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Open Access is getting popular day by day in all over the world. Many discussions are happening on this topic. Many articles are publishing in various journals and newspapers. But after some period of time if we want to trace all news on open access it's really difficult. Open Access Tracking Project can solve this problem and tag all open access related news under one platform. The OATP project now in an all volunteer phase and looking taggers, especially from Asia. This paper gives detailed information about OATP, how it works and how it benefits people following the progress of open access. Through this paper we want to make awareness of OATP project.

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OATP, Open Access, Tags

Introduction

From long time Peter Suber (1) working as open access advocate and worked for open access through writing, speaking, research education, collaboration, research, writing, tool-building, direct assistance, and pro bono consulting. The Open Access Tracking Project developed by him in April 2009. All detail description about OATP project written by Peter Suber in SPARC Open Access News letter, In 2011 OATP has become part of Harvard University Open Access Project. This project got funding from Arcadia(2011-2016) and the Laura and John Arnold Foundation (2016-2018).

What is OATP

OATP is a crowd sourced social tagging project running on open source software. It aims to capture news and comments related to open access, open data and open education around the globe.

It has two main mission-

- Create real time alerts for new developments.
- Organize knowledge of the field by tags for easy searching and sharing.
How OATP Publish Data

OATP publish data through primary and secondary feeds. The primary feed contain recent developments (in the last six months), on every aspect of open access. Secondary feeds cover developments on selected subtopics of open access, such as OA in a certain field, OA in a certain country, or OA of certain kinds, such as policies, journals, and repositories (2).

The primary feed is available in eight file formats to serve users with different needs. Twitter is the most popular version of the primary feed.

There is a secondary feed for every project tag. But users can also create customized secondary feeds based on any Boolean combination of tags and keywords. Every feed has a simple and self explanatory URL.

Importance of OATP

OATP help to build collection of Open Access related data at one place though this database users can export, update and search data. This project help to open access community to get information about latest development in Open Access Area. Its support for research on Open Access. This data can be shared among OA community. Its support growth of open access around the globe (3)

What tags you can add in tag for OATP

Anything about open access: Policies, Journal articles, Articles, preprints, studies, surveys, reports, announcements, books, dissertations, datasets, calls for papers, funding opportunities, job ads, conferences, workshops, organizations, projects, tools, services, blog posts, slide presentations, videos, podcasts, wikis.

Can I make my own Tags for OATP ?

The project supports user-defined "subtopic tags" for classifying OA-related web pages. Users also can tag in OATP to create tags they have to follow the OATP tag syntax. few example of this tag are oa.india, oa.china, oa.asia, oa.south, oa.policies, oa.data, oa.mandates, oa.paywalls (4)OATP supports feeds of any boolean combination of project tags, such as oa.india AND oa.policies, oa.india AND oa.repositories, oa.india AND oa.journals, and even more complex constructions like (oa.india OR oa.south) AND oa.plan_s.(5)
How to become OATP Tagger

Open account on https://tagteam.harvard.edu/

Give description about your project its required. If you want to tag for OATP, just say that. If you are not giving description your project may be denied.

Once your account is approved in TagT team, you can create new hub or project even you can tag to existing hubs request permission to tag for OATP, which is one “hub” or project within TagTeam. Once you’re approved to tag for OATP, learn the basics about tagging for OATP. These are collected in the OATP “getting started” handout. (6) and follow basic four steps given on getting started handout link.

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How to install the tagging bookmarklet on your browser

- Login in to TagTeam and enter the OATP hub.
- Click on Taggers.
- Drag the “Add to TagTeam” icon to your browser toolbar.
When you visit a page you want to tag, click on the tagging icon on your browser toolbar. The tagging form will pop up. Just fill it in.
How to search OATP

Put a keyword in search system it show number of records with details

To search for a tag, precede it with the “#” character, such as “#oa.india”.

Conclusion

OATP is really helpful project which is useful for academic field. OATP has very less response from India. Many development are happening in India related to Open Access. Somewhere this work to be archived or stored in searchable format and OATP is best solution for this. OATP is inviting volunteers who can tag to tag team regularly please come and join the team.

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