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1. Origins of the Contributor Roles Taxonomy (CRediT)







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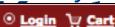
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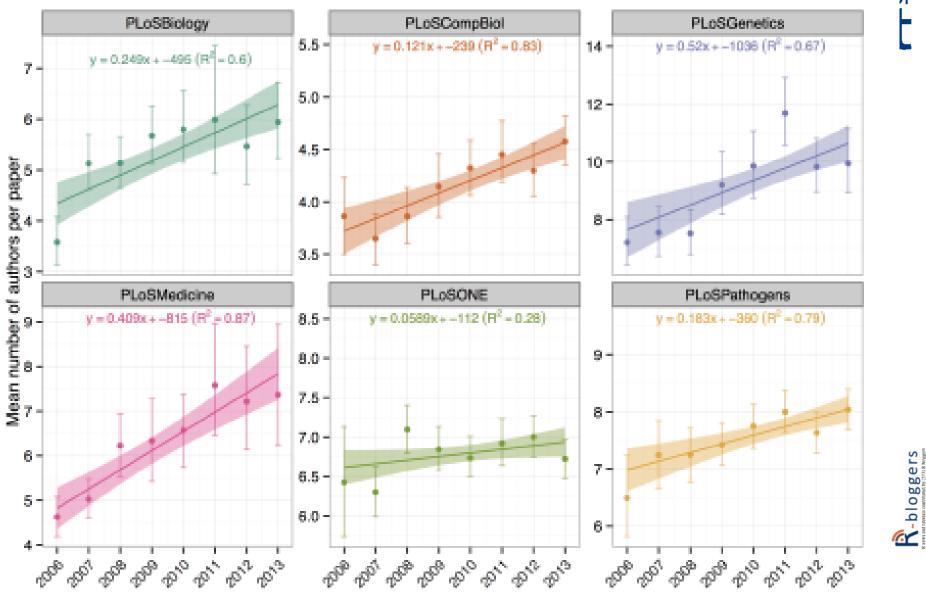
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- 3. Minimise researchers' administrative burden and should be interoperable.

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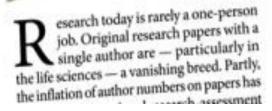






Credit where credit is due

Micah Altman and Marjorie Hlava are trialling digital taxonomies to help researchers to identify their contributions to collaborative projects.



Through the endorsement of individuals' contributions, researchers can start to move beyond 'authorship' as the dominant measure of esteem. For funding agencies, better information about the contributions of grant applicants would aid the decision-making

journal articles could be classified using a 14-role taxonomy (see "Who did what?"). The survey was sent to 1,200 corresponding authors of work published in PLOS journals, Nature Publishing Group journals, Elsevier journals, Science and eLife. Corresponding authors were asked to indicate the contribu-

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Term	Definition				
Conceptualization	Ideas; formulation or evolution of overarching research goals and aims.				
Methodology	Development or design of methodology; creation of models.				
Software	Programming, software development; designing computer programs; implementation of the computer code and supporting algorithms; testing of existing code components.				
Validation	Verification, whether as a part of the activity or separate, of the overall replication/reproducibility of results/experiments and other research outputs.				
Formal Analysis	Application of statistical, mathematical, computational, or other formal techniques to analyse or synthesize study data.				
Investigation	Conducting a research and investigation process, specifically performing the experiments, or data/evidence collection.				
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CRediT

CRediT is high-level taxonomy, including 14 roles, that can be used to represent the roles typically played by contributors to scientific scholarly output. The roles describe each contributor's specific contribution to the scholarly output.



Background

CRediT grew from a practical realization that bibliographic conventions for describing and listing authors on scholarly outputs are increasingly outdated and fail to represent the range of contributions that researchers make to published output. Furthermore, there is growing interest among researchers, funding agencies, academic institutions, editors, and publishers in increasing both the transparency and accessibility of research contributions.

