

Personal repository space via the personal portal

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Introduction

uPortal at the University of Hull

The RepoMMan project

Bringing the portal and the repository together

Linking in the course management system (Sakai)

Linking in library services (CREE)

uPortal at the University of Hull

University of Hull

- Mid-sized UK University
 - ~2,000 staff
 - ~21,000 students

uPortal live since September 2003

- Now running 2.5.2
- Staff and student portals
 - Staff - average monthly logins: 4158
 - Students - average monthly logins: 35061

University of Hull portal - port.hull

Home | Email | My Content | Students and Teaching | Research | Services and Support | Community | My Tab | Repositories

Welcome to port.hull

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If you have any feedback about port.hull please e-mail port.hull@hull.ac.uk

University News

- **Statement from the Vice Chancellor**
Over the last few days, a number of you have...
- **13th Annual Culture Night**
Sunday 20 April Middleton Hall, doors open a...
- **Conference - Embodiment and Identity**
22 to 23 May 2008The Society for Women in P...
- **Dean of Faculty of Health and Social Care**
Mrs Christine English is now the Dean of the...
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The University provides a cutting-edge educa...
- **eLearning Fora: demonstration of learner response devices**
Interactivity in teaching spaces is a 'hot t...
- **ALT Learning Technologist of the Year Award**
The Association of Learning Technologists (A...
- **Committee Secretary required**
A vacancy has arisen for a Committee Secreta...
- **Degree Ceremonies 14 to 18 July - Pages required**
We are seeking Pages for the summer graduati...
- **Money Doctors**
The University is taking part in a national ...
- **Sponsored walk**
The Hull and District Branch of the national...
- **The Business School**
The Business School would like to invite you...
- **Book club**
If you are interested in reading a wide rang...
- **Cycle2Work Scheme**
From 1 May to 31 May 2008, the University wi...
- **Report on Senate: 6 February**
The second of the new look Senates since S...
- **University Staff Cricket Club**
The University of Hull Academic Staff Cricke...

Portal Search

Top Portal Searches

Listed below are the top 6 searches for last month with a direct link to the item and also the location for this item in the portal if you would like find it manually.

1. [library-Services and Support tab, Library Services channel](#)
2. [hiqas-Services and Support tab, A to Z of Services channel, Student Recruitment and Admissions Service link](#)
3. [recognised teacher status form](#)
4. [hera-Services and Support tab, HERA channel](#)
5. [regulations governing the use of unfair means](#)
6. [facilities risk assessments](#)

Other Useful Links
[blackboard](#), [HERA](#), [Job Vacancies](#), [Parking Forms](#), [Pay Scales](#), [Semester Dates](#), [staff development](#), [Staff Expenses Form](#)

Email Dashboard

You have 0 unread email(s)

[Go To Inbox](#) [Check for New Messages](#)

New in the portal

- An events calendar is now available on the home page of the portal
- Check your email from the home page of the portal using the email dashboard
- Find an extended list of services under the services and support tab.
- 'My Tab' allows you to view all your important content in one place
- There is now a portal wide Site Map to help find content more quickly

Events Calendar

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Staff/Student Search

Search for staff and student and their details, by surname. Please note this search is case-sensitive.

Surname

Search for
 Staff
 Student



Focus on personalised services

Portal acts as a central source of University information

Services are geared towards serving personalised needs where feasible

These personalised services are built around the portal knowing who you are when you log in

- Login information is linked to your University record

Personalised services I

Services based on your departmental/faculty affiliation

Departmental Content

Academic Services

- Academic Services general
- Computing Services
- Corporate Systems
- e-SIG
- Library Services
- Staff development
- Academic Services Review
- Change Programme

Personalised services II

Services geared towards individual interaction

- Email
- Library account
 - Number of loans and holds, plus link to library account
- Staff and student personal details
 - View and edit
- Exam results - students
- Content management system
 - HyperContent

