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# Many hands make light work

How we gather and re-use information to help  
researchers build and maintain their University  
profile in Pure

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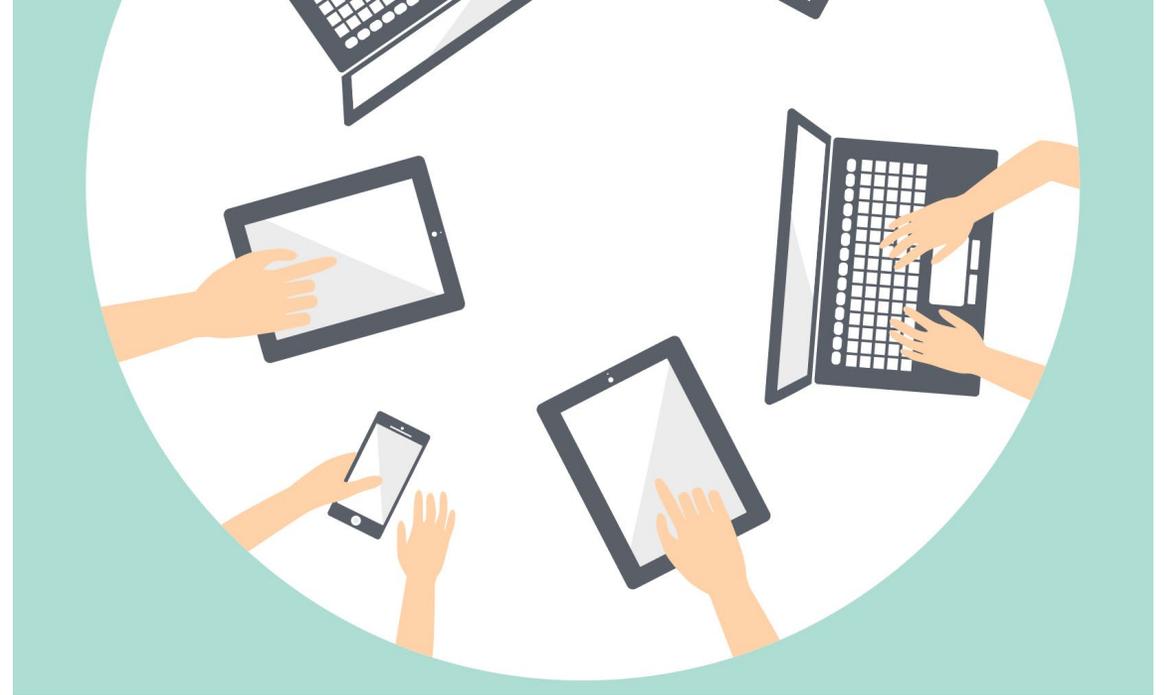


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# Agenda

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1. Background to Pure
2. How we've expanded our data sources
3. Future plans
4. Questions



## Background to Pure



- University's research information system
- Staff and PGR profiles via Research Explorer <https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/>

## Business processes

- Grant and contract management
- Publication, thesis and dataset repository
- Annual assessment (RRE) and REF
- Facility and equipment showcasing

## A quick recap on Research Explorer



- Research Explorer <https://research.manchester.ac.uk/en/>
- Searchable public database of activity
- Search by keyword
- By 'fingerprint'
- By person, faculty, division, platform, beacon, institute
- By content type
- By geographical location
- By UN SDGs

The data we source and record in Pure makes RE a useful search resource when looking for UoM experts and expertise

## Million-dollar question



“How do I keep Pure up to date?”

### Publications

- From reference libraries
- OA Gateway
- 8 import sources
- ORCID!
- Shared records from colleagues
- Altmetrics
- Publication reporting to Comms colleagues

### PGR theses

- eProg integration

### Grants and contracts

- Research Services Teams
- Contracts Team
- Local admins

## How we've expanded

Research projects



- UKRI Gateway to Research – abstracts, impact statements etc
- Legacy data to 2020 but monthly monitoring going forward
- Consider other publicly available data sources e.g. NIHR
- Expand existing records
- Not just funding – uptick in colleagues wanting pages to showcase centres of expertise



## Why is this useful?

- It helps identify what our researchers are doing now (rather than what they did 5 years ago)
- Generates fingerprints which help searchability
- Helps link together related content such as publications, activities and impact
- Useful for funders who require acknowledgement
- Helps to encourage researchers to make other project information visible
- Useful for faculties to link to as an alternative to building new webpages

## How we've expanded

Press/media



- Social media (shoutout to Ruby & Lucy)
- News digest email
- News archive (<https://www.manchester.ac.uk/about/news/>)

