



Figshare Implementation at University of Pretoria

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Product evaluation criteria

- Consulted with various UP stakeholders to obtain their input. Consulted with external stakeholders at the NEDICC workshop held at the CSIR;
- Consulted with peer Universities; and
- Utilised various selection criteria from other institutions e.g. Leeds
 University, Texas Digital Library and the RDA RPRD IG Matrix
 (http://tinyurl.com/RPRD-matrix) selection criteria as a basis and adapted it according to UP specific requirements.

Product Short Listing

- Product scan of products being used internationally; and
- Most commonly used products at universities similar to UP (size and research activity).

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Product Evaluation

- UP's formal Request For Information (RFI) process was followed.
- Product evaluation criteria list was compiled and send to short listed vendors together with standard RFI documentation.
- The requested information was received from the vendors and prepared for scoring.
- Products were scored and evaluated.
- Evaluation went through two rounds: In the second round more focus was placed on Open Source products



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Evaluation Criteria

- <u>Functional / Business criteria</u>: Deposit and Upload; Re-Usability;
 Identity and Access Management; Reporting; Discovery; Preservation
- Non Functional: Repository Architecture; Data Management; Data Governance
- Technical aspects: Back-end Management; Integration; Infrastructure
- Vendor specific: Support, Training, Usage of Product
- <u>Performance</u> requirements
- Integration requirements
- Costs



Compilation of Project Governance Structure

- Project sponsor
- Project Owner
- Project Manager
- Business Owner
- Business Lead
- Technical Lead
- RDM Steering Committee

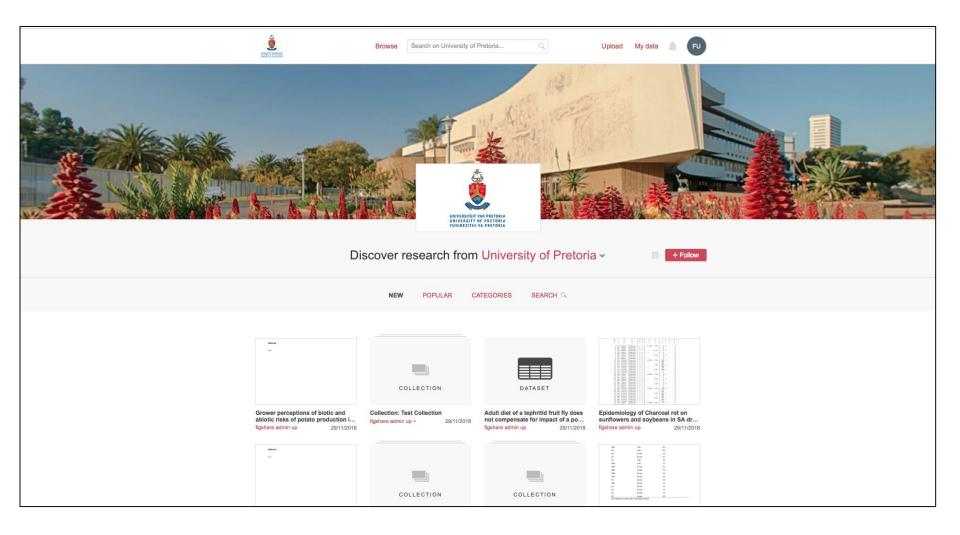


Progress on the Implementation of Figshare Research Data Repository at UP

- Technical Kick-off meeting between the UP RDM Task Team with Kay Lino on 21 September 2018
- Setup and Configuration of Figshare Solution in the testing environment (completed)
- We didn't need to do migration or archiving

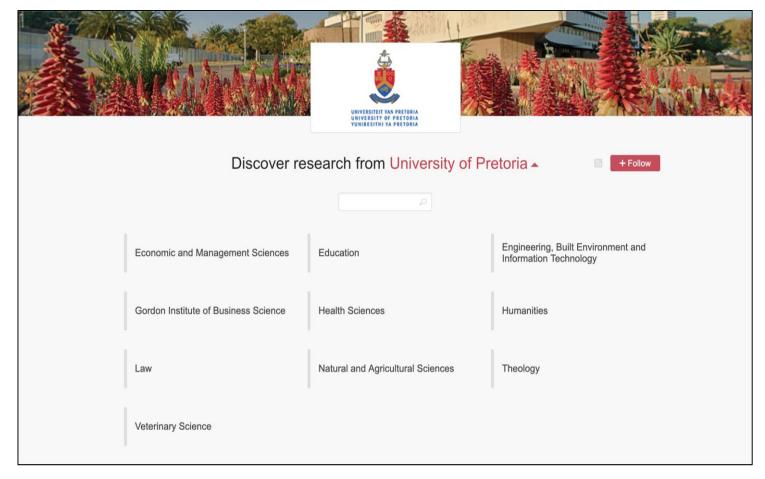


UP Figshare Repository





Set-up of Groups (Faculties) Structure





Updating each Faculty's banner (look and feel) by Dept of University Relations (DUR)