Personalised services III

Flexibility of presentation within the portal

• MyTab

The screenshot displays the 'My Tab' interface of a university portal. At the top, a navigation bar includes tabs for Home, Email, My Content, Students and Teaching, Research, Services and Support, Community, My Tab (selected), and Repositories. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Departmental Content:** A search bar and a 'Content Map' link are present. Below is a list of 'Academic Services' including Academic Services general, Computing Services, Corporate Systems, e-SIG, Library Services, Staff development, Academic Services Review, and Change Programme.
- My Library Account:** Displays account details, including 'Items currently on loan: 1' and 'Items currently on hold: 0'. It features a 'Link to your Library account' button and a descriptive paragraph about account management.
- My Tab Info:** Provides instructions on how to customize the My Tab, such as adding/removing columns and channels, and where to find the 'Preferences' link.
- Portal Search:** A search bar with a 'Search' button.
- New in the portal:** A list of updates, including an events calendar, an email dashboard, an extended list of services, the 'My Tab' feature, and a new Site Map.
- Library Services:** A search bar and a 'Content Map' link. Below is a 'Quick Links' section with links for library opening times, public website, catalogue, short loan service, departmental representatives, staff contact details, and electronic resources. A note about passwords for non-Athenas resources is also present.
- Forms (Hull and Scarborough):** Links to request forms for Electronic Short Loan (digitisation), Document Supply (books), and Document Supply (journals).

Digital repositories

Often associated with the management and presentation of digital collections

- Image repositories
 - e.g., ArtSTOR, UK Visual Arts Data Service
- Open access research repositories
 - e.g., arXiv, institutional repositories
- Learning object repositories
 - e.g., MERLOT, UK Jorum
- Digital archives
 - e.g., Encyclopedia of Chicago
- Data repositories

All predominantly delivered through their own repository interfaces

View of a repository

Repositories are often

- Centrally managed
- Geared towards completed materials
- Focused on the collections, not the creators

This is good where existing digital content needs managing

The approach has led to a number of challenges where content exists but the need for its management is not as clearly recognised

- Lack of submission
- Lack of provision for materials in development
- A perception by authors that repositories are distant

