

Portico:

An Overview of a Digital Preservation Service

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What is Portico?

- A not-for-profit organization that operates a digital preservation archive based in the U.S.
- Mission: To preserve scholarly literature published in electronic form and to ensure that these materials remain available to future generations of scholars, researchers, and students.
- Scope: scholarly e-journals, e-books, digitized primary materials used by scholars, etc.



Who Is Involved?

- 56 publishers (international)
- 7700+ journals
- 3000+ e-books
- ~8M articles or ~80M files preserved to date
- Portico-Publisher agreements grant Portico rights to preserve content, define access terms
- Publishers pay annually for preservation services.



Who Is Involved?

- 469 libraries from 13 countries
- Libraries pay annually to support the archive.
- Long-term access conditions defined in Portico-Library agreements



Access Conditions

- “Access of last resort” only when normal access mechanisms are discontinued via “trigger events”
 - Examples: Publisher out of business, Content no longer online
- Access is available via the Portico web site only to participating libraries.
- Publisher can request that Portico provide access to discontinued subscribers.
- Two trigger events to date



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