

Moving to e-Only: the long-term implications

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Issues to Consider

- It is a license not ownership
- Did you negotiate?
 - Perpetual data rights
 - Perpetual display rights
- e-Only serves a customer need
- e-Only does Not save staff
 - Check-in is CRITICAL
 - Higher level of staff knowledge needed

What about the Paper Versions?

- Who will keep the paper & how long?
- How many need to keep the paper?
- Don't depend on the National Libraries
- Need to survey or develop a reporting methodology for print retention
 - Regional initiatives starting CIRLA, SOLINET
 - CROP Study

e-Only Marketplace

- The electronic back files are the publisher's key assets
- Serials market is always volatile with title changes, disappearances, and new titles
- There is a danger of losing archives with small societies and publishers not the major players
- Nature of scientific communications is changing and evolving (e.g. pre-print servers, open access, etc.)

Future Options – Publisher Based

- Rely on the publisher's site (hosted solution)
 - Cheap, technically easy, and available
 - Subject to changes in publisher status
 - Problematic if subscriptions are cancelled
 - Subject to market forces
- PORTICO is escrow only **NOT** a live archive

Future Options – Library Controlled

- + Library hosted digital repository under institution's control
- + Customizable for local needs
- + Easier to integrate into new & existing service products
- No proven industry software solution yet developed (that has reliability & functionality)
- Expensive hardware and software costs (remember 75% of costs occur after roll-out.)
- Do you have the metadata or just the articles?
- Standards are still evolving

The Future Choices

Controlled by publishers

Or

10,000 flowers (repositories) blooming

Or

Cooperative distributed solutions

We need to plan not just how to keep the electronic content but also who will keep the print and we need to do this on a multi-institutional & multi-sector basis.