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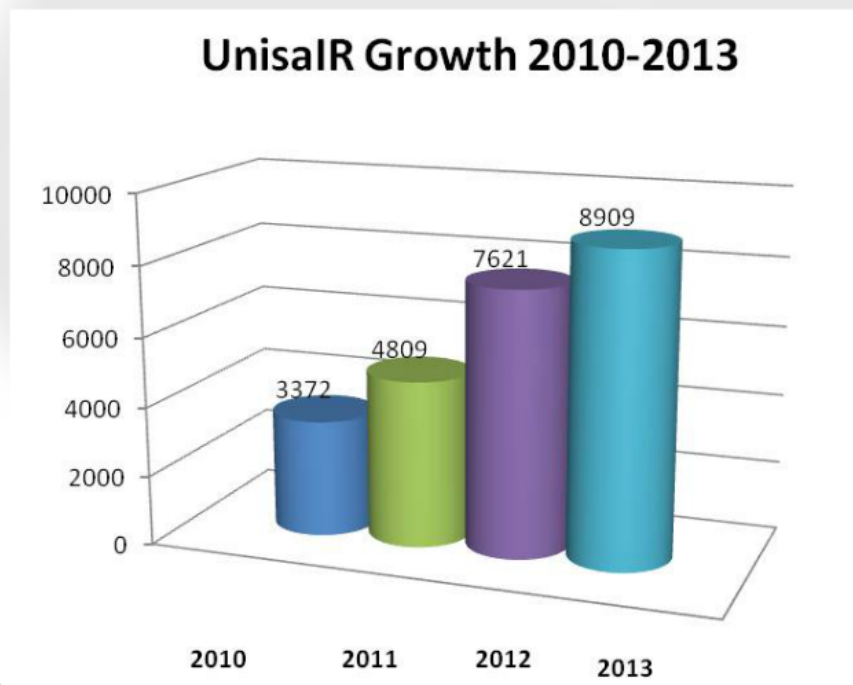
Introduction

Since its inception in May 2009 the Unisa Institutional Repository (UnisaIR) has experienced a vast growth in items as well as usage. At present it consists of 8909 items with an average of more than 300 000 full-text views per month. The aim of this presentation is to provide a visual representation of the impact of archiving of information resources (for example research output) in an open digital repository on the visibility and citations of authors.

Growth and scope of the UnisaIR

Unisa Research Outputs

- Theses and dissertations
- Research articles
- Books and chapters
- Conference papers
- ... and many more...



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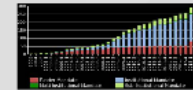
The journey to global visibility

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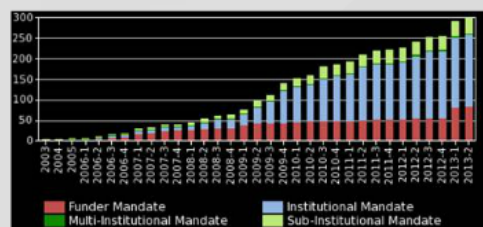
Global Interoperability and Metadata Harvesting

The UnisaIR is interoperable with other repositories and compliant with the Open Archives Initiative Metadata Harvesting Protocol (OAI-MHP). This technology enables the harvesting of metadata of repositories. The UnisaIR is therefore accessible via various interfaces and search engines, for example Google Scholar, Unisa Library system, NRF portal, NDLTD, OCLC, and several others. Furthermore the UnisaIR is registered with various repository registries such as ROAR and OpenDOAR.

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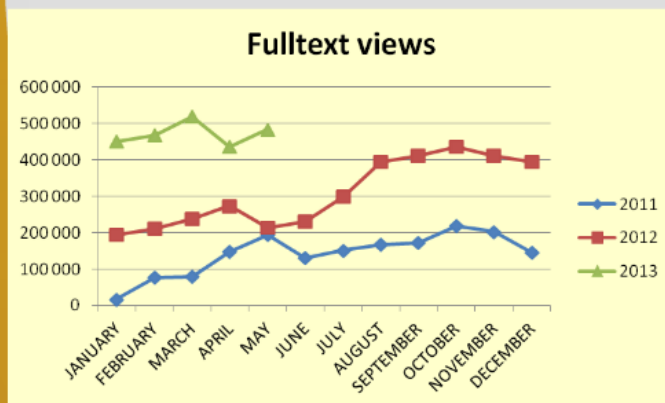
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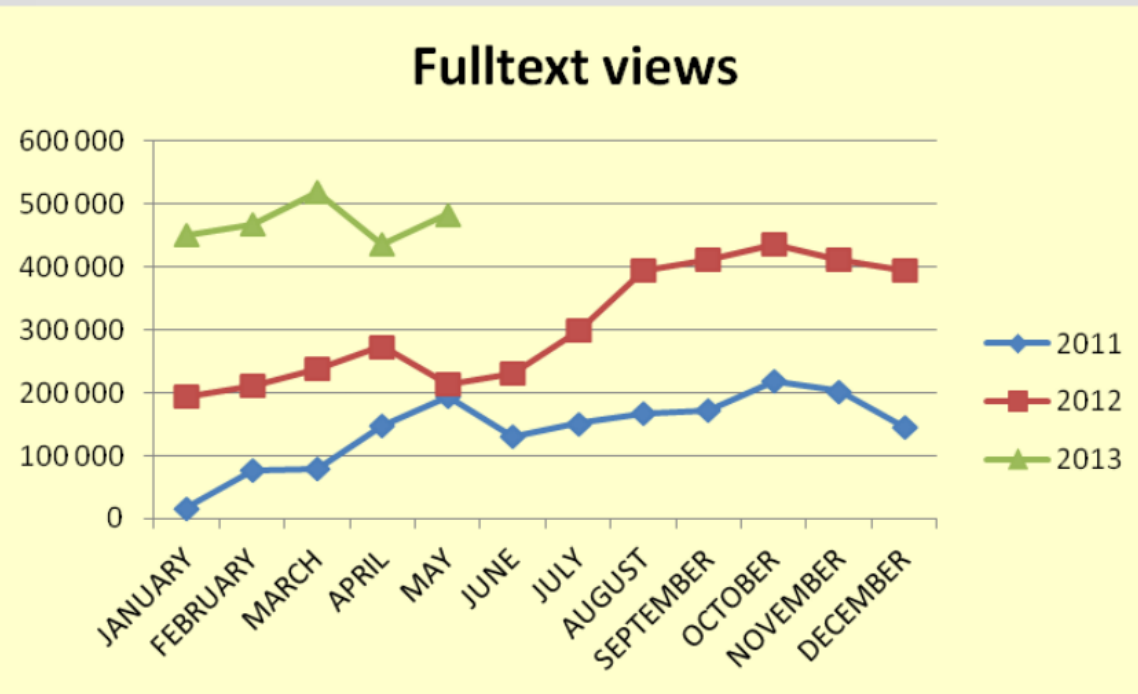
The usage of the UnisaIR with special reference to full-text downloads

