

Frictionless Data Exchange - Petr Knoth, Open University





The Science Challenge

- A single scientific repository is of limited value
- Real benefits come from ability to exchange data within a network
- Current technology for exchanging data across repositories (OAI-PMH) more than 15 years old
 - Scalability
 - Implementations inconsistency
 - Metadata synchronisation only



The Science Demonstrator

- Assess how scientific resources can be effectively, regularly and reliably exchanged across systems using the ResourceSync protocol.
- Conduct a set of experiments/benchmarks comparing OAI-PMH with ResourceSync along a set of dimensions, scenarios and implementation setups.
 - different repository platforms, over 1k repository systems, variety of configurations and scenarios
 - quantitative benchmark and case for adoption of ResourceSync.



Challenges

- Guidelines for adoption (EOSC/domain specialists)
- Knowledge and skills gap between between technologists who implement repositories and those who manage it



Lessons Learned

- Tested approach widely applicable and with clear benefits over currently used technology.
- Recommend ResourceSync as a default data and metadata exchange protocol for all repositories operating within EOSC.
- Need a communication channel to work with WP6 Interoperability (and others) to communicate results and decide next steps.