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CRediT taxonomy at





Implementation June 2016 – requirement

Author interface:

- Replacement of 5-term contributions list
- Each author must have at least one contribution
- Assigned by corresponding author
- For PLOS Medicine: mapping to ICMJE criteria

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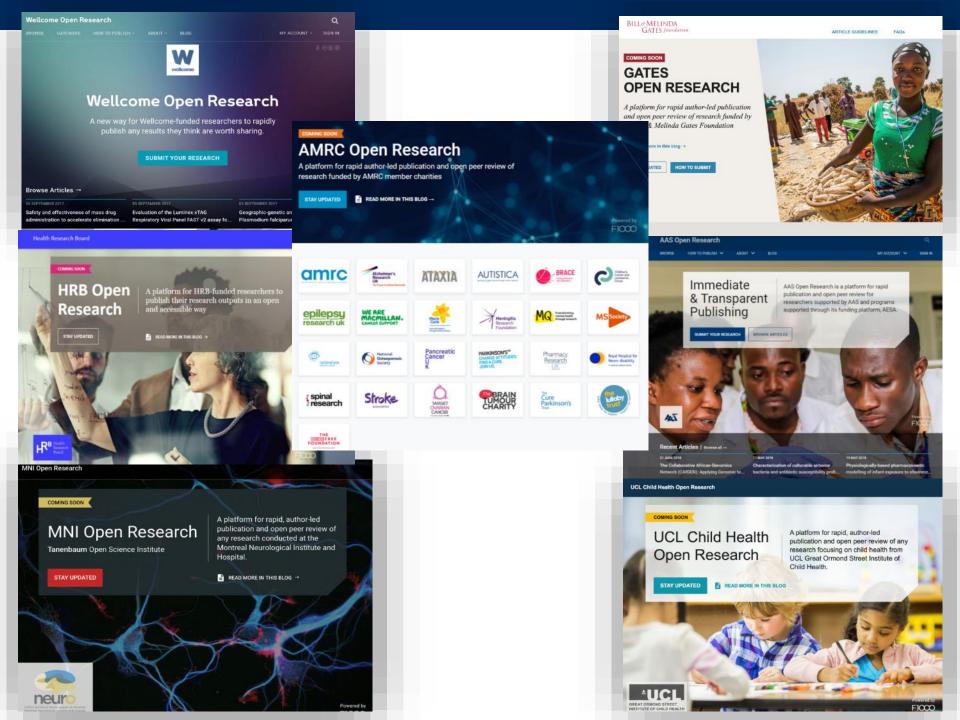
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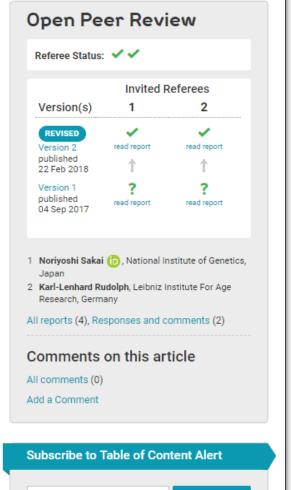
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First insights into CRediT value



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Dataset: PLOS contributions July 2017-June University of Kent



Journal	N. papers	Mean N. of CRediT Contributions per paper	Mean N. of authors per paper
PLOS Biology	1	14.0	1.0
PLOS Computational Biology	376	11.1	5.2
PLOS Genetics	375	11.2	9.1
PLOS Medicine	129	10.9	15.5
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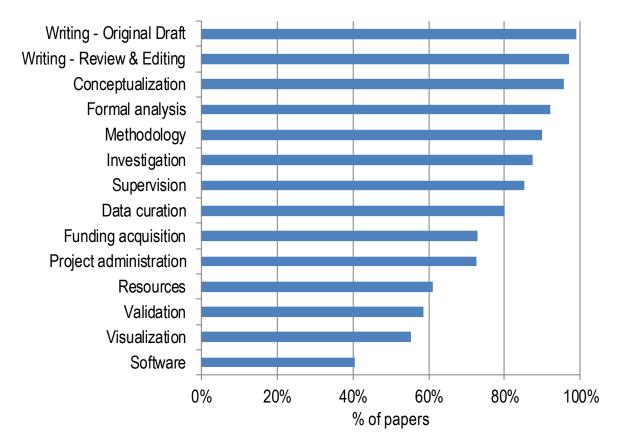
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Percentage of papers with specific CRediT role





