# Defining a Successful, Collaborative Institutional Repository Service

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**What is an Institutional Repository?**

A service that enables an organization to manage, store, preserve, & provide access to digital content. A repository may include a wide variety of content for a range of purposes & users & may support research, teaching, learning, & administrative processes.

**What Types of Repositories Are Members Interested In?**

- Scholarly Outputs Repository (students, faculty, & staff)
- Learning & Teaching Materials Repository
- Institutional Digital Asset Repository
- A mixture of the above

**What Content Types Do Members Need to Store?**

- Scholarly Journal articles (preprints, postprints, etc.)
- Bibliographic references (metadata only)
- Books, selections, and chapters
- Conference and workshop papers, grey literature
- Theses and Dissertations
- Resources used to support teaching and learning
- Still images, multi-media, and audiovisual materials
- Administrative documents
- Digitized materials
- Other digital assets[1]

**Value Proposition?**

- Facilitate scholarly communication
- Assist in research management
- Raise institution's profile
- Manage teaching and learning objects
- Preserve and share institutional digital assets
- Communicate research's impact on the community (KT)

**What Does Success Look Like?**

- *Externally*:
  - Does the IR have buy-in from the community?
  - Is it being used? What is the content size held and is content submission increasing?
- *Internally*:
  - Is the cost reasonable?
  - Is the service sustainable?
- *Organizationally*:
  - Does this service meet my institution's needs?
  - Does it assist in the fulfillment of our strategic plan?
- *Provincially*:
  - Does it fulfill our provincial mandate?

**Collaborative Institutional Repository Service?**

- What could collaboration look like?
- How can BC ELN facilitate success?

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[1] Other optional functionality includes storing datasets, as well as journal publishing and conference hosting capabilities.