DARAT
Disability Accessible Research Archive @ Trinity College Dublin

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Background


European Accessibility Act by the European Commission

   develop information and communication in accessible formats
   for people with disabilities

Trinity College Dublin (TCD), Ireland’s leading university, prides itself as
pioneer in inclusive education and inclusive research projects

However, there is no systematic approach to accessible research
dissemination
Aims

The aim of the project was to develop an accessible archive of disability research conducted at TCD.

Disability research projects would be listed with interactive links to each specific project incorporate two features that will ensure accessibility of the information:

a) short video where the project is explained in plain English with an Irish Sign Language (ISL) video interpretation

b) easy to read project abstract. These features can be used depending on the users’ needs.

This aim built on previous work by Edurne Garcia Iriarte who organised three successful disability research seminar series in 2012, 2013 and 2014-2015 at TCD.
Developing Trinity College Dublin’s Linked CRIS and Institutional repository to create an Open Access disability accessible archive

• December 2015 – Proposal put forward By Edurne Garcia-Iriarte to the Trinity College Dublin Equality Fund

• Aim: Develop an accessible archive of Disability Research Conducted at TCD

• January 2016 - Awarded €1000 to develop the archive

• €1000!

• Enter the Research Information Systems Team.
About the systems

TCD CRIS – Known as the RSS (Research Support System) is a locally developed web-based enterprise system that has been running since 2002

Institutional Repository – Known as TARA (Trinity’s Access to Research Archive) was setup in 2006

The 2 Systems were linked from the start
Business case for using these systems

The RSS and TARA are systems which are already being used by TCD academics to manage research information

Enterprise web systems

Embedded into academic research cycle
- Fully integrated with Research Support System
- Added value to information in both systems

Trinity College Dublin,
The University of Dublin

http://www.tara.tcd.ie

TARA
Trinity’s Access to Research Archive

Trinity’s Scholarly Publications

Céad Míle Fáilte...

TARA is an open access repository, which means that the full text of the work deposited here is freely accessible to the world via the web. Access is restricted only in unavoidable instances, for example where publisher copyright restrictions prevail. However over 90% of scholarly publishers worldwide now allow some version of the documents they publish to be made available in a repository such as this.

About...
Business Case

Dscape repository

Using the repository utilises existing archiving technology
- Permanent identifiers
- Digital preservation

Situating the archive in TARA means the outputs are available on Open Access
Business case – Link to library strategic plan

Willingness to absorb the development costs into current development budgets

• Priority 2 – Integrated Digital Plan
  • “Develop digital tools to enhance discoverability of the content”

• Priority 3 – Integration into Teaching, Learning & Research
  • “Develop new partnerships across the academic community”
Business case – Link to University strategic plan

• **Goal 6 – Research for impact**
  • “enhance facilities in the Library to allow for greater global access to the research collections”

• **Goal 7 – Engage wider society**
  • “Staff Engagement in the Public Square”

• **Goal 8 – Demonstrate institutional leadership**
  • “ensuring that diversity is promoted and celebrated”
Requirements for the systems

• Each Research Output was to be accompanied by
  • A plain English summary
  • Irish sign Language (ISL) with Audio

• Each Output must be tagged with tags from 2 categories
  • Thematic Tags
  • Impairment Tags

• Items not Tagged would not be eligible for inclusion in DARAT

• Items in the DARAT archive would need to have specific icons and item descriptions to indicate the different file types
Development

Separate systems with separate development teams

• RSS – Internal team situated in TCD IT services

• TARA – Managed service provided by an external development team

• Enovation solutions

• Parallel to this – Edurne headed the team which developed the DARAT manual, system for producing the ISL with audio videos and selected the tags to be used.
Research Support System Development

Research Support System would handle the tagging

Embedded an accessibility tab into the RSS publication workflow – available to all users entering publications in the RSS

Only publications which were tagged correctly were eligible for the archive

New mapping between RSS XML and Dublin Core
Research Support System

Select Accessible Features

Accessible features for "Broad screening and identification of \( \text{[^{1]}-}\)agonists in feed and animal body fluid and tissues using ultra-high performance liquid chromatography-quadruple-orbitrap high resolution mass spectrometry combined with spectrom library search."

All three of the following criteria must be fulfilled before your research work can be considered accessible:
- *Plain English Summary* [Click here for instructions]
- *Irish Sign Language Presentation* [Click here for example]
- *Plain English Presentation* [Click here for instructions]

- I'm ready to upload all three files above to TARA

You must select at least one tag from each category (Impairment based and Thematic) to make it easier for relevant research to be found.

**Impairment Based Tags**
- Age-related disability
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Brain injury
- Chronic health condition
- Deaf
- Disability
- Emotional-behavioral problems
- Epilepsy
- Hearing impairment

**Thematic Tags**
- Accessibility
- Attitudes
- Advocacy and political participation
- Carers
- Children
- Community
- Communication
- Culture
- Development
- Education
- Employment
- Environment and housing
- Gender
- Globalization
- Health
- History
- Home and community living
- Justice and safeguarding
- Legislation
- Literature
- Policy
- Poverty
- Relationships
- Social exclusion
- Social participation
- Social services, interventions and supports
- Sports
- Third age/ageing
- Transport
- Youth

Tick box is greyed out unless tags from both categories are selected.