## Why is this useful?

- It helps identify what our researchers are doing now (rather than what they did 5 years ago)
- Helps continue to drive traffic to University press coverage (and external coverage)
- Acts as an archive for content which might have a short shelf life due to the medium
- Provides a persistent URL for re-use

## How we've expanded

Activities and prizes

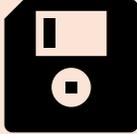


## Why is this useful?

- Helps encourage academic colleagues to add more record
- Helps teams internally when building cases around the impact of our research
- A wide range of activity might link to a Project
- Include links to video recordings or slide decks

## How we've expanded

Datasets



- New integration with DataCite

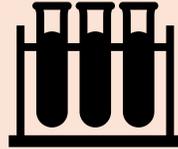
## Why is this useful?

- Will provide candidate records to UoM Library of new dataset records to be imported
- Longer term plans to expand beyond Figshare to other useful repositories



## How we've expanded

Facilities & Equipment



- New integration with JISC being evaluated
- Recent onboarding of FBMH platforms

## Why is this useful?

- Provides information on UoM facilities, how they can be accessed, booked
- Allows showcasing of facilities and the research they support
- Highlights opportunities for services

## How we've expanded

ResearchFish (and its replacement??)



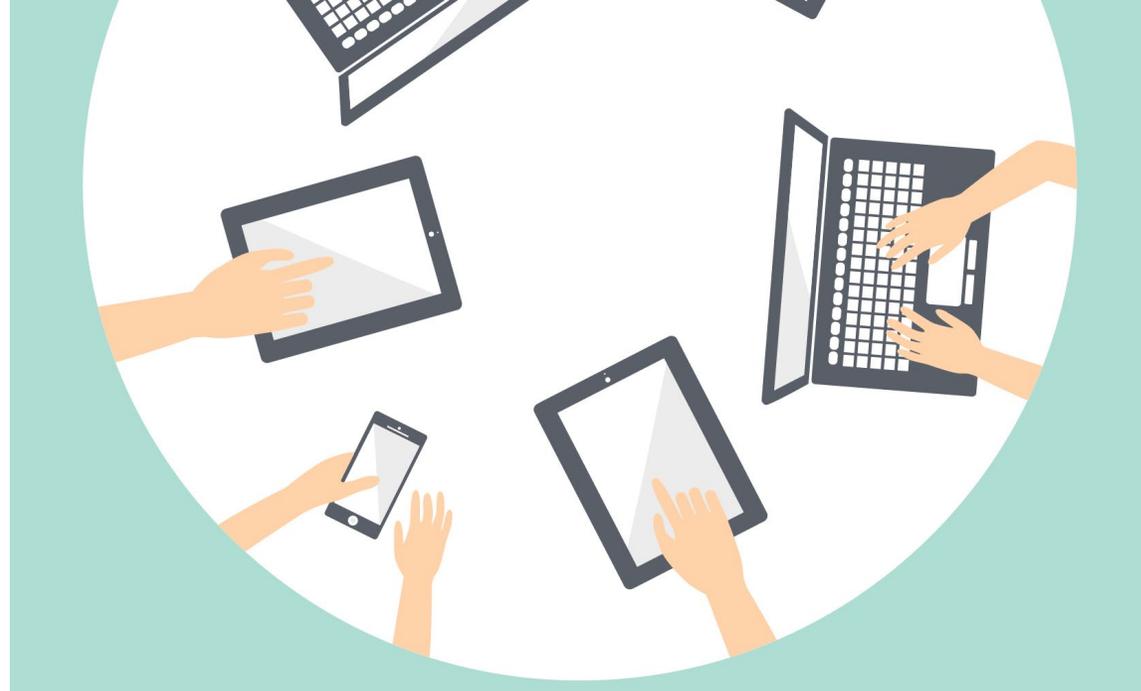
- We continue to upload and download publication/grant links to RF (whilst it remains)

## Why is this useful?

- We can use funding information from third party repositories such as Scopus to identify links to grants
- These links can then be uploaded to RF on behalf of researchers, so they don't need to
- Each year we also import these links created from within RF back into Pure
- We would love to send more data from Pure for researchers, but currently RF doesn't allow us to – hopefully a new solution will support better interoperability

## What's the ask?

1. Advocacy – big thanks!
2. If you know about it, add it!
3. Tag, tag, tag
4. Any other data sources?



## Future plans

- Research Explorer upgrade 2026/2027
- More flexible templates for different records types on Research Explorer
- More flexible homepage – to support comms across the institution (new papers, new grants, key events)
- Support for multimedia
- Support for lay abstracts
- Continues to be a supported platform for our content

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Any questions?

