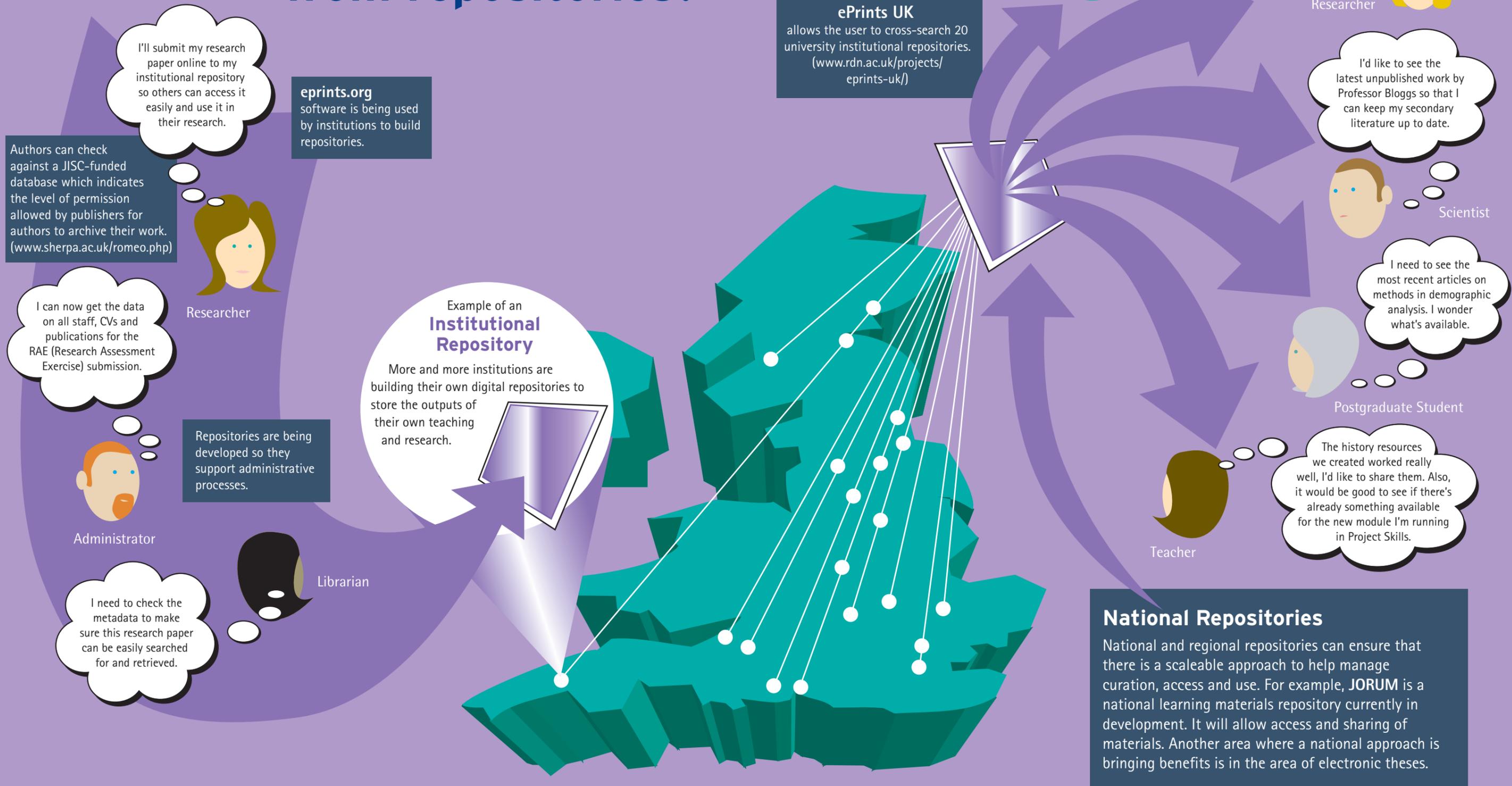


Scenarios... who benefits from repositories?



I'll submit my research paper online to my institutional repository so others can access it easily and use it in their research.

Authors can check against a JISC-funded database which indicates the level of permission allowed by publishers for authors to archive their work. (www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php)

I can now get the data on all staff, CVs and publications for the RAE (Research Assessment Exercise) submission.

Repositories are being developed so they support administrative processes.

I need to check the metadata to make sure this research paper can be easily searched for and retrieved.

eprints.org
software is being used by institutions to build repositories.

Example of an Institutional Repository
More and more institutions are building their own digital repositories to store the outputs of their own teaching and research.

ePrints UK
allows the user to cross-search 20 university institutional repositories. (www.rdn.ac.uk/projects/eprints-uk/)

The content of repositories can be made available globally, supporting international collaboration.

I don't know where it's been published but I know Dr Smith always puts his articles in his repository - I'll find it there.

I'd like to see the latest unpublished work by Professor Bloggs so that I can keep my secondary literature up to date.

I need to see the most recent articles on methods in demographic analysis. I wonder what's available.

The history resources we created worked really well, I'd like to share them. Also, it would be good to see if there's already something available for the new module I'm running in Project Skills.

National Repositories
National and regional repositories can ensure that there is a scalable approach to help manage curation, access and use. For example, JORUM is a national learning materials repository currently in development. It will allow access and sharing of materials. Another area where a national approach is bringing benefits is in the area of electronic theses.