

Technologies & Tools
for the Implementation of
Repositories and E-journals

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Agenda

- Implementation options and challenges repositories and e-journals
- What is already available
- What needs to be improved









Repositories and E-Journals Implementation options

- Host in-house
 - Develop on open-source platform
 - Develop on commercial platform
 - Develop from scratch
- Outsource hosting
- Platform selection









Open source platforms

- Flexibility, unlimited customisation capabilities
- Tested solution support already thousands of open access systems installations worldwide
- Suitable for a wide range of implementations
 - From the smallest to the largest
 - Not only for high-end organisations at the edge of technology









Systems infrastructure requirements

- Reliability / availability / safety
- Rapid response to changing requirements
 - On-demand, "late" resource allocations
 - Staging environments virtualisation
 - Particularly important for development on open source
- Logging / reporting









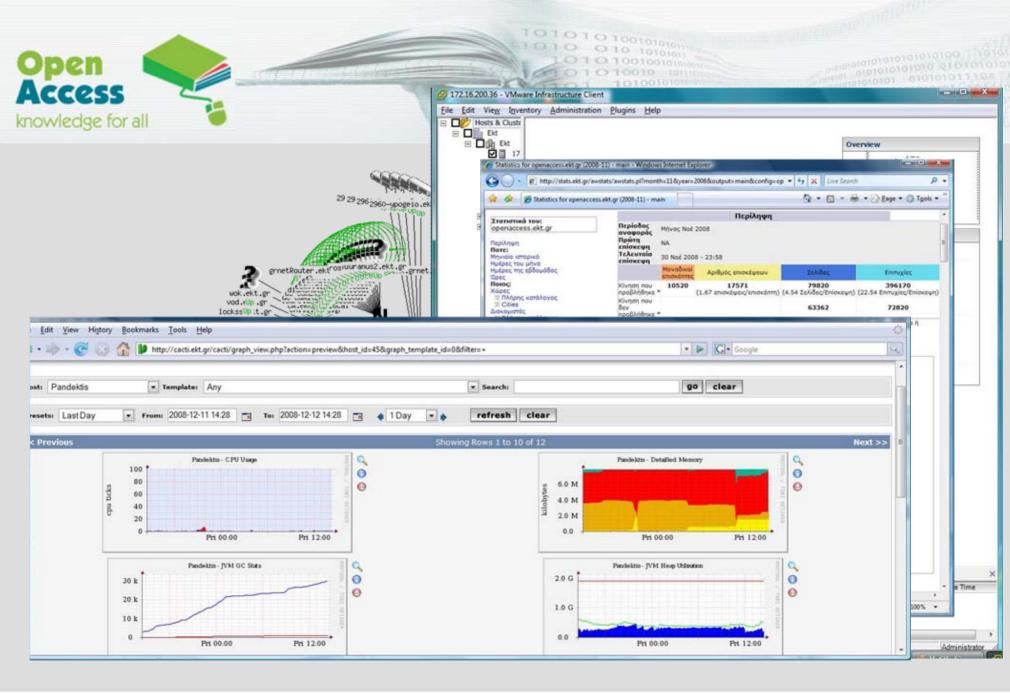
Systems infrastructure issues

- Virtualisation management
- Storage management
- Monitoring availability and performance
- Logging and statistics















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Software infrastructure issues

- Robust open source platforms are already in place for repositories and e-journals
- Basic functionality is well supported
- Some important advanced features are still not widely available









Mature functions

- Indexing of metadata and full-text
- Metadata search and browse
- Support for fundamental workflows (e.g., content submission, peer review)
- Protocols for remote metadata harvesting and searching
- Basic multi-lingual material support









Topics for further consideration (1 / 2)

- Advanced mechanisms for content submission
- Enhancing the end-user experience web 2.0
- Sophisticated metadata representation standards (e.g., for compound objects)
- Semantic search / retrieval
- Applications of data matching









Topics for further consideration (2 / 2)

- Usability of full-text search (e.g., highlighting)
- Protocols and APIs for remote updates and harvesting full-text
- Distributed workflows
- Single-sign on
- Interoperability of repositories, e-journals and CRIS









How to attract researchers?

- Improve the user experience of researchers in the role of data providers
 - Help them with loading data to repositories
- Provide value-added services over repositories and e-journals
 - Reference management
 - Reporting
 - Usage statistics of researcher output









Researchers as data providers

- Combination of multiple mechanisms to make things easier for the researcher
 - Loading and pre-processing of researcher data from multiple bibliographic sources
 - Integration with workflows for production of scientific documents - "zero-click ingest"
 - Automatic metadata extraction
- Several production systems in use worldwide
- No open source solution yet