The University of Hull repository

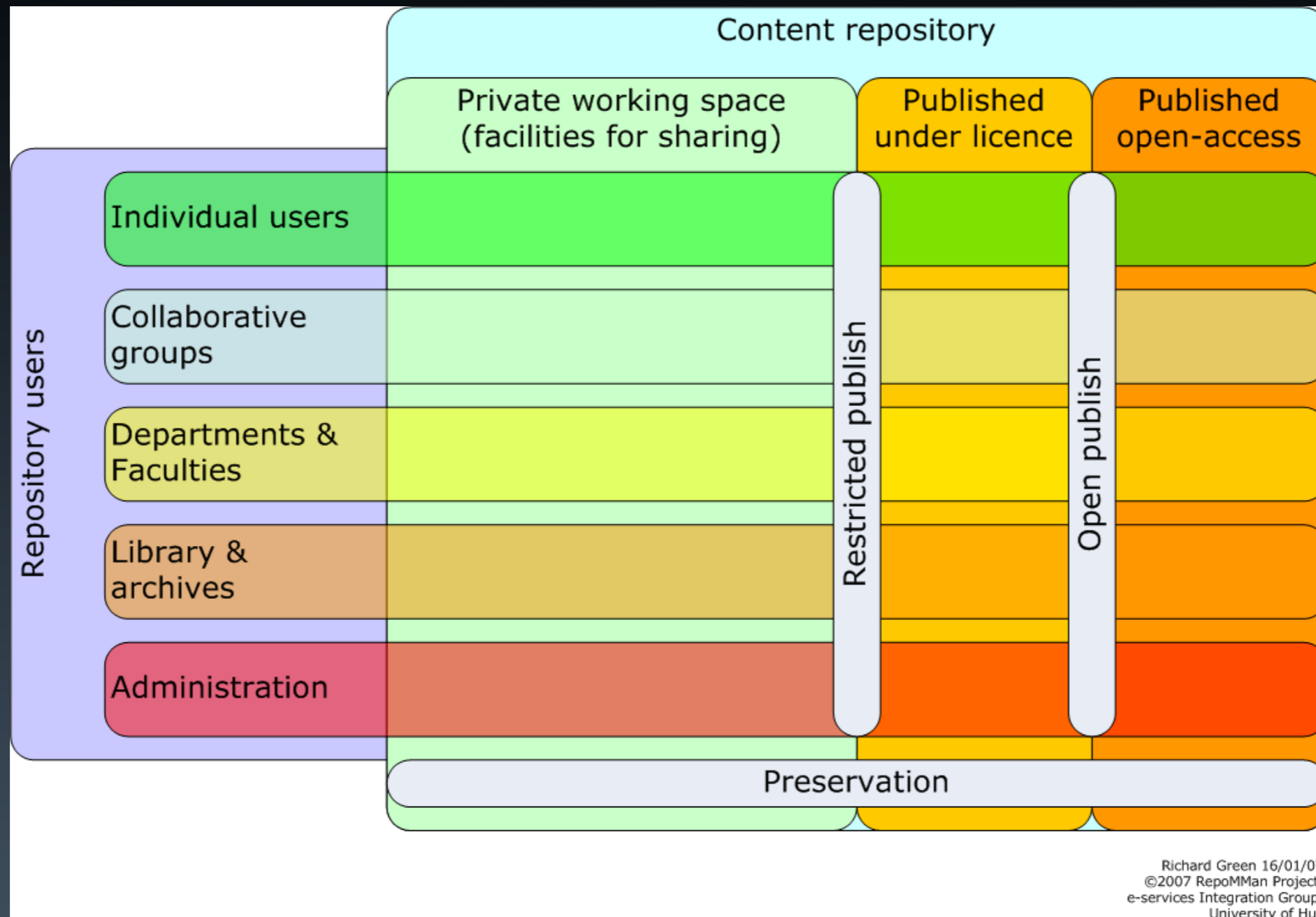
All digital content is important

- There is a need for mechanisms to meet differing and flexible needs, throughout the lifecycle of the content
- There is also a need to manage many different types of digital content, and relationships between them
 - Working across institutional and content silos

University of Hull requirements

- Scalable
 - Digital content is only going to grow
- Standards-based
 - To be able to integrate with other institutional systems

The repository vision



Fedora

Powerful digital object model

Extensible metadata management

Expressive inter-object relationships

Web Service integration

Version management

Configurable security architecture

OAI-PMH conformance

Preservation worthy

RepoMMan project



Repository Metadata and Management

- JISC-funded project, 2005-7
- Part of the JISC Digital Repositories Programme

Two strands

- User needs gathering
 - What do our users need a repository for?
- Technical
 - Develop a BPEL and Web Services based workflow tool for Fedora
 - Investigate and test the automated generation of metadata

Presentation of the repository was tested through uPortal and Sakai

The aim of RepoMMan

RepoMMan development is aimed at

- Enabling users to interact with a repository in the context of their existing workflows
- Facilitating the management of digital content by its creator throughout its lifecycle
- Assisting in the creation of metadata to effectively describe content, aiding retrieval and long-term management

These aims seek to achieve and enable personalised information management through a personal repository space

