workflow and deposit
- Metadata
- Scalability
- OAI-PMH implementation
- Further development

## **Eprints and DSpace**

- GNU Eprints and DSpace are complementary products
- Both are highly effective tools for building institutional repositories
- Both require cultural change and advocacy to ensure that they have content and are used



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