

DIY IR Migration I: Platforms, legacy practice, and outreach

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Background

Timeline		
2004	eCommons & DC@ILR launched	
2013	Scholarly Commons (SHA) launched	
2017	Assessment of moving all three repositories to a new Samvera instance	
2019	Decision made to migrate both bepress instances into branded “super collections” in eCommons	

Repository	Items	Downloads
DC@ILR	30,000+	20 million
Scholarly Commons	2,000+	4.4 million
eCommons	50,000+	40+ million

bepress

Features	bepress	DSpace
College-level branding		
Real-time readership maps		
Statistics reports for authors		
Highlighted works for an author		

bepress vs. DSpace

Features	bepress	DSpace
College-level branding	✓	✓ + 🚧
Real-time readership maps	✓	🚧
Statistics reports for authors	✓	≠
Highlighted works for an author	✓	✗

Communications: Who, what, and when?

Library stakeholders	College stakeholders
Share analysis of platform differences, project scope, staff and staff time needed.	Formalize decision with Deans; they inform their stakeholders.
Share communication plan.	Additional communications as needed (e.g. webmasters).
Weekly issue review meetings with bepress repository staff.	Migration FAQ on eCommons help.
Biweekly emails to library stakeholders (library directors, repo staff, project sponsors, others as needed).	Notify when complete.

Legacy practices

High-frequency	Low-frequency
All deposit is mediated deposit	Static web pages
Custom display order or organization for different collections	Metadata-only records for externally hosted content

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