

# Usage Statistics for Repositories

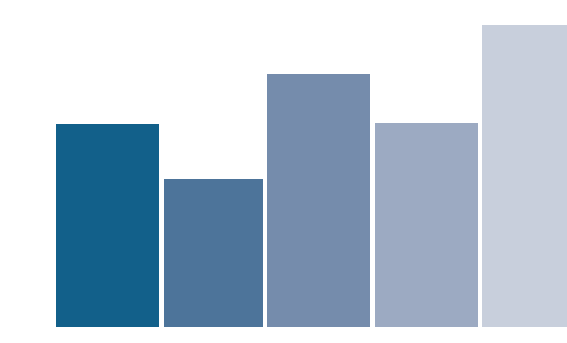
## The Project Open Access Statistics

The Journal Impact Factor (JIF) is widely regarded as an indicator of the quality of a journal and of the papers published therein. The JIF is not calculated on the basis of individual papers, but is instead a journal-level metric. Usage statistics are an alternative to the JIF. They reflect the level of interest in accessing the content of an individual article and thereby enable item-level, usage-based assessment.

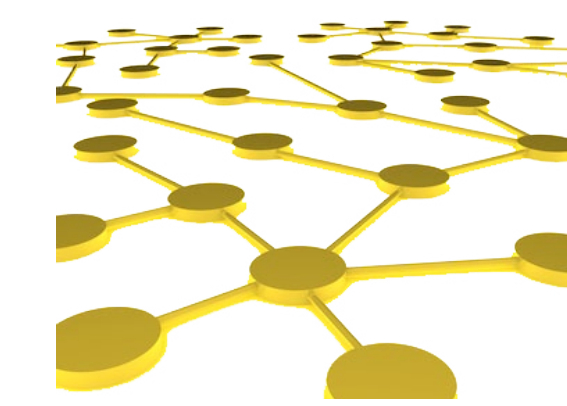
Open Access documents on repositories are not subject to any access restrictions. Hence they form a very good basis for the collection of usage statistics and the establishment of a standardised, internationally comparable procedure.

The German project Open Access Statistics has adopted these arguments in order to increase the acceptance of open access among authors and users of scholarly publications by gathering internationally comparable usage statistics, and by providing a lasting infrastructure for the collection and processing of usage data.

## Objectives



Internationally standardised usage statistics



Sustainable infrastructure for collecting and evaluating usage statistics



Increase of the acceptance of Open Access among authors and users of scholarly publications

## From a Log File to Standardised Usage Statistics

