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Establishing an Institutional Repository……?

- Make the case to highlight the benefits of IR to the Management
- Define the purpose for preservation and access to information in IR
- Plan the outline for IR contents, services and key users
- Choose IR software
  - Open source software Vs Commercial software
- Outline IR policies for Collection-Management-Access
- Identify staff to manage IR
- Set up communities to organize collections of IR
- Promote the IR to ensure visibility of IR contents
- Design strategies
  - Discuss general benefits of IR
  - Encourage authors to self-archive
  - Facilitate rights checking services for materials deposited
  - Organize mechanisms to secure feedback and usage
- Ensure continuity and maintenance of IR for funding support.