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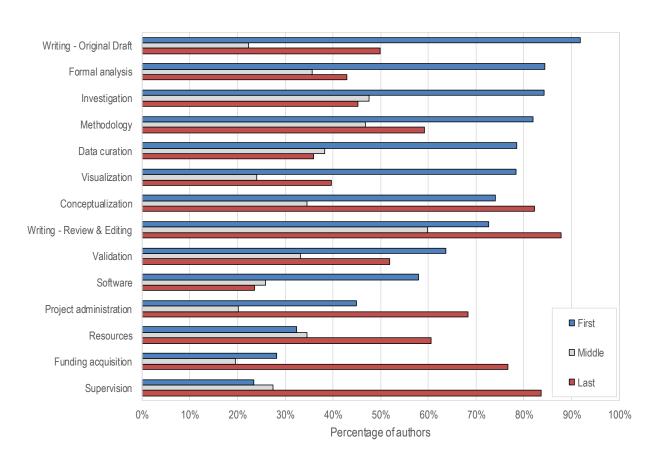
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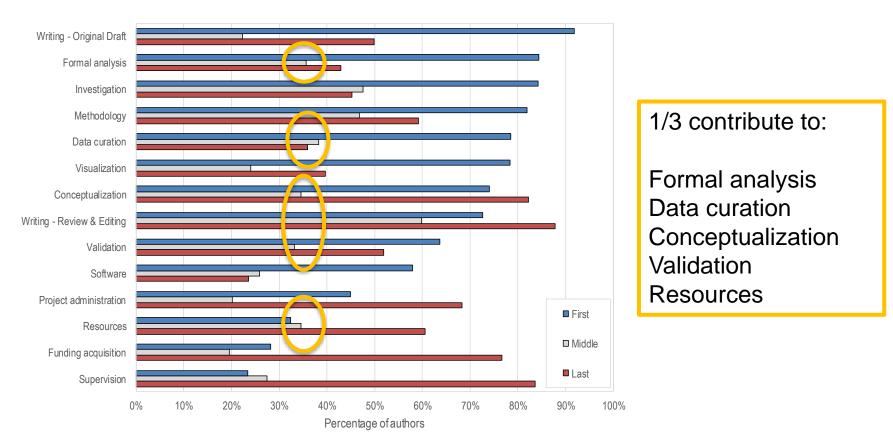
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What I am going to talk about



- 1. Origins of the Contributor Roles Taxonomy (CRediT)
- 2. Adoption & implementation
- 3. First insights into its value!
- 4. Where next ...







Where next ...



- Building awareness of CRediT significant interest
- CRT

- Community manager?
- Lyrasis/CASRAI supporting implementations of CRediT
- Feedback routes working to future versions/keeping
 CRediT current (while practical)
- More analysis & usage
- Links to ORCID & Crossref metadata
- At Kent incorporate into KAR (Eprints)
- https://casrai.org/credit/

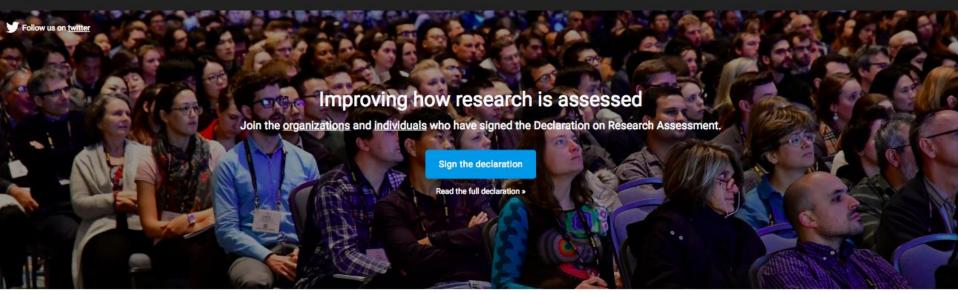




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- International Research Data Management Glossary (IRiDiuM)
- Open Access Glossary
- Research Impact Glossary
- Career Levels Glossary / Taxonomy
- Notice of Award Definition
- CVs

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- Notice of Opportunity
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- Notice of Award
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- Financial/Progress Reporting
- Data Management Plans
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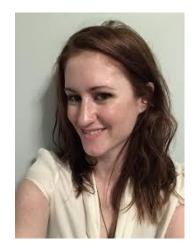


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