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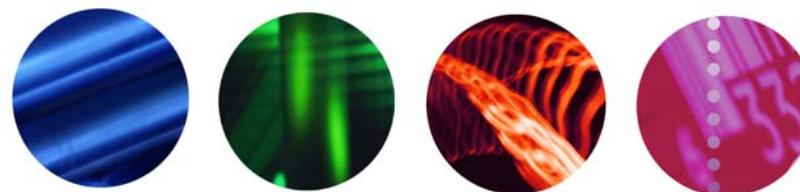
Joint Information Systems Committee

The JISC FAIR Programme

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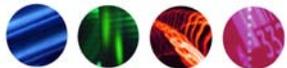
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Supporting further and higher education

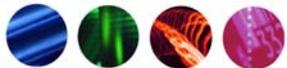
The FAIR Programme

- Focus on Access to Institutional Resources (Institutional Repositories and Open Access)
- £2 million investment
- 14 projects
- August 2002 – October 2005



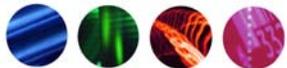
FAIR Objectives

- Investigate the deposit and disclosure of institutional assets
 - Increase understanding of processes
 - Technical
 - Organisational
 - Cultural
 - Contribute towards mechanisms and supporting services to allow the submission and sharing of content
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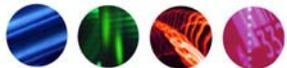
The FAIR Projects

- The 14 projects are split into 3 clusters
 - e-prints and e-theses (eFAIR – 8 projects)
 - Museums and Images (4 projects)
 - Institutional Portals (2 projects)
 - Projects are lasting from 1 year to 3 years
 - Cover both HE and FE
 - Involve >40 institutions across the UK
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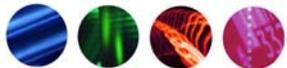
Key projects

- eFAIR
 - DAEDALUS
 - SHERPA
 - Theses Alive!
 - Electronic Theses
 - HaIRST
 - TARDiS
- Institutional Portals
 - FAIR Enough



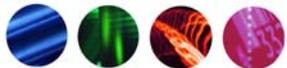
The Open Archives Initiative

- FAIR is inspired by the vision of the Open Archives Initiative (OAI)
 - Sharing digital resources based on a simple mechanism allowing metadata about those resources to be harvested into services
 - OAI has its roots in an effort to enhance access to e-print archives as a means of increasing the availability of scholarly communication.
 - now used in many fields, e.g., learning materials, images, museum content
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Institutional Repository Software

- eprints.org
 - widely used (127 known archives)
 - used within 5 FAIR projects
 - DSpace
 - used within 3 FAIR projects
 - DSpace@Cambridge
 - Theses Alive! has written add-on
 - Guide to Institutional Repository Software from OSI
 - <http://www.soros.org/openaccess>
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Further Information

JISC FAIR Programme:

http://www.jisc.ac.uk/programme_fair.html

