

Trust Global and Collaborate Local to Changing for Consistency

Re-Integrating an Open Data Repository for the Max Planck Society

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What are the next seven minutes about?



- https://edmond.mpdl.mpg.de
- Open data repository for the Max Planck Society

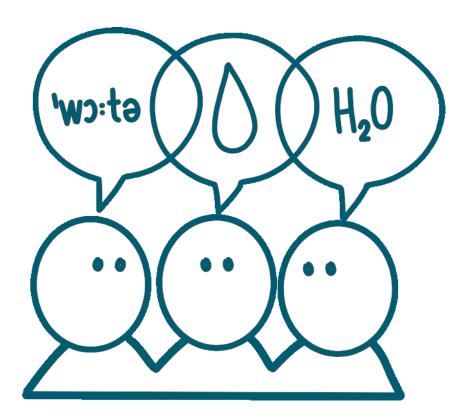
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Let's talk about

- Changing demands
- Switching an operating software
- Communication strategy
- Build trust
- Local collaboration



I. Status quo ante

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What means "local" in the Max Planck Society?

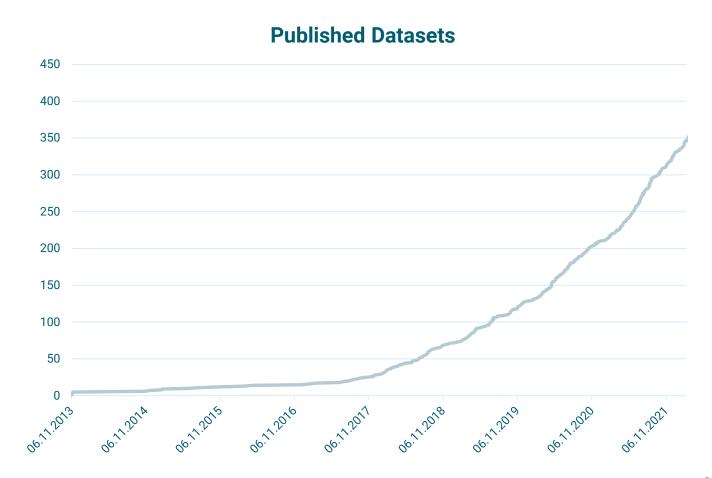
- 86 research institutes
- also Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands and US (Florida)
- Max Planck Digital Library (central service unit)
- Local libraries at the institutes
- Three main computing facilities
- Administrative Headquarter
- Around 24.000 employees
- Budget of 2 Billion € in 2020
- 29 Nobel laureates





Edmond's status quo ante February 2022

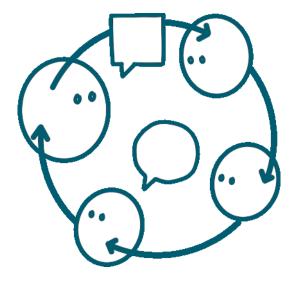
- Around 350 published datasets with 3.5 TB and ~200.000 files
- Using <u>imeji</u> as operating software
 - In-house developed software
 - More for research images less for research data
 - Problems with huge amount of files and file sizes





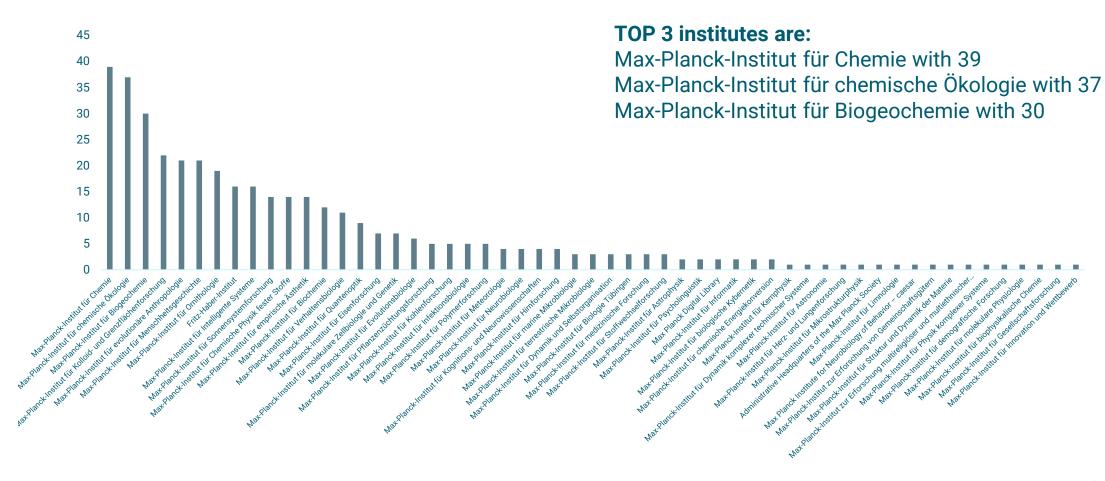
Different Demands within the Max Planck Society