The UnisaIR is frequently accessed from several global locations. The graph below is providing a comparison between the annual numbers of full-text downloads for 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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The impact of the visibility on citations: a practical example in Google Scholar

The top viewed item in the UnisaIR is used to illustrate the impact of the visibility of items in the UnisaIR on Google Scholar citations

Unisa IR

Groenewald, Thomas [A phenomenological research design illustrated. \(International Journal of Qualitative Methods, 4\(1\), pp1-25](#)

Full text views:
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[A phenomenological research design illustrated](#)

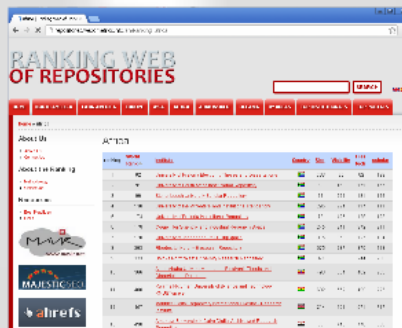
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Ranking Web of Repositories

During January 2013 UnisaR has been ranked 2nd in Africa and 91st in the World



The screenshot shows the 'Ranking Web of Repositories' website. The table lists various repositories with columns for Rank, Name, Country, Size, and Date. The University of South Africa Institutional repository is highlighted in yellow, indicating its 2nd rank in Africa.

Rank	Name	Country	Size	Date
1	University of Pretoria electronic theses and dissertations	South Africa	100,000	2012
2	University of South Africa Institutional repository	South Africa	100,000	2012
3	Stellenbosch University Scholar repository	South Africa	100,000	2012
4	University of the Witwatersrand institutional repository	South Africa	100,000	2012
5	University of Pretoria institutional repository	South Africa	100,000	2012

UnisaR is 2nd of Africa's big 5 (Top five African repositories)



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1	62	University of Pretoria Electronic Theses and Dissertations		703	60	62	128
2	91	University of South Africa Institutional Repository		68	158	171	177
3	96	Stellenbosch University Scholar Repository		37	224	181	129
4	130	University of the Witwatersrand Institutional Repository		295	284	117	111
5	174	University of Pretoria Institutional Repository		73	425	129	123
6	178	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research Space		245	241	372	211
7	178	University of Johannesburg UJ Digital Space		315	370	127	134
8	293	Rhodes University Research Repository		975	287	370	413
9	323	Botswana North West University Research Repository		371	633	244	206
10	366	Addis Ababa University Libraries Electronic Thesis and Dissertations Database		490	604	402	283
11	400	Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology KNUSTspace		602	662	489	227
12	457	Mahider Digital Repository International Livestock Research Institute		214	401	571	797
13	498	American University in Cairo Digital Archive and Research Repository		80	740	778	506

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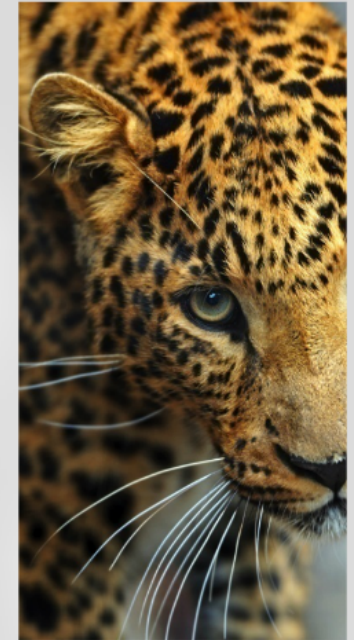
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