NAROS

building a service on the shoulders of OAIster

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NAROS – what



NAROS: Northers Areas Open Scholarly Documents

- A search service:
 - Scholarly documents with thematic relevance to the Northern Areas
 - Open and freely available documents
- But not a subject or thematic archive
 - Metadata only



NAROS – why



Easy access to scholarly documents on The North for

- Scholars
- Public administration
- Business
- The interested public

NAROS – but why



"Documents relevant to The North"

- Not easily defined scope
 - Easy to miss relevant documents in general or subject specific search services
- Documents in "foreign" subjects may be of interest to scholars
 - Awareness of such documents through NAROS

NAROS – how



NAROS – a subset of the OA corpus

- We download locally the entire OAlster (through rsync)
- We filter out the records that are thematically related to The North
 - by searching through OAIster

NAROS – how



Utilizing the OAI-PMH: Structured metadata in the repositories world wide

Filtering out records from OAIster

But not tying ourselves to the OAlster mast

Alternatives or additional services to OAlster exist

NAROS – how



Filtering records for NAROS:

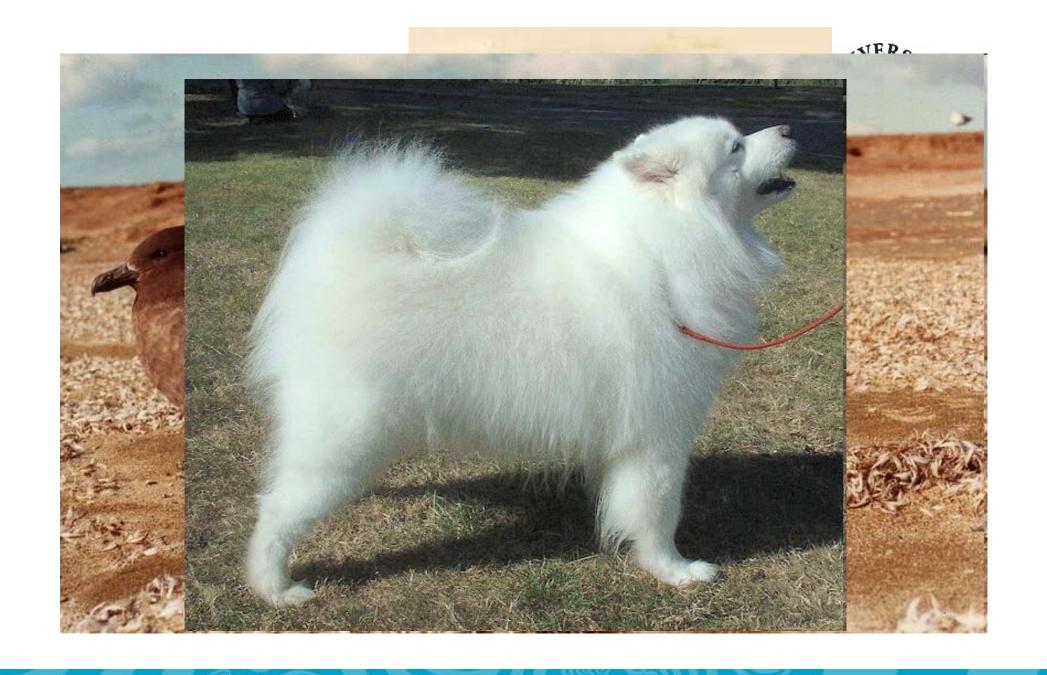
- Crucial issue: selecting the filtering terms
- Two lists of filtering terms:
 - 1: Terms filtering records directly qualified for NAROS
 - 2: Terms filtering records needing manual scrutiny

Examples of filtering terms



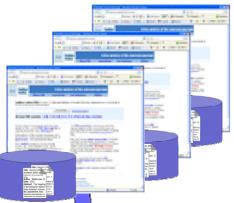
Automatically qualified records:

Category	Term	#
Geography	Thule AND Greenland	81
Geography	Baffin Island	153
Species	Rangifer tarandus	104
Species	Gadus morhua	336
Project title	Study of Environmental Arctic Change	3
Project title	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment OR AMAP	37
Institution	Norwegian Polar Institute	1041
Institution	Scott Polar Research Institute	17
Journal title	Polish Polar Research	4



A database for northern area-related open access scholarly documents







Extracting
NAROS will apply
filtering algorithms
to extract northern
areas-related open
access documents,
based upon
harvested metadata
species names

keywords
phrases
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research programs
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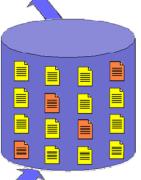
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Manual quality control



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First test results



Applying version 0.1 of the two lists of filtering terms produced:

- Directly qualified records: 81 245

- Records for manual scrutiny: 26 038

- From 612 different sources in OAIster

Quite encouraging!

The long tail



16 sources => 72% of the records 315 (>50% of the) sources \leq 10 records

By filtering through the entire OAIster, we also get the records from the odd sources

NAROS – labour intensive?



