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UBIRA eTheses repository -

prettifying the ugly stepchild of scholarly communication

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eTheses	eData	ePapers	PURE
Covers research theses awarded at the University of Birmingham	Last resort to deposit and share research data	Working papers and other material created by University staff and students that isn't published elsewhere	Open Access publications
https://etheses.bham.ac.uk/	https://edata.bham.ac.uk/	http://epapers.bham.ac.uk/	https://research.birmingham.ac.uk/portal/en/



UBIRA eTheses repository

- 2nd most popular thesis repository in the UK according to IRUS downloads
 - Almost 5 mio downloads
- Electronic thesis deposit established in 2009
- Mostly mediated deposit, including students submitting some information on paper
- Servers not updated since 2011

eTheses Repository



Welcome to eTheses Repository

Welcome to the [University of Birmingham Institutional Research Archive](#)

This eTheses repository is for full-text electronic copies of theses produced by research postgraduates from the University. It is an Open Access repository, aiming to make the material available to the widest possible audience, and is part of the national [ETHOS](#) project.

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Staff and researchers from the University of Birmingham may create an account in order to upload the full text of their publications to the repository.

eTheses Repository supports [OAI 2.0](#) with a base URL of <http://theses.bham.ac.uk/egs/oa2>. Policies can be viewed on our [Policies](#) page.



Theses access options

- Fully open access
- Electronic thesis restricted for a period of time (with options to release copies upon request)
- Full embargo on both electronic copy and hard copy in the library



Repository update - project

- Follow up to launching an institutional data repository
- Scoping started in July 2018, launch in February 2019
- Collaboration between Library Services, IT services, supplier and research student administration team



New features & new design

- Improved free text search, browsing and filtering for OA theses
- IRStats display to show impact and promote openness

The screenshot displays the University of Birmingham eTheses Repository website. The header includes the University of Birmingham logo, the text 'UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM' and 'UBIRA E THESES', and navigation links for 'Home', 'About', 'Search', 'Browse', and 'Deposit'. There are also links for 'eData', 'ePapers', and 'PURE'. A 'Login' link is visible in the top left. The main content area features a search bar with a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search bar, there is a 'Deposit' section with a dropdown menu set to 'Thesis' and a 'DEPOSIT' button. To the right, a 'Most Downloaded' section lists five items with their respective download counts: 1. A corpus linguistics study of SMS text messaging (46,180), 2. A portfolio of electroacoustic and acousmatic compositions (44,736), 3. Capital structure and dividend policy: evidence from emerging markets (34,633), 4. Stylistic approaches to literary translation: with particular reference to English-Chinese and Chinese-English translation (33,261), and 5. The role of motivation in performance management: The case of performance-related-pay schemes in British local authorities (31,326). The footer contains sections for 'Policies and Guidelines', 'Useful Links', and 'Support'.

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SEARCH

Deposit

To upload a research output to the repository, select the type of output from the dropdown menu and choose 'Deposit'

Thesis DEPOSIT

Most Downloaded

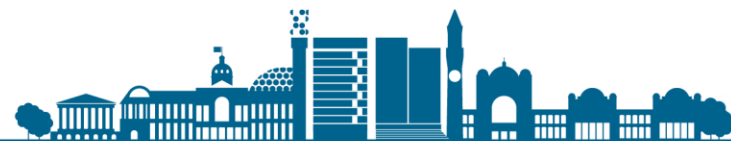
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New workflows - users

1

• Prepare your document

- PDF named SurnameYYYYdegree
- In line with copyright and data protection guidelines

2

• Log in at <http://etheses.bham.ac.uk>

3

• Choose your access option

4

• Upload the document

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• Add all the information about your thesis

