

Assessing the Texas Data Repository: Determining What to Measure and How

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Texas Data Repository texasdatarepository.org

Repository

- Launched in Spring 2017
- Built on the Dataverse software platform
- Hosted by the Texas Digital Library (TDL)

Steering Committee

- 10 institutions participate in the TDR
- Liaisons from these institutions serve on a TDR Steering Committee
- Provide feedback
- Guide the direction of the repository service

Assessment Working Group

- Sub-group of the Steering Committee
- Tasked with evaluating progress of the TDR

Code

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Google

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TSW

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Research questions:

- 1. Which usage metric information about the TDR will be most valuable?
- 2. What process for gathering and distributing these metrics will be most useful?

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Metrics about datasets and collections						
Dataset download counts	X	X	X		Log File, Google	yes
Size of datasets (MB)	X				Log File	yes
Number of files within datasets	X				Log File	maybe
List of dataset DOIs	X				Log File	yes
Size of collections (MB)	X				Log File	yes
Hierarchy collections and datasets	X				Log File	maybe
List of links to all collections and datasets	X				Log File	yes
Metrics about users						
Institutional researchers using the TDR	X				Log File	yes*
Unique page visitors	X		X	X	Google	yes
Percent new users				X	Google	no
Percent users from referring site				X	Google	no
Percent users directed from search engines				X	Google	no
Location		X	X	X	Google	maybe
Metrics about views and access						
Unique Dataset Investigations		X			Log File	yes
Total Dataset Investigations		X			Log File	yes
Number of pageviews			X	X	Google	maybe
Mode of Access		X	X	X	Log File, Google	maybe
Metrics about sessions						
Number of sessions			X	X	Google	yes
Average session duration			X	X	Google	yes
Path Through the Site			X		Google	no
Referral Traffic			X		Google	no
Site Content Reports			X		Google	no
Bounce Rate			X		Google	no
Search Terms			X		Google	no

Survey

- https://goo.gl/forms/1Z0wDOjR1XWkObg92
- 11 responses, from all TDR Steering Committee members
- 34 Questions
- Institutional demographics
- TDR staffing in member libraries
- Liaison experience and training
- Other data initiatives at member libraries
- Anticipated user needs