BPEL and Web Services

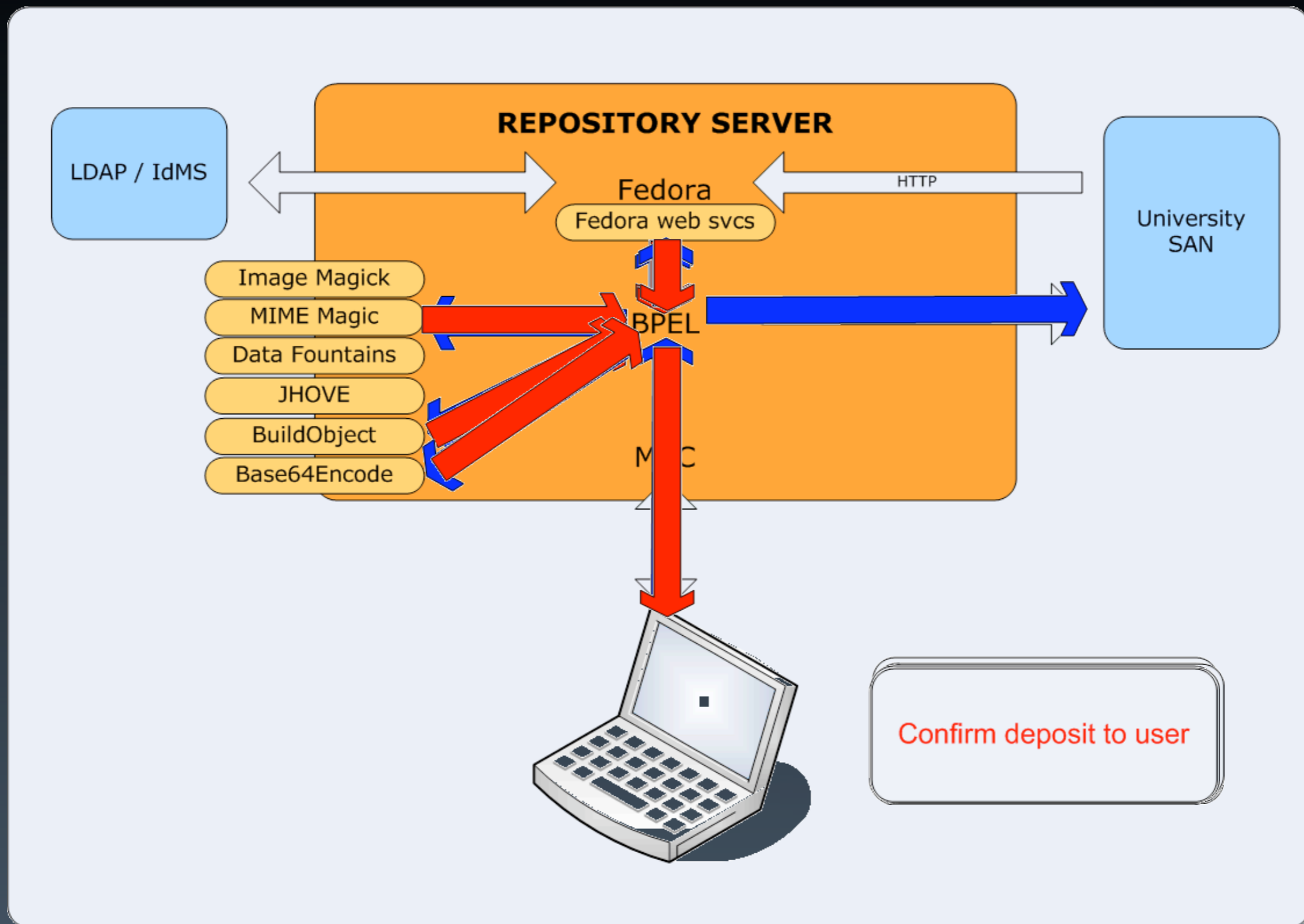
Business Process Execution Language

- OASIS standard, currently at version 2.0
- A language for specifying business process behaviour based on Web Services
- A mechanism for orchestrating Web Service interactions between systems
- BPEL can draw on any available Web Service, local or external