2 types of tags: Impairment based and Thematic.

When both tags and the tickbox are selected the RSS sends the information to TARA during the upload.
TARA Development

- Map items based on information received from RSS into DARAT archive as well as the appropriate school collection(s)
- Add options to the description drop down box on the upload file screen in the submission process.
- The descriptions of the accessible files are:
  - Plain English Summary
  - Irish Sign Language Presentation
- These options should only be listed if <rss_accessible_feature> contains ‘Y’
- Added icons to describe the file types specific to DARAT items.
  - Sclera icons
To have your research included in the Trinity Disability Accessible Research Archive (DARAT) you must upload 3 select the appropriate description from them in the dropdown box.
1. The full text of your research output
2. A plain english summary
3. Audio, ISL and video presentation

2 new file types – only appear for items with the appropriate tags.
Relocating people with intellectual disability to new accommodation and support settings: Contrasts between personalised arrangements and group home placements

Citation:
McConkey, Roy; Keogh, Fiona; Bunting, Brendan; Garcia-Iriarte, Edurne; Flatman Watson, Sheelah, Relocating people with intellectual disability to new accommodation and support settings: Contrasts between personalised arrangements and group home placements, Journal of Intellectual Disabilities, 2016, 1 - 12

Download Item:
- McConkey et al. 2016 JID[1].pdf (PDF) 149.6Kb
- McConkey.docx (Plain English Summary) 15.15Kb

URI:
http://hdl.handle.net/2262/82695

Author's Homepage:
http://people.tcd.ie/iriarte
User Acceptance testing

Conducted with members of the public who had one or more of the following disabilities

- Intellectual disability
- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment

Participants were shown the test homepage for the collection and asked to navigate to an item and use the resources.

Feedback was collected in real time as testers navigated the pages.

Overall the results were good with users finding the page easy to navigate and the accessible resources understandable.
Screen readers

However there was a problem with screen readers used by people with Visual impairments.

Dscape strives to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) - compliance is listed in the code contribution guidelines.

However local changes might render it non-compliant.
Diagnostics

WAVE – Web Accessibility Evaluation Tool

https://wave.webaim.org/

It showed a number of errors

Icons and images added to improve accessibility for people with intellectual disabilities could not be read by a screen reader

The contrast in the colour scheme used on TARA was also flagged as a possible issue

Due to budgetary reasons – focused on the areas which were blocking screen readers
Images had been added to make the item page more accessible to people with an intellectual disability. These could not be read by screen readers.
Relocating people with intellectual disability to new accommodation and support settings: Contrasts between personalised arrangements and group home placements

File Type: Unknown
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Promotion and gaining buy in

To promote the project and help with main streaming a submission guide was created

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  • Irish sign Language (ISL) with Audio

Instructions on who to contact to create videos

Information on the tags and how to choose the appropriate ones for your research output
Promotion

Soft promotion – researchers are already using the RSS tabs to enhance their research outputs

Adding submission guide here gave them a chance to explore the idea at their leisure

Video Tutorial

Targeting Researchers with interests in this area

- Trinity Centre for Social Innovation
- School of Education

Link to funding impact

Increased need by researchers to show engagement and impact outside of traditional bibliometric impact
Embedded accessibility tab into the RSS publication workflow – available to all users entering publications in the RSS

DARAT Accessible Features for "'Teachers matter': The impact of the introductory mandatory reporting on teacher training and education"

The following two criteria must be fulfilled before your research work can be considered accessible:

- Plain English Summary
- Video presentation (ISL version and audio version)

Click here to download the DARAT guidelines

I'm ready to upload both files above to TARA

You must select at least one thematic tag to make it easier for relevant research to be found

Impairment/Disability Based Tags

- Age-related disability
- Autistic Spectrum disorders
- Brain Injury
- Chronic Health Condition
- Emotional-behavioural Problems
- Epilepsy
- Hearing impairment
- Intellectual Disability
- Mental Health/Psychosocial disability
- Mobility impairment
- Other
- Physical disability
- Sensory impairment
- Specific learning difficulties
- Stroke
- Visual impairment

Thematic Tags

- Accessibility
- Health
results

Project went live in December 2016
Queue of 120 papers waiting to be added to the archive
Response from researchers
- Willingness to make all of their papers accessible
Write a plain English summary of your research
150-200 words
Time commitment: 30 mins

Create an accessible presentation using provided template
Time commitment: 1 hour

Email your presentation to Edurne Garcia Iriarte:
irriarte@tcd.ie.
Time commitment: 5 mins

Record your own voiceover narration in sound booth
Time commitment: 45 mins

Request for DARAT team to record voiceover narration on your behalf
Time commitment: 0 mins

ISL narration arranged by DARAT team
Time commitment: 0 mins
(If you are an ISL user, you can record this yourself.)

Researcher uploads completed resources to TARA archive, using the RSS system.
Time commitment: 5 mins
Moving forward

Queue of 120 papers!

Secure funding needs to be secured for developing videos with ISL and Audio features

Full WCAG 2.0 accessibility for TARA

- Funding also needs to be secured for this.
The DARAT Team

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Thank You