26 000 records in need of manual scrutiny In the pilot project:

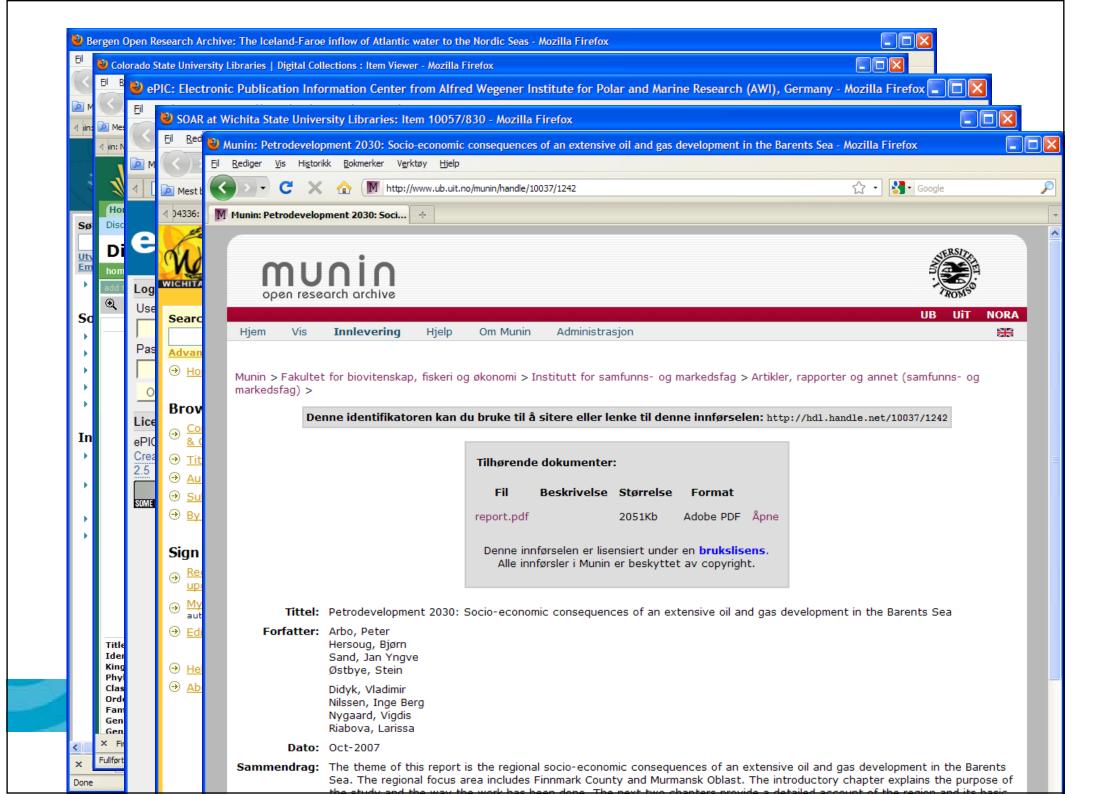
- Two graduate students hired to go through these
- Time consumption: Average 25 seconds per record
 - Fairly high standard deviation

NAROS – labour intensive?



The 26 000 records is a one time effort From here on, only the records added (to OAlster) since last download will be filtered

The filter lists, however, will still need intelligent effort to be improved



NAROS – moves on



We need to:

- Put effort into the filtering lists
 - Adding, removing and improving terms and filtering algorithms
 - Translating the lists into: German, Russian, Italian, French, Swedish, Inuit, ...
- Post project: NAROS needs an editor

NAROS – moves on



Developing the user interface

- Searching: "Refine my results"
- Faceted navigation
- Browse options

Awareness-service – News alerts (RSS)

User feedback

- To improve the lists of filtering terms
- Identify documents not belonging in NAROS

Annotation options

Saving and sharing references

Added value – the key to a valued service!

about news using naros

naros

northern areas open scholarly documents

provides you now with fulltext access to 98 576 documents from 612 sources Knowledge is paramount and making knowledge widely and readily available to society is what open access is all about

search naros

Extended search Show sources

Prototype GUI for a NAROS portal

NAROS news:

- uppdated with 10 000 more documents (8.10.09) [More]
- supported by the Arctic Universities (1.9.09) [More]
- now offer extended faceted result list (20.8.09) [More]

Whats up?

- Conference in Thule on shrinking polar ice cap [More]
- UN declaration on support for polar bear [More]
- The universities in Calgary and Tromsø will expand the research cooperation in the Arctic [More]

Help us to improve NAROS

- · by giving us feedback [How?]
- by informing us of new and relevant sources [How?]
- · by relevant-tagging [How?]

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NAROS – viable?



The idea and the pilot have been presented for various key persons, who have encouraged us to move on Next to do:

- Establish the funding for a permanent service
- Improve and enhance the filtering lists
- Evaluate OAIster as the source
- Test alternatives and/or supplements to OAIster
- Release an alpha version to a set of interested users, and get their opinion on the content
- Launch: Fall 2010

Comments or suggestions



on our method and other things are most welcome

Thank you