

Researcher ID overview

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The Problem

- 17 million researchers globally
- Multiple researchers one name
- One researcher multiple names
 - initials
 - marriage
 - cultural differences
 - multiple institutions

Why is this a problem?

- Bibliometrics
 - contributions
 - citations
- Funding
- Rating

Solutions

- Researcher ID (Thomson Reuters) 2008
- Scopus Author ID
- Google scholar citations
- ORCID (Open researcher and Contributor ID) -2012
- Social media platforms (ResearchGate, Mendeley, Academia.edu, LinkedIn) can all be linked to ORCID