6

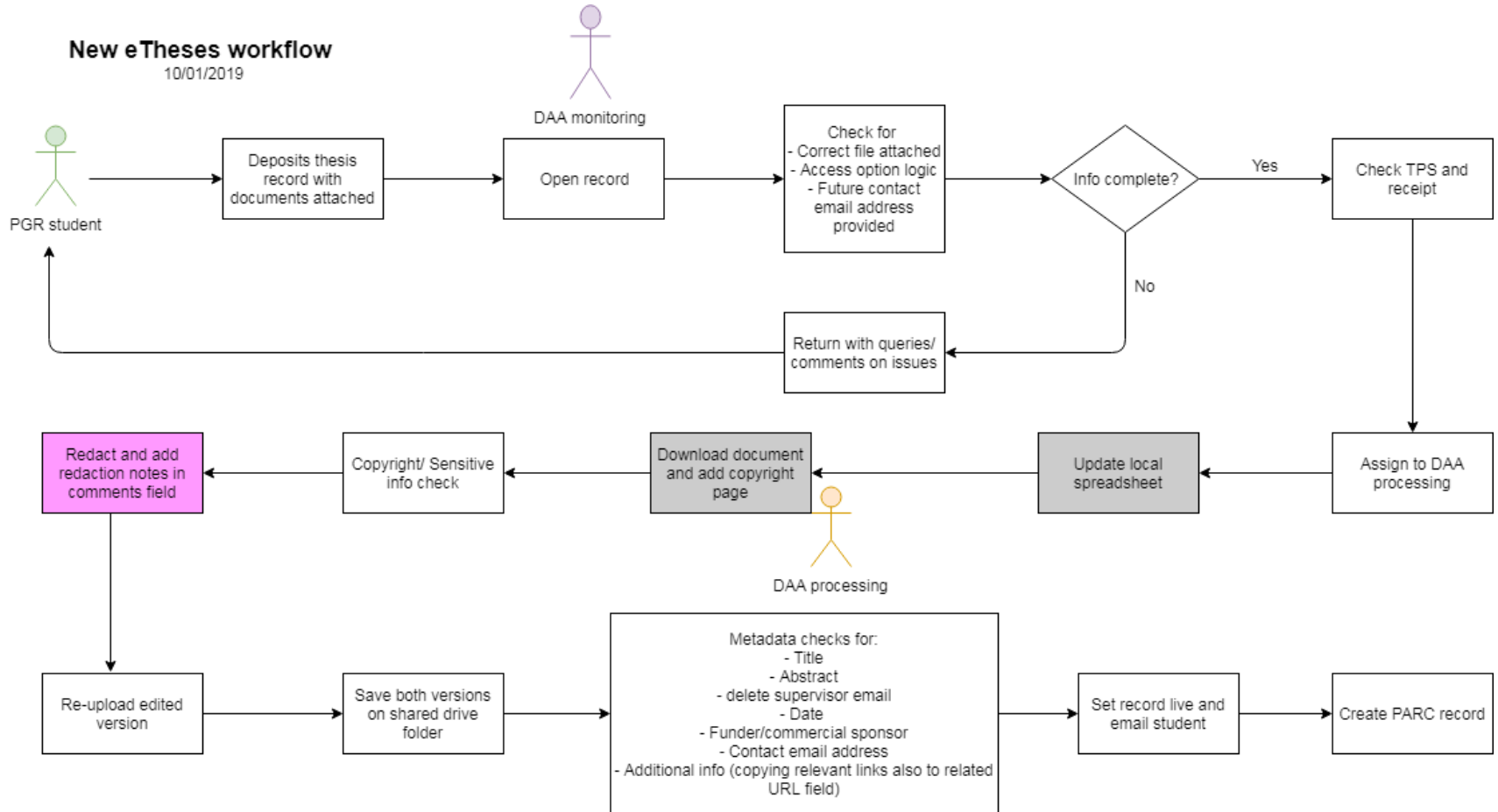
• Deposit!



New workflows – library team

New eTheses workflow

10/01/2019



Optional step that only applies to some theses

Steps to be reviewed later as they might become redundant with future plug ins



Wishlist & next steps

- ORCID integration
- DOI minting
- Promotion of Creative Commons licences
- Altmetrics plug in
- Review of access options
- Minimize review of content
- Comprehensive guides and promotional material



Thank you!



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