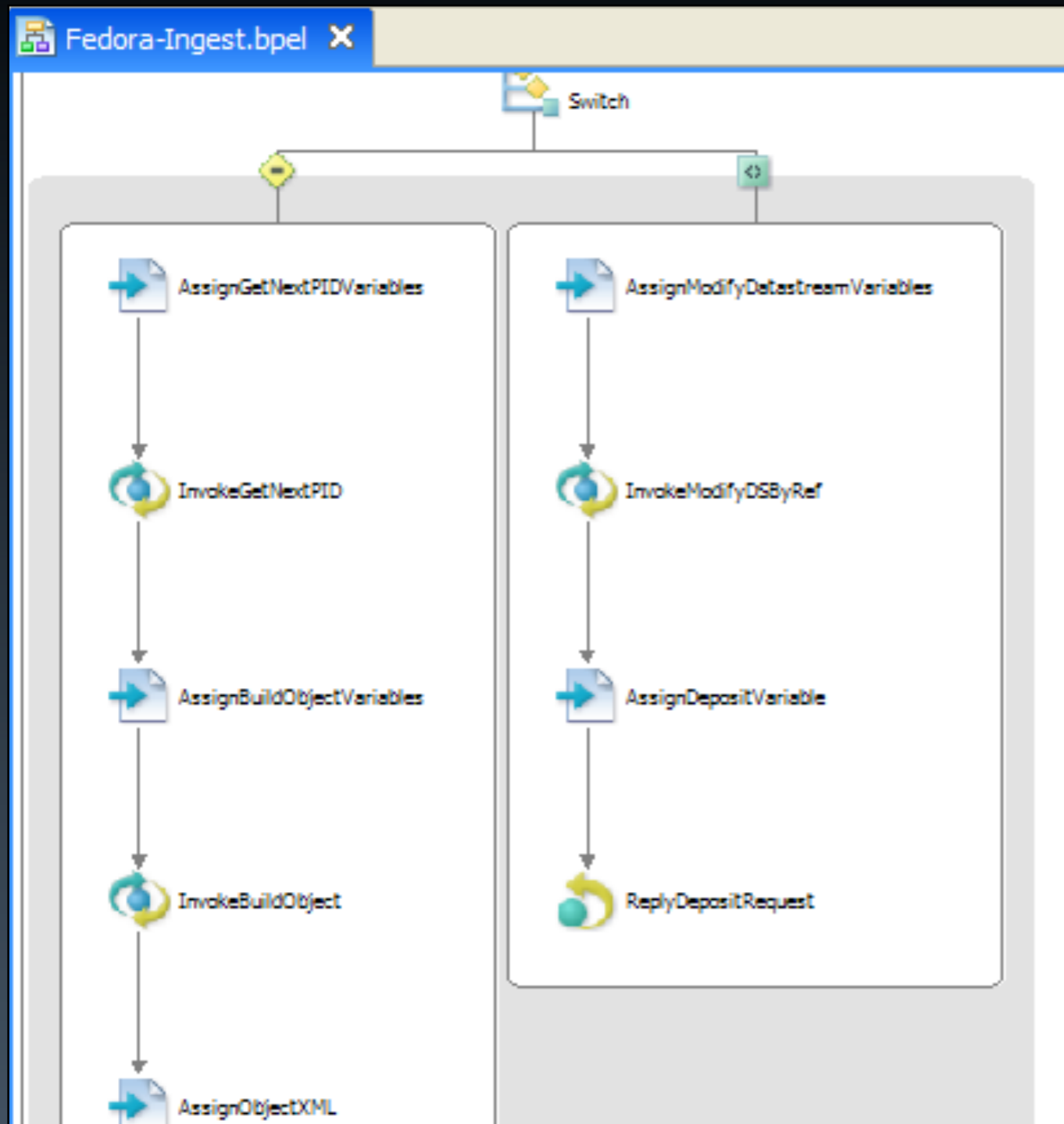
BPEL has been used to coordinate interaction between Fedora and other institutional systems via Fedora's Web Service interfaces

- API-M, API-A

Three-tier stack



'Putting' a file



Part of the BPEL process diagram (Active Endpoints visualisation software)

- switch depending on whether object already exists
- the left hand side branch creates a new object
- the right hand side modifies an existing one
- each of the globes with a 'swirl' round it is a Web Service call

Creating an interface

There is a need to create a user interface to the BPEL processes

- This acts as the user interface to the repository as well
- Addresses the lack of standard user interface to Fedora
 - But takes advantage of flexibility to build our own

Interface follows Rich Internet Application approach

- Uses Adobe Flex
 - Flex understands Web Services
 - Easy to plug in BPEL processes
 - Richer interaction interface for users

Embedding repository interaction

Need to map to existing activity

- File management and FTP paradigms

Basic workflows

- Put object in repository (within identifiable structure)
- Get object from repository
- Delete
- Add metadata
- Share
- Publish
 - Move from personal repository to public one

The repository in the portal

The screenshot displays the 'RepoMan Channel' interface within the University of Hull portal. The header includes the university logo and name, along with navigation links for Home, Site Map, Preferences, and Logout. A secondary navigation bar contains links for Home, Email, My Content, Students and Teaching, Research, Services and Support, Community, My Tab, and Repositories. The main content area is divided into two panels: 'Local Computer' on the left and 'Repository' on the right. The 'Local Computer' panel features a large empty box and a 'Browse' button. The 'Repository' panel shows a file named 'CREEWorkshopReportMay2007_RoleofthelibraryinInstitut' and a 'Browse' button. A vertical toolbar on the right side of the repository panel contains buttons for 'New Folder', 'Metadata', 'Delete', 'Share', and 'Publish'. At the bottom of the interface, there are 'Variables' and 'Log' buttons, and the text 'Repomman Interface v0.4' is visible in the bottom right corner.

