VITAL and the ARROW solution

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What is ARROW?

- Funded by the Australian Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training, under the Research Information Infrastructure Framework for Australian Higher Education.

- Consortium comprises Monash University (lead institution), National Library of Australia, the University of New South Wales, and Swinburne University of Technology.

- Originally funded 2003-6, extended to end 2007

"The ARROW project will identify and test software or solutions to support best practice institutional digital repositories comprising e-prints, digital theses and electronic publishing."

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What is the ARROW solution?

- VITAL software developed in partnership with VTLS Inc.
- Proprietary software built on top of Fedora Open Source architecture
- ARROW Community

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What is ARROW working on now?

- Supporting the RQF
- Creative development of institutional repositories
- Supporting Australian engagement with institutional repositories
- Building partnerships to further enhance repositories
- Identifier Management Infrastructure for e-Research Resources (PILIN)

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Supporting the RQF

- Ongoing discussions with DEST
- VITAL 3.1 (in testing) incorporates the MAMS software solutions for access and authentication
- VITAL being used at some of the test sites
- Access can be provided directly to the PDF

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What is the ARROW Community?

- Any institution with the ARROW repository solution is a member
- Designed to:
    - Share knowledge and experiences
    - Share information and solutions
    - Develop Open Source software
    - Coordinate future development of VITAL and other relevant software
    - Promote institutional repositories

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What services does the Community provide?

- GoogleGroup

- ARROW Repository Managers Group

- ARROW Development Group

- Metadata Advisory Committee for Australian Repositories (MACAR)

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Who are the members of the ARROW Community?

- Monash
- UNSW
- NLA
- Swinburne
- South Australia
- Central Queensland
- LaTrobe
- Murdoch
- RUBRIC

- Macquarie
- USQ
- UNE
- Sunshine Coast
- Newcastle
- New England
- Ballarat
- Western Sydney

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How do you join ARROW?

- Licence VITAL from VTLS
- One off perpetual licence fee, based on number of staff at your institution
- Annual maintenance fee (25% of licence fee)
    - Software upgrades
    - Technical support

- And you're in!

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