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#### Introduction

- > The use of ETDs as a rich information resource.
- Measuring the impact of ETDs on the research.
- > What are the tools available in the digital repositories to achieve this purpose?

## Methodology

The Evaluation criteria adopted for this study:

- > item downloads,
- top country views,
- number of Items in the repository,
- > item uploads,
- location of visitors,
- participating units,
- participating faculty.

# 1) The development of digital repositories in Algeria



Figure 1: The development of implementation of digital repositories in Algeria (Data source: OpenDOAR, 2019)

# 2) Algerian repositories softwares

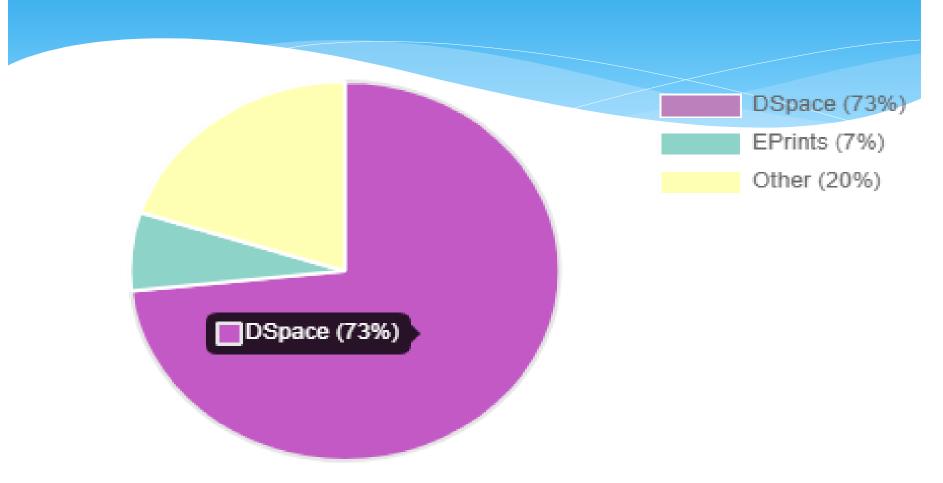
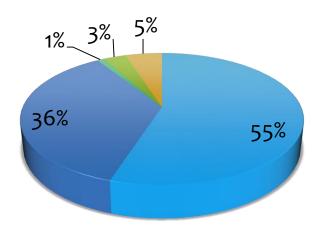


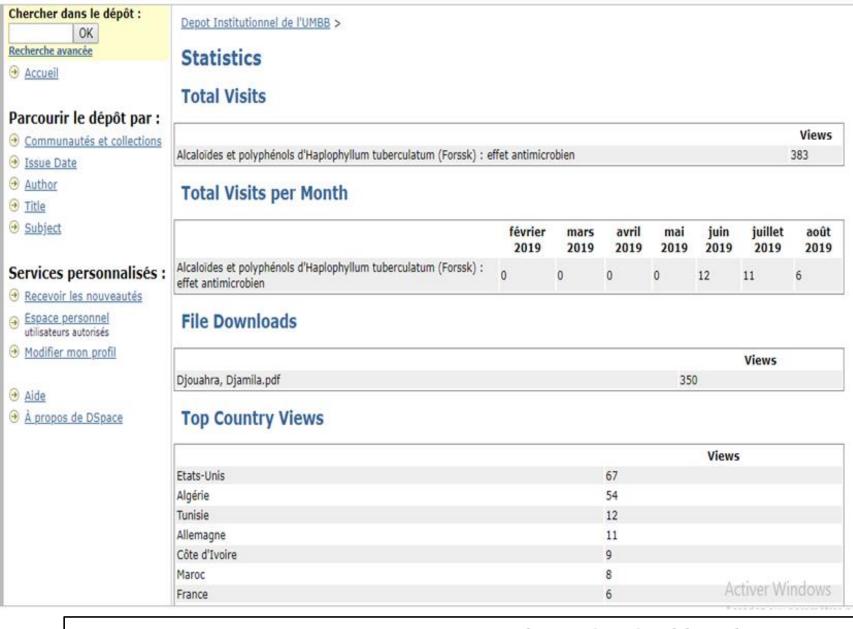
Figure 2: Algerian digital repositories softwares (Data source: OpenDOAR, 2019)

