



INIST-CNRS project's on the Usage Statistics of the portals.

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This session will focus on how usage statistics are collected and used by INIST. What data we collect and why, how we analyze and apply the data.

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The advent of electronic journals and other resources has brought with it an increasing need for detailed usage statistics.

Publisher usage statistics were already available to us before we launched our usage statistics project, however, there are several drawbacks to publishers statistics.

The lack of data between resource usage (articles accessed) and resource users (the laboratories accessing these articles) is what prompted us to develop internal statistics.

By producing our own statistics, we are able to obtain data that is more homogeneous and more exhaustive and we can establish a link between resource usage and resource users.

We will explain how (and why) we:

- managed to produce our own statistics (methodology),
- formalized the obtained data in statistical usage reports and other tables and charts to be used as tools for decision making,
- are updating the access reports of the journals by integrating evolutions over time,
- are enhancing each report with qualitative data by comparing the number of accesses to a journal and the impact factor of that journal.