



# 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



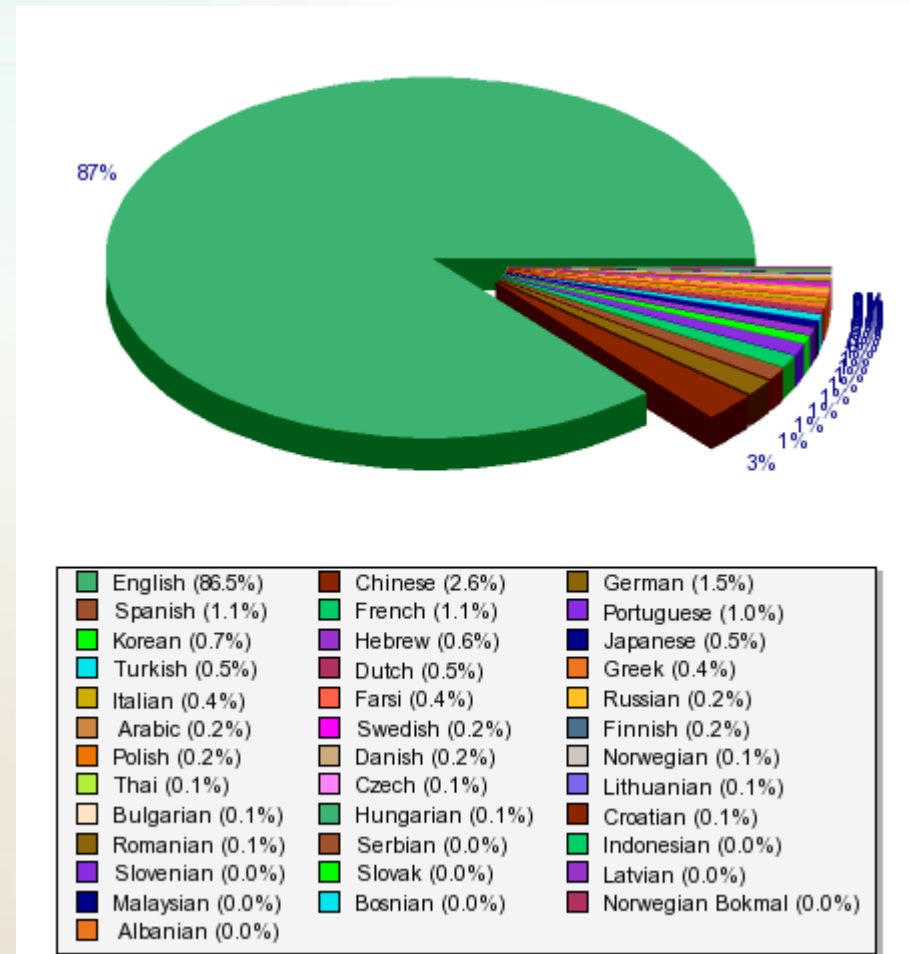
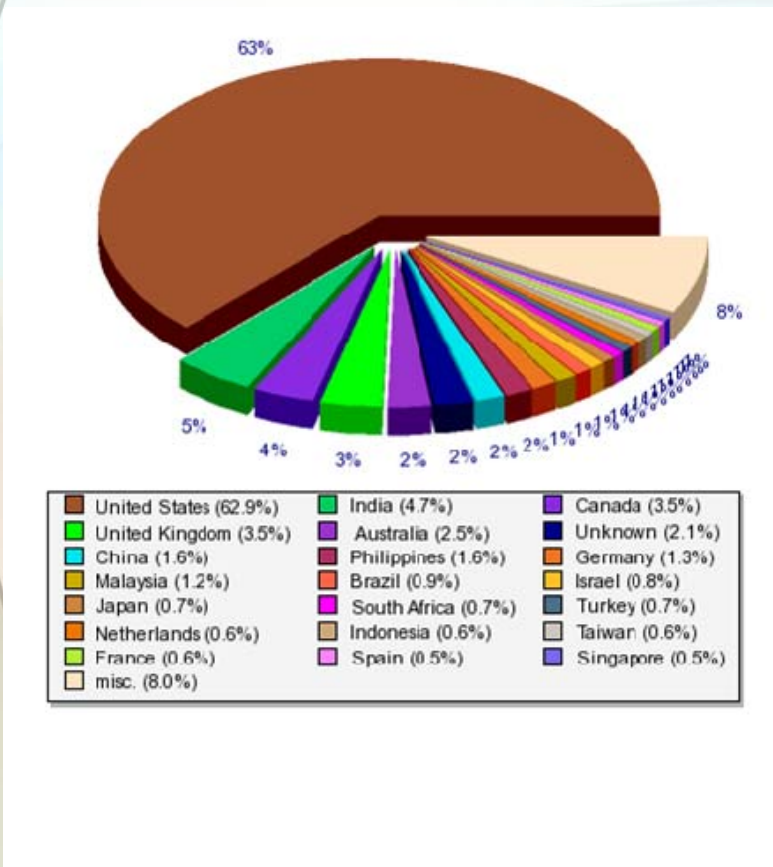
# Who uses SOAR?

- 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



## Shocker Open Access Repository Recent Visitors World Map





## 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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