Putting objects in the repository

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Home | Site Map | Preferences | Logout

Home | Email | My Content | Students and Teaching | Research | Services and Support | Community | My Tab | **Repositories**

RepoMMan Channel

Local Computer

Repository

CREE extension project proposal for dissemination.doc

CREEWorkshopReportMay2007_Roleofthelibraryininstitut

Browse

New Folder

Metadata

Delete

Share

Publish

Variables | Log

Repomman Interface v0.4

The screenshot displays the RepoMMan interface for The University of Hull. It features a navigation bar with various site links and a main workspace divided into two panes: 'Local Computer' and 'Repository'. In the 'Local Computer' pane, a file named 'CREE extension project proposal for dissemination.doc' is visible. A blue arrow icon points from this file towards the 'Repository' pane. The 'Repository' pane shows a file named 'CREEWorkshopReportMay2007_Roleofthelibraryininstitut' which is currently selected. To the right of the repository pane, there is a vertical toolbar with buttons for 'New Folder', 'Metadata', 'Delete', 'Share', and 'Publish'. At the bottom of the interface, there are buttons for 'Variables' and 'Log', and a version number 'Repomman Interface v0.4' is displayed in the bottom right corner.

Separate folders


The screenshot displays the 'RepoMMan Channel' interface. On the left, there is a 'Local Computer' section with a large empty box and a 'Browse' button. On the right, there is a 'Repository' section with a lock icon and a folder named 'CREE project documents'. Below the folder name is a list of files: 'Back', 'CREEExtensionProgressReportOct07.doc', 'CREEExtensionprojectplandraft2.doc', and 'CREEextensionprojectproposalfordissemination.doc'. To the right of the file list are buttons for 'New Folder', 'Metadata', 'Delete', 'Share', and 'Publish'. At the bottom left, there are 'Variables' and 'Log' buttons. At the bottom right, the text 'Repomman Interface v0.4' is visible. The top navigation bar includes 'THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL' and links for 'Home', 'Site Map', 'Preferences', and 'Logout'. A secondary navigation bar contains 'Home', 'Email', 'My Content', 'Students and Teaching', 'Research', 'Services and Support', 'Community', 'My Tab', and 'Repositories'.

Repomman Interface v0.4

File system paradigm


The screenshot displays the 'RepoMMan Channel' interface. At the top, the University of Hull logo and name are visible, along with navigation links for Home, Site Map, Preferences, and Logout. Below this is a menu bar with options: Home, Email, My Content, Students and Teaching, Research, Services and Support, Community, My Tab, and Repositories. The main content area is titled 'RepoMMan Channel' and features a search icon in the top right corner. On the left, there is a 'Local Computer' section with a computer icon and a large empty rectangular area. Below this area is a 'Browse' button. On the right, there is a 'Repository' section with a padlock icon. Below the padlock is a search bar with a refresh icon. The repository contains a list of items: a folder named 'CREE project documents', a document 'CREEextensionprojectproposalfordissemination.doc', and a document 'CREEWorkshopReportMay2007_Roleofthelibraryininstitut'. To the right of the repository list are several action buttons: 'New Folder', 'Metadata', 'Delete', 'Share', and 'Publish'. At the bottom left, there are 'Variables' and 'Log' buttons. At the bottom right, the text 'Repomman Interface v0.4' is displayed. Two blue circular arrows indicate a bidirectional flow of information between the Local Computer and the Repository.

Versioning

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Home | Site Map | Preferences | Logout

Home | Email | My Content | Students and Teaching | Research | Services and Support | Community | My Tab | **Repositories**

