

Costing Digital Preservation of research data – University of Birmingham

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Overview

UoB's Open Data Programme

- Costing for Digital Preservation
 - Business case 1
 - Current data services usage
 - Current cost recovery
 - Business case 2



UoB Open Data Programme

- □ Started in July 2016
- Membership from Planning Office, IT services, Library Services and Research Support Services
- Designed for 3 phases
- Several projects to cover all aspects of RDM



UoB Open Data Programme

| Project | Phase 1 Basic requirements July 2016 – July 2017 | Phase 2 Implementing and embedding July 2017 – July 2018 | Phase 3 July 2018 – July 2019 |
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| Institutional repository | Options appraisal | Setup | Transition to BAU |
| Storage | Options appraisal & Business case | Monitor storage on campus | Digital Preservation! |
| DMPOnline pilot | Pilot customisations | | |
| Advocacy & Training | Initial Advocacy | Increased amount of training sessions | Integrated training Skills gap analysis |
| Policy | Rewrite institutional policy | Align policy and IR service | |
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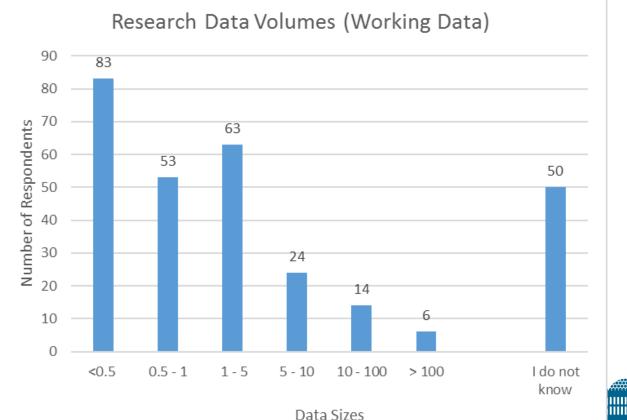
Costing for Digital Preservation – business case 1

- □ January 2017
- Setting up a data repository integrated with storage from Arkium, no preservation system
- Costed for storage: 100 TB pay as you go for 5 years to start with - £181,200
- Business case to university central budget



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□ Survey by IT services (2017 data)

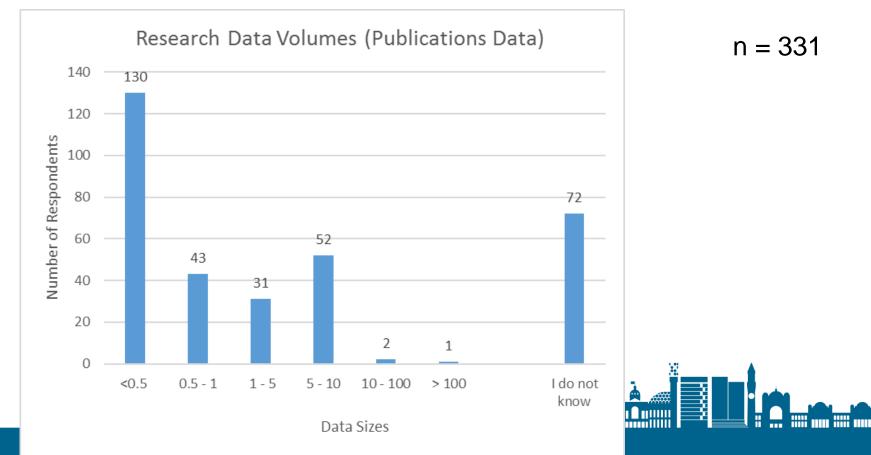


n = 293



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Current eData repository usage

- □ Repository of last resort
- □ 151 records
- □ Currently using 0.133 TB of storage
- □ Mix of proprietary files (.mat) and open files



Cost recovery

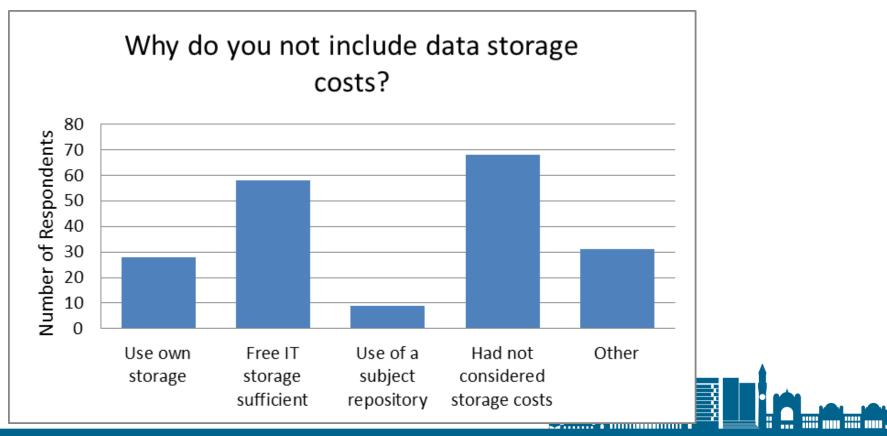
| Tape Storage TBs | Price per TB for up to 10 Years with data held in two geographically separated data centres | |
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| 0 - 20 TBs | This is funded by the University from the Indirect Costs associated with research grants. | |
| > 20 TBs | £40 per TB. (charged in full to the project as a consumable) | |

https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/it/teams/infrastructure/research/bear/research-data-service/RDS/research-bids-guidance.aspx



Costs from grant applications?

□ IT survey 2019, n = 194



Costing for Digital Preservation – preparation for business case 2

- Digital preservation working group in Library Services bringing together special collections and repository content
- □ Digital preservation policy
- Vendor presentations for preservation systems scheduled for June 2019
- Job description approved waiting for funding to be able to recruit



Costing for Digital Preservation – preparation for business case 2

Business case for a system based on

- 42 GB publications data and metadata
- 11 GB other outputs
- 75 GB theses
- 133 GB research data
- -2.2 TB special collections material





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