Figshare for Institutions and Elsevier Pure Integration: A case study from the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS)

The University of Amsterdam and Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences worked together with engineers from Figshare to develop an integration that pushes data records from Figshare to their instance of Pure.

"Once researchers publish datasets in UvA/HvA figshare the metadata is then, after synchronization, made available in Pure. Researchers will receive a confirmation by email, inviting them to link their datasets to the corresponding publication in Pure. The DOI in Pure allows for the dataset to be accessed in UvA/HvA figshare."

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This integration will save researchers and administrators time by reducing the amount of duplicate data entry required resulting in a smoother, more efficient workflow.

"We were very pleased that our suggestion for exploring a possible synchronization for datasets between Figshare and Pure has resulted in a successful pilot project with Figshare", said Matthieu Uittenbogaard, project manager, University Library UvA/AUAS. "In cooperation with Figshare, we were able to explore and test the various options for this synchronization. Following this, Figshare quickly developed an interface that allows for XML files to be generated in Figshare and picked up by Pure. This synchronization saves our researchers the additional time of redescribing the metadata for their datasets in Pure, and we're hopeful that this solution will help other clients and organisations in future."

In order to enable this integration, the figshare team will provide your institution with the following details:

- URL for accessing the XML files
- Username and password for accessing the XML files
- A proposed time at which the Pure synchronization task should run

For more information on connecting your instance of Pure to your instance of Figshare, get in touch.