# 3) EDTS in the digital repositories

Figure 3: ETDs among the overall content in the digital repositories in Algeria







#### Figure 4: Usage statistics at the individual level



Figure 5: Usage statistics at the level of the collection for UMBB repository

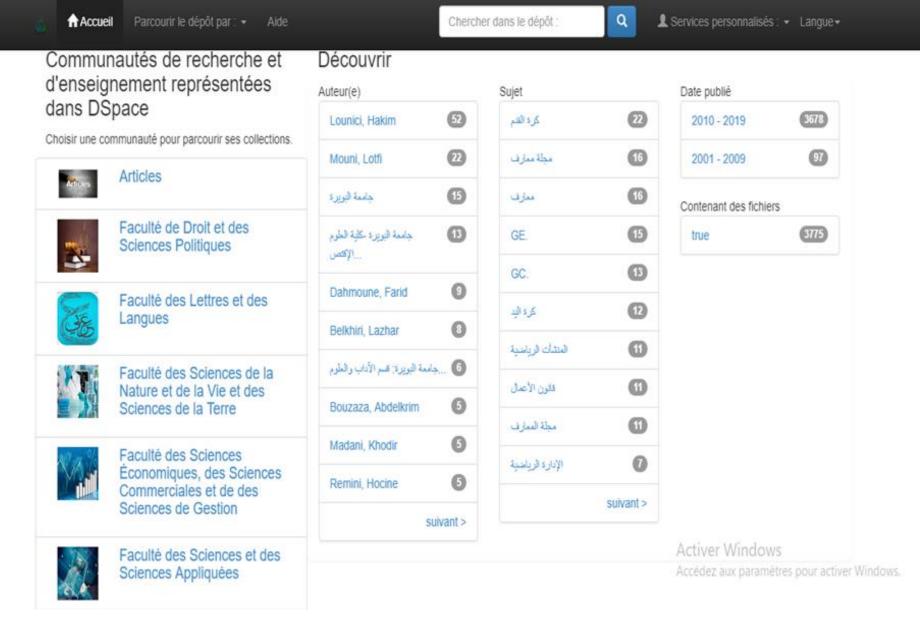


Figure 6: UNIVERSITY of BUIRA statistics of participating faculty and units

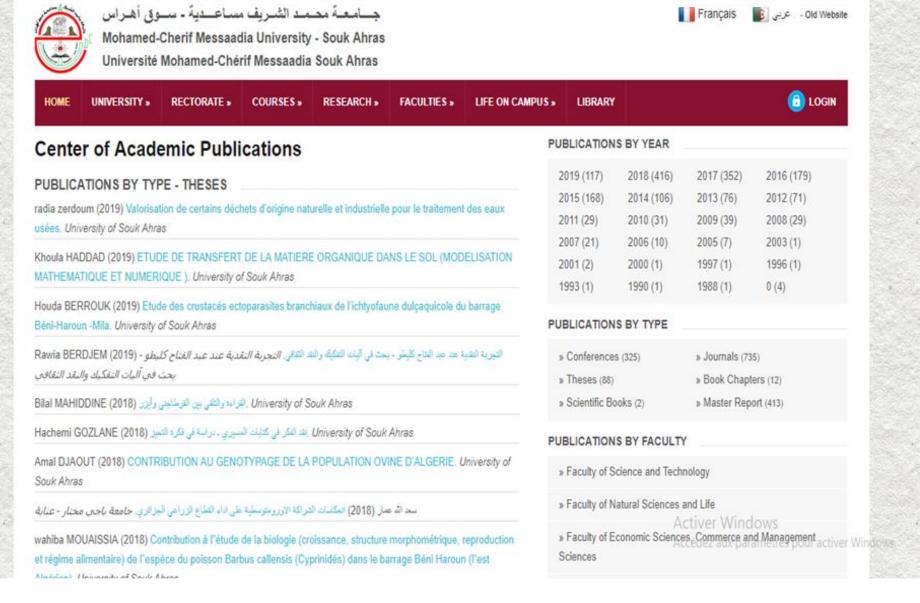
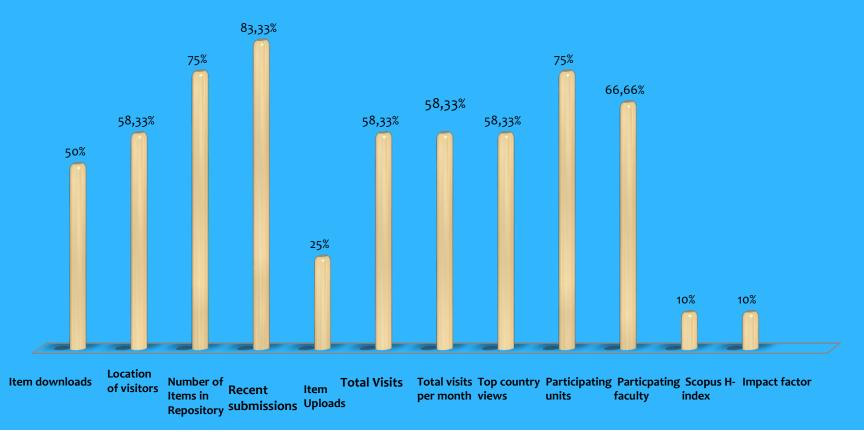


Figure 7: an example of different items statistics

# 4) Metrics in the Algerian digital repositories

Figure 7: Metrics in the Algerian digital repositories



## 5) Results

- \* 50 % of the repositories measure the usage of ETDs by item downloads and location of visitors.
- \* There is a significant variations between repositories regarding metrics used for measuring the impact of ETDs and content in general.
- \* Faculty and participating units and Numbers of items are the most metrics in common bewteen the metrics of the Algerian digital repositories.
- \* Implemeting new services for measuring impact effectively and go beyond numbers as well as benefit from the metrics generated by standard softwares repository managers.

# 6) Recommendations and suggestions

Establishing a culture of metrics in the academic community.

\* Using metrics to argue for funding.

\* Altmetrics as value added service.

#### Conclusion

"We cannot call a digital-library or electronicpublishing system a success if we cannot measure and interpret its use." Bishop, 1998

# Thank you for your attention.