Elements and espace integration factsheet

What are Elements and espace?

Elements (the University’s Publication Management System) harvests details of the publications of Curtin-affiliated researchers from external databases, as well as allowing manual entry of publications. Elements records are used for a range of purposes within Curtin, including populating Staff Profiles and reporting.

espace (the University’s institutional repository) contains metadata about Curtin publications imported from Elements, and full text versions when available. The collections are publicly accessible via the espace interface and the Library Catalogue, and records are indexed by other systems such as Google Scholar.

Integration benefits

Elements and espace are now integrated. This means researchers can use Elements to deposit full text documents into espace.

The benefits of this change to researchers are:

- You can use just one system to manage your publications;
- For future publications, you will no longer receive multiple Library emails requesting files;
- The espace agreement is now an integral part of the deposit process, rather than a separate form;
- Advice is provided within Elements on the appropriate document version for deposit, consistent with publisher policies;
- Further files can be added after the initial deposit;
- Publications listed in Staff Profiles are now directly linked to the espace records via Elements.

What’s next?

To manage your publications and espace deposits, log into Elements and claim new publications as usual. As an additional step, upload full text files suitable for espace into Elements, and if applicable enter the DOI/URL of open access publications.

For detailed instructions on how to use the deposit process in Elements refer to the Guide to espace.

Getting help

For help with Elements, contact the ROC Relationships team ROCRelationships@curtin.edu.au.

For help with espace, contact the Library espace team espace@curtin.edu.au.

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FAQs

**What is the definition of a publication in this context?**

This document uses the term “publications” to refer to published or publicly available written, performed, curated, or created outputs of academic work. These outputs include but are not limited to:

- Traditional HERDC category research outputs,
- Traditional non-research outputs such as non-refereed journal articles,
- Non-traditional research outputs, internet or general audience works such as articles in The Conversation, and public or invited submissions to government consultations.

**What happens once I have deposited my publication via Elements?**

After you have deposited your publication, it will be automatically copied into espace. The Library will check the details before making the full text publicly available, consistent with publisher policies.

The espace handle (persistent URL) for your publication will appear in your Staff Profile. The Library will contact you if there are any queries about your publications.

**Can I still deposit the full text if a record for my publication is already in espace?**

Yes, if the details of your publication have already been imported into espace, you can still deposit a full text document via Elements.

**Should I claim my publication in Elements even if it has already been deposited into espace by my co-author?**

Yes, you need to claim the publication for it to appear in your Staff Profile.

**What if I find an error in my publication record in espace?**

Email the details of the error to espace@curtin.edu.au to have the record corrected.

Currently the espace metadata cannot be updated from Elements after deposit into espace - a later upgrade will provide this option.

**I can’t access Elements – who should I contact?**

If you are accessing Elements outside of the Curtin network you will need to connect via the VPN. The CITS self-service portal provides details on how to install and use the VPN (search “VPN” on https://selfservice.curtin.edu.au).

Please note that sessional staff and students are not able to log into Elements.

For systems issues, contact the Research Office at ResearchSystems@curtin.edu.au.

**How does this relate to ORCID?**

In 2018 we introduced a new functionality where researchers could connect their ORCID to Elements. This new integration does not affect the ORCID functionality. We encourage researchers to connect their ORCID in Elements using the set-up guide.