Generalizing the Subject Repository

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AN INVESTIGATION INTO
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what will we talk about?

• Challenges for Subject Repositories
• Subject Repository Landscape
• Recommendations and Discussion
CHALLENGES
sociological challenges
registries
Total Information Awareness

Google Gulp

Cattle mutilations

Chupa cabra

Google Biotech

Clone army

Currency

Convenience stores

Banks

Credit cards

google.gov

Google Classic

Infant Rib Hat

Collapse of existing governments

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Elimination of humans

Sky Net

Teleportation

Terminator

time travel

brings back

lightning

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the big ten
Funding Models

- federal support: 2
- corporate support: 1
- library system: 1
- hybrid model: 1
- multiple grants: 3
- volunteer: 1
repository size and software

- PubMed Central: 1,960K
- arXiv.org e-print archive: 590K
- SSRN: 220K
- CiteSeerx: 1,514K
- RePEc (research papers in economics): 739K
some approaches

- Communication with PIs/teams
- Iterative scoping and design
- Metadata first
- Local technical control
- Emphasizing a funder relationship
summary of issues

- Subject repositories are heterogeneous
- Diverse community needs and cultures
- Lack of consistent terminology
- Lack of recognition in authoritative resources
- Lack of literature
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. More literature
2. Standard language
3. Community of SR managers, librarians, and administrators
4. Instruments for evaluation
5. Guidelines/best practices
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