



## The JORUM+ project

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The JORUM+ project is funded by the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) of the UK FE and HE Funding Councils. The project started in October 2002 and ends in July 2005. It has two main strands:

- ❑ The project has been asked by the JISC to undertake a requirements analysis with the FE/HE community to establish the needs of the community for a long-term repository service. This will be done by means of a questionnaire at the JORUM+ website, along with focus groups, interviews and literature research. A report will be made to the JISC in December 2003.
- ❑ The JORUM+ project provides access and practical support for project staff from two JISC funded programmes, Exchange for Learning (X4L) and 5/99, to two trial repository software systems that are being tested and developed to meet user needs.

The partners in the JORUM+ project are EDINA and MIMAS, the two JISC-funded data centres, working in close collaboration with the Centre for Educational Technology Interoperability Standards (CETIS). Intrallect and Xtensis e-Learning Ltd. are supplying the learning object repository database software systems that are used as working tools in the project.

## Project Aim

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To enable the JISC, through the two JISC-designated National Data Centres, EDINA & MIMAS, to offer sustainable technical infrastructure for the storage of learning and teaching objects and their re-use within UK further and higher education, and appropriate support for project staff involved in the relevant programmes.

## Project Objectives

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JORUM+ will:

- ❑ provide a provisional collecting repository for the content of JISC 5/99 and X4L Strand A projects from early February 2003, using the intraLibrary and Xtensis learning object repository software systems
- ❑ scope the needs of the long-term repository service that will form part of the JISC's Information Environment, in collaboration with CETIS, by the end of December 2003
- ❑ provide a test-bed Development Bay to allow the successful re-purposing of extant content in X4L until July 2005
- ❑ provide support services for X4L and 5/99 project staff, in collaboration with CETIS, until July 2005

### Consultants

The JORUM+ consultants are:

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### Website

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The JORUM+ website is available at:  
<http://www.jorum.ac.uk>