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JISC Model Licence

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An overview of the JISC Model Licence and thoughts on its development

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- Context and Background
- What does it allow?
- Why is it important?
- Issues facing the model licence?
- Challenges for the future

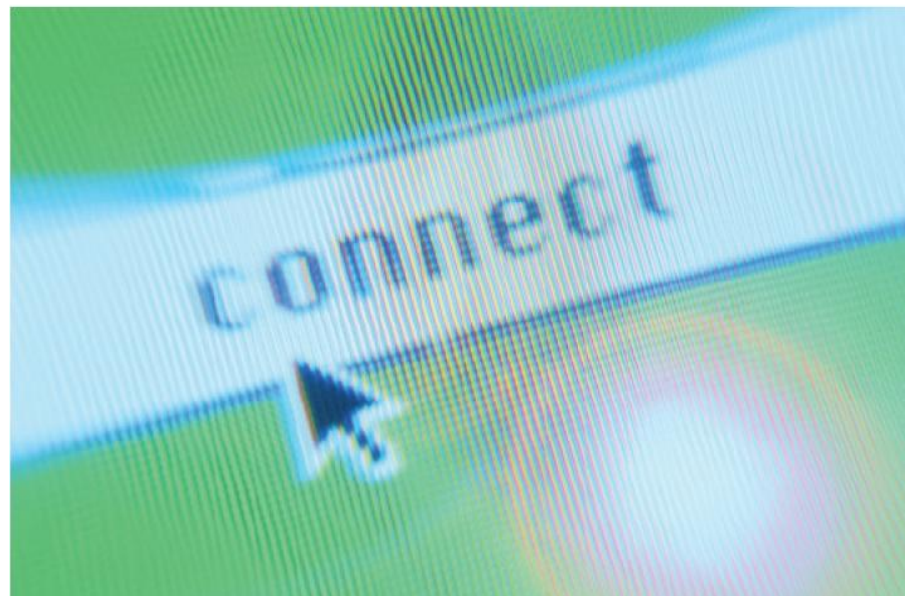
- JISC Collections provides UK universities and colleges with a portfolio of high quality online content to enrich teaching, learning and research
- JISC Collections licenses from content owners and makes available under sub-licence to universities and colleges
- Collections in a range of formats:
 - E-journals
 - E-books
 - Images
 - Moving Images and Sound
 - Bibliographic Databases
 - Geospatial data

- JISC Model licences since mid-1990s
- **JISC Model Licence is used with all JISC agreements**
- Currently over 50 agreements for electronic resources and 15 e-journal agreements
 - Publishers and aggregators include Elsevier, OUP, Blackwells, RSC, IoP, Springer, Taylor & Francis, AAAS, Sage, Thomson Scientific, Ovid, Bureau van Dijk, ProQuest, Wiley
- Model licence provide STABILITY and SECURITY for both institutions and publishers

- Allows institutions, their staff and students to gain the maximum value from online resources through secure but flexible terms of use and non-restrictive terms of use
- Allows for unlimited concurrent access by all staff and students of subscribing institutions.
- Allows for Walk In Users
- Permitted uses in teaching and education including use of material in course packs, and VLEs
- Provides for archival access to subscribed journal content
- Currently negotiating with publishers to permit deposit in JORUM and for archiving via the LOCKSS initiative

- JISC Model Licence is reviewed annually to take account of developments in the wider information environment, scholarly communications and licensing

- The **Science and Technology Committee - 10th Report** made a number of recommendations regarding the JISC Model Licence – BUT most recommendations were already in the licence!
- Use of resources limited not by licence but by lack of knowledge of licence
- JISC Collections needs to communicate the terms of the licence in lay-terms to help institutions get best value from resources and effectively manage resource use.
- The *Guide to the JISC Model Licence* and *Guide to the Model NESLi2 Licence for Journals* explains the definitions, restrictions and permitted uses of electronic resources in learning and research.



- Already complicated to communicate DRM via model licences
- In future increasing need for non-standard licences
 - Cross-sectoral licences e.g. NHS-HE
 - Commercial spin offs from universities
 - HE in FE
 - Courses offered by a consortium of institutions both within UK and overseas
 - ‘Virtual’ communities
- Publishers are wary of non-standard licences in such cases
 - Unforeseen economic consequences
 - Risk of ‘losing control’ of content
- Adoption of ERMS
 - Time taken to input licences
 - Librarians wary of interpreting licences incorrectly

- Key Information
- JISC Model Licences http://www.jisc.ac.uk/coll_model_licence.html
- JISC DRM Study <http://www.intrallect.com/drm-study/>

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