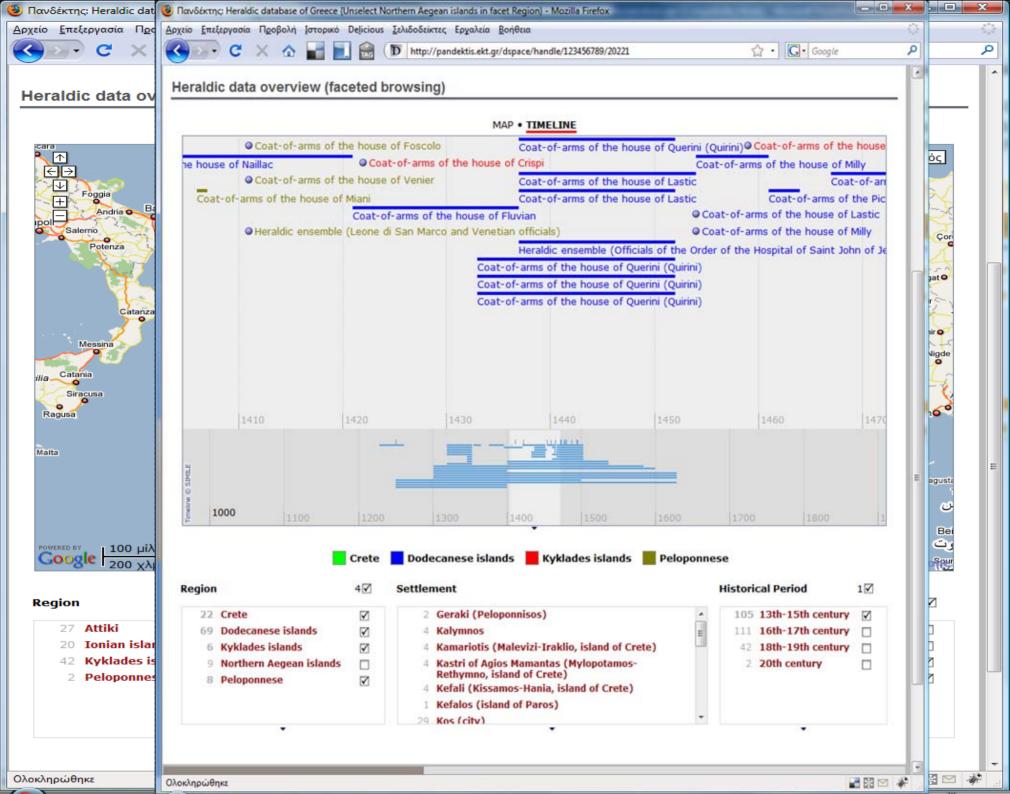
The end user experience

- Web 2.0 like features
- Faceted browsing
- Maps, time lines, time plots
- Social networking features
 - Tagging, reviews
- Personalisation
- Make the above cross-repository?











Metadata representation

- Current systems support mostly flat metadata standards
- Limited support for:
 - Heterogeneity in metadata standards model-driven development
 - Compound objects
 - Linking









The significance of data matching

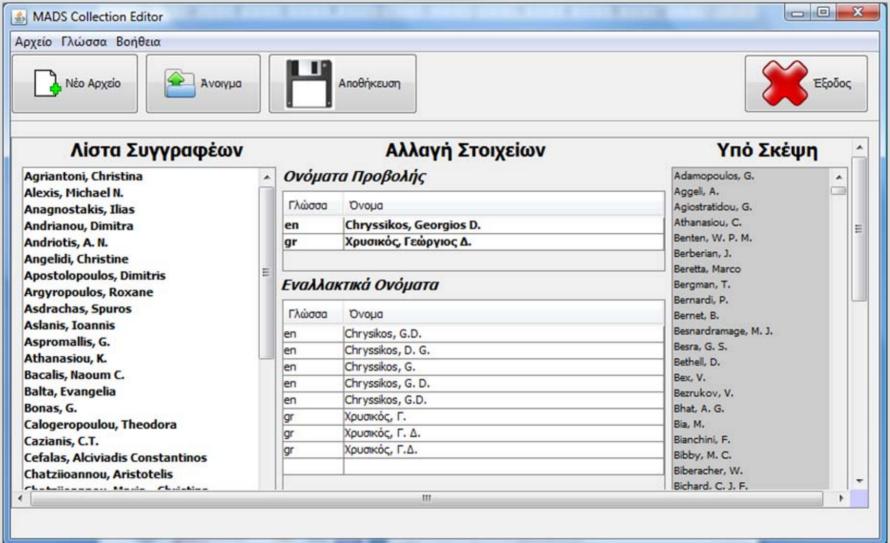
- Authority files / unique identifiers for names (authors, research organisations, journals, publishers, research areas)
- Benefits:
 - Enhanced search / browse functionality
 - Reliability in statistics and reporting
 - Easier data integration and consolidation

















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Example: data matching

data matching list washing object identity resolution entity disambiguation coreference resolution reference reconciliation duplicate detection merge/purge processing data deduplication instance identification record matching database hardening name matching identity uncertainty entity resolution entity matching record linkage









Interoperability standards

- Interoperability guidelines for repositories (DRIVER II, DINI, ...)
- Harvesting standard (OAI-PMH)
- Search standards (Z39.50, SRW/U)
- Structure (METS, OAI-ORE, MPEG-DIDL)
- Batch remote submission (SWORD)
- Need for standard update APIs









Conclusions

- Open access installations have demanding requirements on the systems infrastructure
- Robust open source software platforms are available for both repositories and e-journals
- Fundamental functionality is well supported
- Further work needed for several important advanced functions / features









Back up slides









Technical enablers

- Systems
 - Virtualisation
 - Single sign-on
- Software
 - Web services / Service-oriented architecture
 - Model-driven development
 - User interface technologies









Multi-lingual information management

- Multi-lingual information management
 - Encoding
 - User interface localisation
 - Indexing, searching and browsing