- Many different subjects: From astrophysics to legal history
- Wide variety of staff use the repository:
 - Different career levels (from PhD students to institute directors)
 - Researchers, colleagues from information and technology, ...
- Demands do not remain stable over time, they (obviously) change





Published Datasets in Edmond by Max Planck Institutes



II. Status quo

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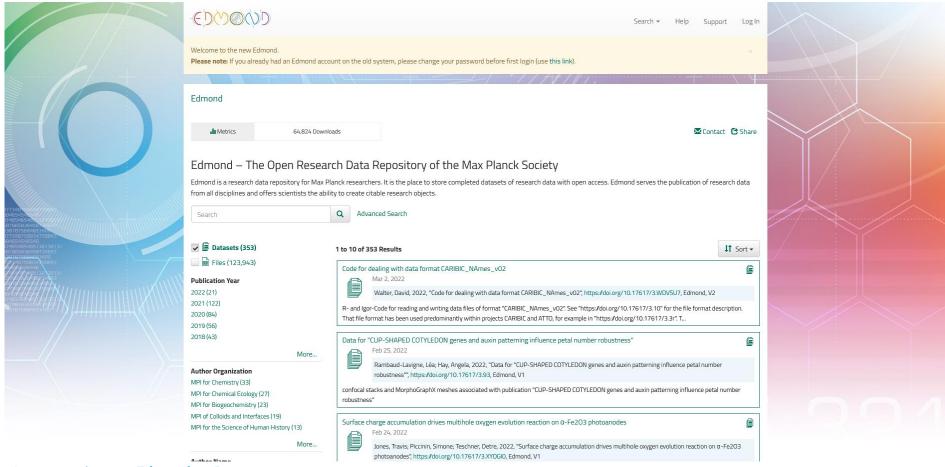


Challenge: Switch to another Operating Software

- Decision to converse Edmond's Software in 2021 and after eight years
- Fulfill different types of demands:
 - Rich metadata schema for datasets
 - PID triangle: DOI + ORCID + ROR
 - Different user roles
 - Identity Access Management → usage of the MPG Single Sign-On
 - Versioning on dataset level
 - And even more...
- Discussion: In-house development vs. use of an existing software
 - Result: Dataverse addressed best all the different needs



Software Migration: From imeji to Dataverse





Migration to a New Operating Software

Data Migration

- all research data has been migrated
- all local user accounts have been migrated
- all collection IDs and DOIs still refer to the published research data



New Functionalities

- Single Sign-On for the Max Planck Society
- direct upload to object storage
- version control
- responsive user interface
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Interactions with Users

Direct Communication

- interviews with different stakeholders
- internal presentations
- Communication by email and phone

User Testing

- selected ten users for testing
- collected feedback during tutorials

Virtual Tutorials

- four virtual tutorials (EN/GER)
- on-demand trainings for institutes or working groups

Need to understand + try to improve = Getting better, maybe

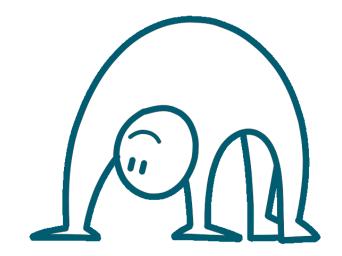
III. Next steps



Building Trust

Keeping in touch

- Stay connected with all 86 MPG institutes
- Communicate about subject-specific requirements
 - difficult to reflect in an institutional repository



Improve Edmond

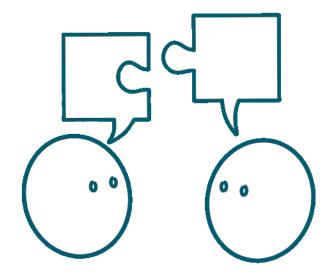
- Provide high-quality support
- Strengthen long-term preservation
- In application process for CoreTrustSeal
- Series of RDM workshops, connected to this topic



Enable Local Collaboration

Failures Possibilities to Learn

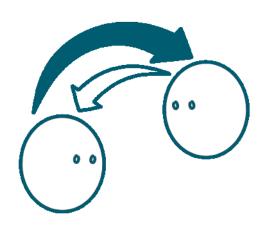
- No one is really waiting for your repository
 - see <u>re3data</u>
- Data sharing does not has a high priority (yet)
- Local collaboration means social interaction, which highly depends on humans
 - If the colleagues don't work together, the best repository is useless
- Talk to the "right" people
 - but who is that?





Summary Slide

- Different fields of research → many different demands towards an institutional repository
- 2. Switching the Operating Software → Challenging, especially the data migration
- Communication, communication →
 "looking" over the shoulder of your user is time-consuming
 but very helpful



Thanks to the team!

Thanks for your attention!

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