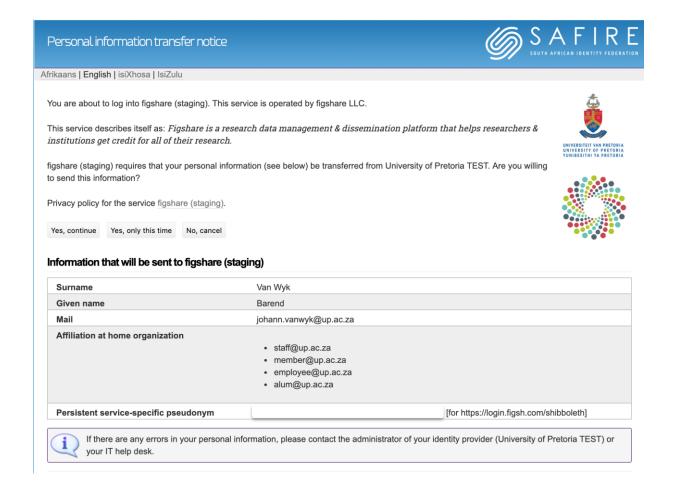








Integration for Authentication through SAFIRE has been completed and tested by Dept of ITS





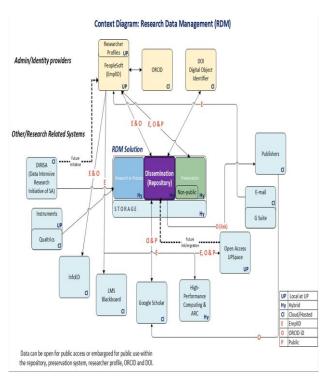
Testing of Figshare

- Internal testing to upload Research Data by ITS and Library Services have been completed.
- Pilot Testing of Figshare:
 Bioinformatics have done some pilot testing and researchers from Potato Pathology is also currently testing this

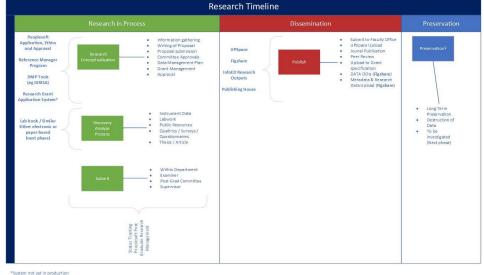


Mapping the Process Workflow

Research Data Management (RDM) Process Flow Document (mapping the various systems at UP that will interface with Figshare) –drafted by ITS and reviewed one of our academics

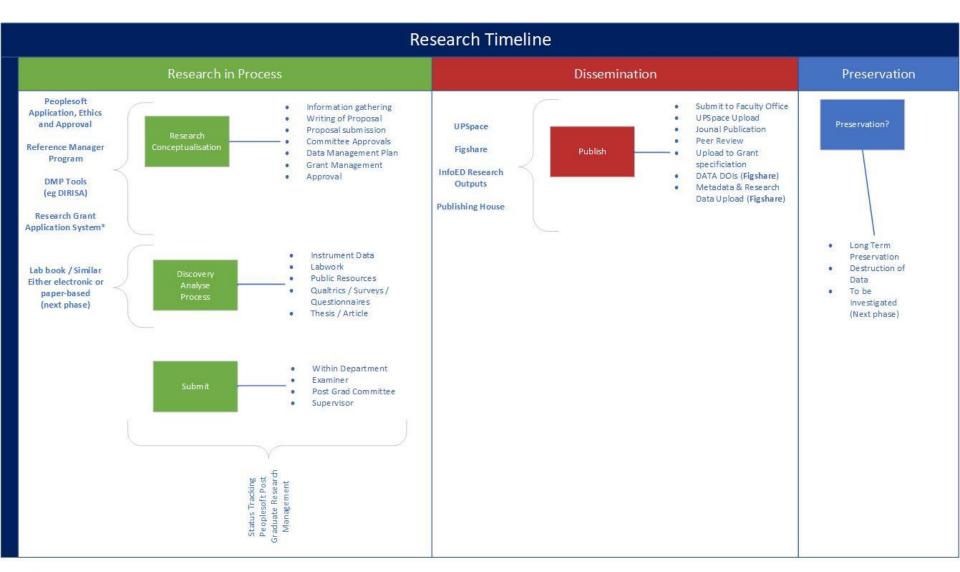


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Set-up a Communication Plan (in process)

- Promote Figshare in campus publications
- Development of a Marketing Video in collaboration with Dept of University Relations (in process)
- Personalised e-mail from Vice Principal for Research and Innovation's office to targeted audience
- Market the system via a roadshow to each faculty by staff from Library Services and ITS together with Vice Principal for Research and Innovation. This will include an explanation of the whole ecosystem of systems that support the research process including Figshare, and how this will align with the UP RDM Policy.



Next steps

- Training of admin users
- Determine quota (size) of uploading data per user (ITS)
- Determine DOI suffix (RDM Steering Committee)
- Determine the name of the Repository (RDM Steering Committee)
- Planning of a Roadshow to Faculties (in process)
- Planning of training of researchers & support staff (RDM Readiness Training Toolkit) (in process)
- Compile training material for researchers (in process)
- Smaller customisations such as specifying Terms, Licenses, Helpdesk Links/email, and footers (in process)
- In future we will still need to sync Cloud and Local Storage



Thank you