




The Open Advantage for Early Career Researchers

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A bit about myself, for context...

I'm an evolutionary biologist into fossils & phylogenetics

- * Vocal advocate for open scholarship (not just access!)
- * Awarded Panton Fellowship 2012-13
- * Submitted PhD @UniOfBath Oct 2013
- * Now BBSRC-funded Postdoc at Bath, text & data mining
- * On Organising Committee of:

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Why do I care about Open Access?

The abundance of paywalls seriously obstructs my ability to do rigorous research.

I believe charitably and publicly-funded research should be available to all, to read and re-use, at no extra cost. (~80% of academic research is public-funded)

I *want* my research to be read and re-used by others, rather than locked-away behind a paywall.



Why do I care about Open Data?

In my fields (palaeo, phylogenetics) data sharing is improving but still poor: ~4-16% of papers publicly share usable data.

I believe charitably and publicly-funded research outputs **including data & software** should be available to all, to read and re-use, at no extra cost. (~80% of academic research is public-funded)

I *want* my research data & scripts to be re-used & cited by others, rather than languishing on my hard drives.

Avoid the shame of having your work paywalled!



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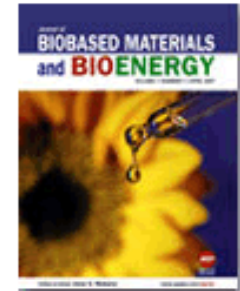
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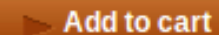
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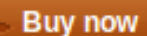
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OA hugely benefits text & data mining

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The paywall system and its rate limitations create artificial obstacles for researchers.

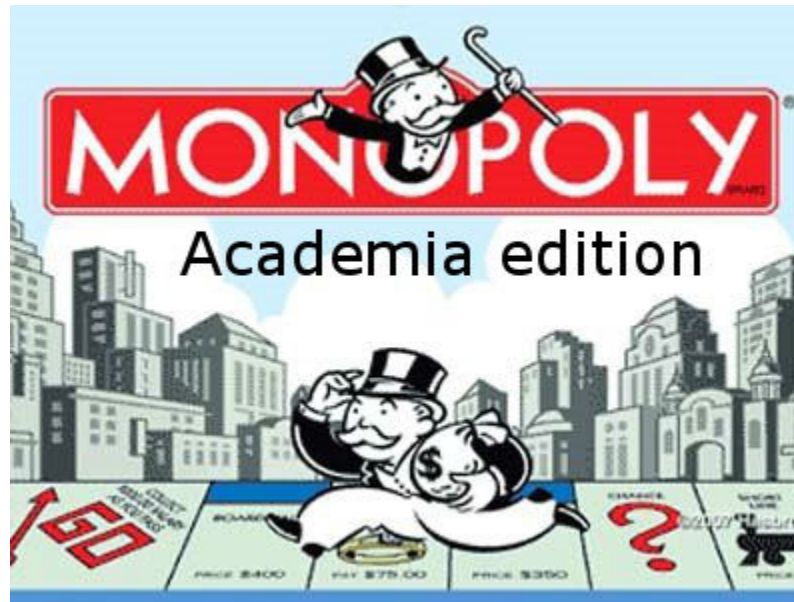
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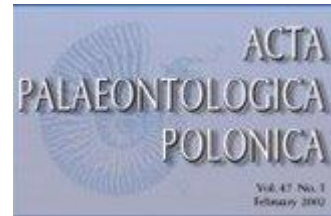
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My experience with OA - 'gold-route'

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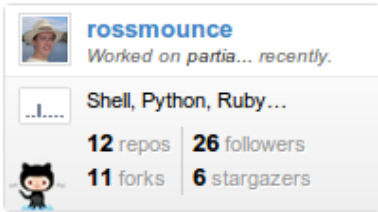
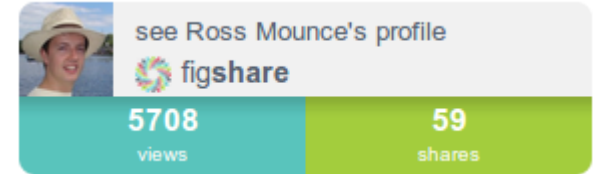


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