



Jorum

Helping to build a community for sharing

An Introduction to Jorum

Jorum is a free online service for UK HE and FE institutions, supporting the sharing, reuse and repurposing of learning and teaching resources.

Summary

Jorum is a JISC-funded free online repository service for teaching and support staff in UK Further and Higher Education Institutions. Our aim is to help build a community for the sharing, reuse and repurposing of learning and teaching materials. Jorum consists of two services: Jorum Contributor (putting resources in) and Jorum User (getting resources out).

Jorum Contributor - Putting Resources In

The Jorum Contributor Service allows institutions and projects to upload and share learning resources with other teaching and support staff in the UK. Jorum hosts materials that have been publicly funded and also materials that have been developed within institutions.

Jorum User - Getting Resources Out

The Jorum User Service provides free access to the shared repository of resources. Teaching and support staff in institutions that take this service will be able to find, preview, download, reuse and repurpose materials for use with learners in their institution. Resources can be used locally via a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), Learning Management System (LMS) or intranet.

A research and development strand runs in parallel with the Jorum service to ensure that Jorum keeps up with the evolving repositories landscape and expanding user requirements.

What is Jorum?

The Jorum repository will offer a searchable online library of learning and teaching resources for use by academic and support staff in the UK. The system contains information about resources – metadata – and in most cases the resources themselves. The resource metadata allows users to search or browse for resources using specific educational classification systems and vocabularies. Jorum uses a repository system called intraLibrary, procured from Intrallect Ltd.

How to get access

Jorum Contributor: Institutions signing the Jorum Deposit Licence¹ can offer projects or members of staff the opportunity to contribute resources. Named members of staff are given Contributor accounts. They can attach metadata, classify and record any intellectual property information related to the resources before uploading them.

¹ Jorum Contributor, Jorum Deposit Licence www.jorum.ac.uk/contributors/cregister/

Jorum User: Institutions can sign up for the User Service by signing the Jorum User Licence². Any member of staff with an Athens account at the institution is then able to access Jorum to search, browse and download resources. Jorum can be accessed freely via the internet.

What is available in Jorum?

Jorum hosts learning and teaching materials of all kinds, ranging from single file assets (documents, diagrams, animations) to more complex content packages (interactive units made up of several elements such as images, text and self-assessment exercises). Resources will be collected from a number of sources, including publicly funded projects and individual institutions.

Jorum relies upon contributions of resources and so the type, size and topic of the learning materials is reliant upon those depositing. The resources therefore cover a broad range of subject areas, relevant across Further and Higher Education.

The learning resources are accessible to teaching and support staff, who can incorporate the resources into their teaching. Teaching materials assist staff in using the learning materials and delivering them to students. As part of blended learning, classroom or online learning activities, the resources can be used freely for educational purposes.

Jorum Vision

As a JISC funded 'service-in-development', Jorum has been developed to be a component of the JISC Information Environment and interoperable with other services within it. As such, Jorum is one component of a distributed network of repositories, and is free at the point of use for staff.

Jorum provides access to publicly funded project outputs. In addition, Jorum offers the facility for any institution or project that wishes to store its learning and teaching resources in Jorum, as long as it is willing to share with colleagues in FE and HE across the UK.

Jorum stands as a national statement of the importance of creating interoperable, sustainable materials, supporting the community in the development and sharing of these resources.

Support

Jorum is an online service offered by the JISC-supported national data centres, EDINA and MIMAS. Support may be obtained by emailing the Jorum helpdesk at support@jorum.ac.uk.

The Jorum Team attend a number of e-learning events and conferences, as well as providing training and dissemination across the UK. To assist with promoting Jorum User within Colleges and Universities, institutions nominate "site-" and "technical-" representatives. These individuals offer a local contact encouraging use of the service, and the Jorum Team support them in this role.

Please visit the Jorum Website for a full range of promotional and support documentation: www.jorum.ac.uk

Jorum also has a Mailing List offering updates and news to subscribers: www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/jorum-update.html

² JISC Collections, sign up for Jorum User www.jisc-collections.ac.uk/catalogue/coll_jorum