RepoMMan Channel 



Advanced

Title

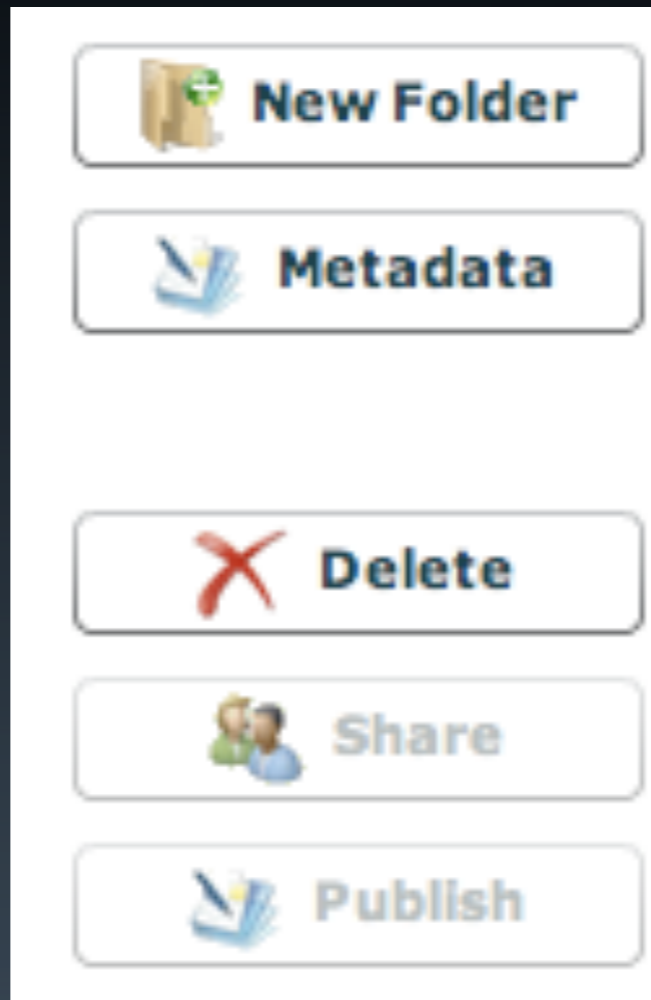
PID

mime Type

Versions

 25 April 2008 17:10:47	<input type="button" value="Downl..."/>
 24 April 2008 12:04:10	

Repository options



Making the join

The repository channel is called on loading the page

- It associates objects with the user information provided by the portal
 - This is remembered for future interaction
- No separate authentication at this stage
 - This will be developed in the future
- Personal information can be used as metadata for the digital content

Delivery is via an adapted channel

- JSR 168 portlet delivery is, though, available (see Sakai integration)

Sakai integration

Sakai is being implemented as an institutional course management system at the University of Hull

- eBridge
- JSR 168 compliance enables surfacing of the repository
- Demonstrates re-use of repository interfaces
- Presentation where user requires it

Public-facing repository

Uses Muradora as Fedora front-end

Available via the portal (in-line frame) and standalone

- <http://edocs.hull.ac.uk>

The screenshot displays the homepage of the University of Hull Institutional Repository. The top navigation bar includes links for 'UoH Home', 'Library', and 'Contact' on the left, and 'Welcome Staff' and 'Logout' on the right. The main header features the university's name and logo, a search bar, and a secondary navigation menu with 'Home', 'Browse', 'Search', and 'Portfolio'. The central content area is divided into three main sections: 'Search', 'Browse', and 'Special collections'. The 'Search' section contains a search input field with 'Search' and 'Help' buttons, and a link to 'Advanced Search'. The 'Browse' section offers navigation options: 'for Collections', 'by Title', 'by Subject', 'by Author', 'by Year', 'latest additions', and 'recently updated'. The 'Special collections' section features four image-based links: 'University image library', 'University research', 'Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD)', and 'Past undergraduate examination papers'. On the right side, there is an 'Announcements' section with a welcome message and a date stamp '13th December 2007'. The footer of the page contains the university's logo and the text 'THE UNIVERSITY OF HULL - eSERVICES INTEGRATION GROUP - ACADEMIC SERVICES'.

Repository and the Library

The repository is a means of discovering information about locally held collections and digital content

- This is one strand of developing library-related services within the portal
- Additional search tools of external sources is also being investigated
- Linking in library account information complements these

These are ways in which to take the Library out to the user

- Different to expecting the user to come to the Library website or OPAC all the time
- Increasing the role of the Library in a personal information landscape

CREE project

Embedding search tools within the portal

Sits well alongside the repository

Cree Search


Title:

Author:

Institution: Hull
 York
 Leeds
 COPAC (not Working)

ISBN:

ISSN:











CREE results

Uses Flex to seamlessly switch from search screen to results

Results : portal

Hull: (4) York: (37) Leeds: (11) Search Again

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Summary

Personalised services add value to the use of a portal

Digital repositories can assist in managing digital content of all sorts

Linking the repository into the portal facilitates personal digital content management

BPEL supports repository interaction for personal use

Adobe Flex works with Web Services to present the repository through rich interface

Development can also be used in the context of Sakai

Repository enhances other library-related services sited alongside

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- REMAP - <http://www.hull.ac.uk/remap>
- CREE - <http://www.hull.ac.uk/cree>