Parallel Publishing from Converis to DSpace Using Custom Export and REST API

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JYU – significant multidisciplinary research university and expert in the fields of learning and teaching. One of the most popular HEIs in Finland.

Background (CRIS)

- Legacy publication registry (+projects, travels, activities) TUTKA has been in use since 2003

  / In-house development (started as student project, maintained by IT Services) based on Zope server
  / Provides data for internal and external reports incl. performance assessments

- Reporting to the Ministry of Education and Culture shifted from statistics to metadata in 2011, publications became significant funding model component

  / Recording publication data was originally left to researchers (department-level acceptance process) but this resulted to issues with data quality and motivation

- The need for change was identified – a working group (eventually steering group for research information systems) was established at the end of 2012

  / An important process change with the legacy system was realized: in April 2014, publication recording was centralized to the Library (=now Open Science Centre)

  → Implementing the process required management support and intense collaboration between the Division of Strategic Planning and Development (=Research management), University Library (setting up the team and publication alerts), and IT Services (adapting the systems)

  / The group outlined a roadmap and evaluated implementation options, eventually recommending procurement of a new Current Research Information System
Background (IR)

- Institutional repository JYX launched in 2008
  - DSpace + local customizations, various types of content and interfaces (e.g. harvested to Finna search service and OpenAIRE portal)
  - One of the top-100 IRs (webometrics)
  - Open Science Centre manages the repository and provides support; development shared by OSC and IT Services

- Parallel publishing TUTKA → JYX introduced in 2011
  - Transfer based on XML-RPC calls, SWORD protocol and a custom file ingester to return handle to TUTKA on success
  - Centralized publication recording (2014) is a win-win situation to all stakeholders
    - With a small number of expert users, metadata quality of publications improved drastically; researchers are satisfied because the recording process has been simplified
    - With the new process backed by a university-level mandate*, OA deposit activity has multiplied (=c. 250 publications in 2013)

- Major DSpace update (1.7.3 → 6.2) completed in 05/2018
  - New theme and services implemented by OSC (GLAMpipe-based workflows utilizing REST interfaces, Omeka-based exhibitions)

Implementation project started 12/2015
Launch (HR data, project applications) 09/2016
Public portal with projects opened 05/2017
Current focus: publications
- Data model configuration completed
- Interfaces to external systems in progress
Implementation of the publication recording module in Converis

- Converis allows various means of customization within the system (e.g., data model, input forms, scripting) and integration options from external applications (REST, Pentaho Kettle, database connections)
  / These have been used extensively at JYU
  / Publication-related customizations include copying of metadata from the parent publication or linked publication channel, and generation of the citation field
- Interfaces to external systems require substantial amount of work
  / WoS and Scopus integrations need configuration with field matching
  / Additional integrations implemented in-house
    → Publication channel + rankings import from the national service Publication Forum*
    → Library system MARCXML import (=rework of equivalent functionality in the legacy system)
    → Publications (c. 57000) from the legacy system will be imported with data cleaning (e.g., duplicate removal, mapping organization fields to entities in Converis)
- The original intention was that for parallel publishing, standard functionality offered by Converis would be used. However…

* http://julkaisufoorumi.fi/en
Challenges with Converis/DSpace publication export

- When IR export functionality (based on SWORDv2) of Converis 5.10 was tested with DSpace 6, there were numerous issues
  - Initially, the transfer did not work at all
  - After additional configuration (`swordv2-server.keep-original-package=false, org.dspace.sword2.SimpleZipContentIngester = application/zip`) a publication was eventually transferred, but not visible in any collection
    - Not even in the acceptance workflow of the target collection
    - Without customization of `SimpleZipContentIngester` code (=e.g. adding `finishCreateItem`) the item stayed in submission workflow of the SWORD user
  - It is unclear whether this is a bug in Converis (e.g. missing `In-Progress`-header) or a problem (=assumed client functionality) with SWORDv2 server
    - The transfer should work with earlier versions of DSpace
- The root cause is likely the change from numeric to UUIDs in DSpace 6
  - Indicated by line (`Error creating IR export item. The handle is malformatted`) in Converis logs when attempted to update an existing item
  - As a result, changes to Converis code are needed
    - The problem was immediately communicated to CA
    - Converis 6 (published 04/2018) should be compatible with DSpace 6
  - However, we decided to proceed with a custom solution for parallel publishing
Why a custom solution?

- Even if fixed, standard IR export functionality in Converis is limited

  - Only link entities that have the publication as left side (e.g. PUBL_has_AREA) are supported; if multiple objects are related only the first one will be exported

  - Embargo dates or publication visibility types (e.g. open access, embargo, request copy, IP limitation) are not supported in IR export – even within Converis

  - Deleted publication in Converis will not get deleted in DSpace

- Custom application provides additional flexibility

  - Loosely connected systems, resilience to data model or system changes

  - Custom interface enables authorized access to restricted content – standard REST retrieval interface is limited to public metadata

    → Applicability to other integrations (e.g. data for custom reports) as well

- Organizational benefits

  - Utilize the experience with the interface used in the legacy system

  - Utilize modern REST interface offered by DSpace 6

  - Distributed development and knowledge sharing: IT Services provides the Converis-side interface, OSC develops the client application
The application*

- Converis side – HTTPS endpoints (with authentication):
  - `getIrSendables` – returns identifiers of new and updated publications/files
  - `getMetadataForIr` – returns metadata of a single publication (as JSON) with field names mapped to DSpace schema
  - `getFileForIr` – returns the publication file to be dispatched to DSpace
  - `updateIrSentFile` – updates a file-specific attribute in Converis side that the file has been submitted
  - `updateIrHandle` – updates handle to Converis after a new item has been accepted to the collection in DSpace
  - `updateIrMetadataFetchDate` – updates the latest metadata retrieval time

- DSpace side – JavaScript client application (jQuery)
  - List of new (to be accepted) or updated publications
  - Editing capability for selected fields with a lightweight acceptance process (e.g. setting embargo and resolving permits from publishers)
  - Dispatch to DSpace (bitstreams, metadata, policies) using REST API, no further action with DSpace workflow UI needed

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Legacy data from TUTKA (=new getMetadataForIr method will be based on this)
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Implementation status

- Work in progress – parallel development related to DSpace 6 update and Converis-related interfaces
- Metadata schemas and mappings have been specified and there is a working prototype for serving files and reading publication-specific metadata

  / As a related service, REST-based transmission of metadata and bitstreams is already in use with thesis submission forms

- Incremental file/metadata updates have not yet been implemented

  / It is still somewhat an open question what is considered as an significant update to metadata

  / All-encompassing (but only within the entity, not relations) *updated on* attribute in Converis is not sufficient, a hash based on transfer-related attributes+relations would be better

- Planned to go live in August with the launch of the publication module
Outlook

- New solution will streamline the parallel publishing process
  - The client application simplifies OA status monitoring (i.e. pre-print, final draft or published version) and embargo management of individual files
  - Incremental metadata update functionality reduces duplication of work and improves data quality
- Next steps in Converis implementation project
  - Utilizing Converis to national publication reporting via data warehouse
  - Update to Converis 6
- Collaboration with other Converis/DSpace users is essential
  - Activity in Converis user groups and CA’s Enhancement Request platform is a necessity to prioritize urgent development needs
  - Running a DSpace 6 installation in production benefits from participation with the development community
- Publishing the custom solution -related code is still an open issue, university-level principles on open source are under construction
  - Advancing Open Science and Research is listed as one of the strategic goals at the JYU
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