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EPrints is a widely used repository platform, which has been well established for many years. It has historically been used for publication repositories. While the support for the publications case is still as relevant as ever, a broader array of repository options are now required. These vary from internal systems such as capturing impact, CRIS, staff info, to archival repositories, social media research, data or educational resource repositories.

As the demands on EPrints diversifies then the software architecture and feature set needs to respond. This poster shows some of the EPrints history, as well as its current and future direction. Showing how incremental changes to the core software, and additional features, some funded, some contributed by the active community underpin its ability to respond to user demands.

November 2000 – EPrints 1.0 released – A repository platform is born.

February 2002 – EPrints 2.0 released – A reworked core, supporting OAI.

January 2007 – EPrints 3.0 released – A new extensible flexible core.

February 2007 – files.eprints.org launched – for all things EPrints. 127k downloads

September 2008 – EPrints 3.1 released – Improved views, speed, interoperability.

January 2008 – First Open Edu Resource repo launched – edshare.soton.ac.uk

March 2010 – EPrints 3.2 released – better UI, searching, Unicode support.

June 2011 – EPrints 3.3 released – Xapian search added, The Bazaar app store.

June 2011 – bazaar.eprints.org launched – The EPrints App Store. 87 packages

March 2015 – First Research Data repository launched.

December 2015 – EPrints 3.3.15 released – The latest maintenance release.

June 2016 – EPrints 3.4 p2 released – A flexible & efficient core, domain agnostic.

January 2017 – EPrints 3.4 is actively being used for new repositories.

June 2017 – First Research Impact repository launched.

On the near horizon is a maintenance release of 3.3, to allow it to keep pace with changes in CrossRef, PubMed and Google Scholar.

New components for collection & bookmark management, as well as visualisation tools and a more flexible page layout make building an EPrints better than ever. Your favourite 3.3 plugins continue to work under 3.4. With 3.4 you can have a number of lighter-weight archives co-hosted on a single server. Where each archive can be tailored to serve a part of your institutions needs.

The future of EPrints is more varied than its past, and its evolving to meet this need. For more information, contact us at info@services.eprints.org