SOAR: Shocker Open Access Repository

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Agenda

- What is SOAR?
- Who else has institutional repositories?
- How you benefit?
- Dept. and individual faculty pages
- Easy to add/find content in SOAR
- SOAR promotes & stores your work
- Live demo; Q & A
What is SOAR?

• A power & flexible digital database
  • Capture and distribute WSU intellectual content worldwide;
  • Serve as a long-term storage of University research data and publications

• A new model of scholarly publishing
  • Authors retained copyright and control access to works
  • Libraries provides server, software, bibliographic description, access, preservation, customer service including copyright checking services
Who else has digital repositories?

- Almost every large research university in America, Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand; major universities in Asia and South Africa
- In Kansas: Univ. of Kansas, K–State, and Wichita State
Why SOAR, if I have a Web Page?

Because SOAR is not a website:

- SOAR is an OAI compliant database
- much more stable than website;
- provides persistent identifier to each work (similar to DOI; called handle);
- allows to present the University research in an organized fashion;
- has a clear research function while Dept. websites are focused on students
What Content does SOAR accept?

Research, educational, & related:
- Articles, conference papers, reports
- E-journals and e-books
- e-theses and dissertations
- Digitized cultural heritage collections
- Images, sound– and video files
- Administrative reports
- Newsletters, and more
Easy to Use. Easy to find

- Easy to add content to SOAR
- Easy to browse and search content

- Go to Google, type some keyword + SOAR + Wichita (sometimes keywords are enough)

You result will be on the top
Who uses SOAR?

- Academics: researchers, graduate students, faculty
- 6 months end user statistics:
  - Total visits -- 14000; Average Per Day – 87
  - Total page views -- 61000; Average Per Day – 460
  - Most viewed paper – 48 visits; no.2 and 3 – 35 visits each
  - Users come from all over the world
End Users by Country & Language

- United States: 62.9%
- United Kingdom: 3.5%
- China: 1.6%
- Malaysia: 0.7%
- Japan: 0.7%
- Netherlands: 0.6%
- France: 0.6%
- India: 4.7%
- Australia: 2.5%
- Philippines: 1.0%
- Brazil: 0.9%
- South Africa: 0.7%
- Indonesia: 0.6%
- Taiwan: 0.6%
- Singapore: 0.5%
- Canada: 3.0%
- Unknown: 2.1%
- Germany: 1.3%
- Israel: 3.8%
- Turkey: 0.7%
- Arabic: 0.2%
- Polish: 0.2%
- Thai: 0.1%
- Bulgarian: 0.1%
- Romanian: 0.1%
- Slovenian: 0.0%
- Malaysian: 0.0%
- Albanian: 0.0%

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- Chinese: 2.6%
- German: 1.5%
- French: 1.1%
- Portuguese: 1.0%
- Japanese: 0.3%
- Greek: 0.4%
- Russian: 0.2%
- Finnish: 0.2%
- Norwegian: 0.1%
- Lithuanian: 0.1%
- Croatian: 0.1%
Next Steps: Contact SOAR Staff

• Choose works / projects to add to SOAR:
• Dept. publications (often serials: journals; proceedings; theses)
• Individual faculty scholarship (articles; presentations, etc.)
• Special projects / collections
• Add content yourself or ask SOAR staff to do it for you.
For More Information

Go to: http://soar.wichita.edu

FAQ:

• http://library.wichita.edu/techserv/soar/soarguide/FAQ.htm

• SOAR policies:
  http://library.wichita.edu/techserv/soar/soarguide/policies.htm
SOAR Demo

Q and A

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