

Open Journal Systems: Best Practices and Use Cases

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Why?

- OJS is widely used free and open-source software (FOSS)
- Interesting new developments technical improvements, alignment with best publishing practices, better interoperability with other FOSS software solutions and scholarly infrastructures, and more
- Huge community interest and growing needs

Let's compile a directory of useful OJS tools and plugins:

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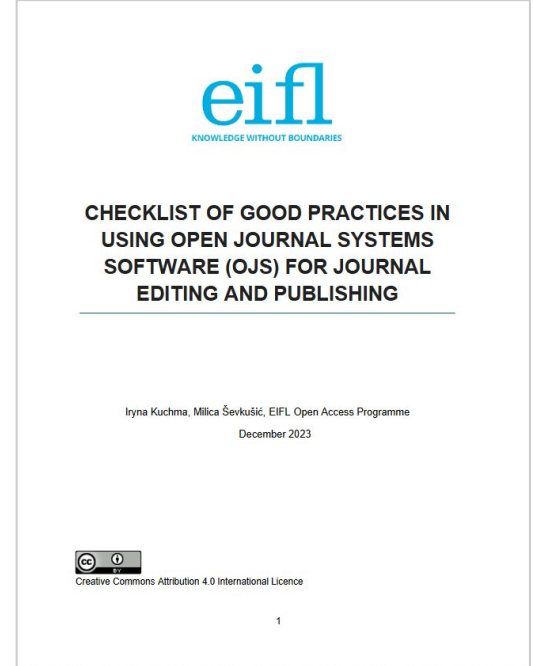
Our focus

- Use cases, best practice and experience sharing
- Practical advice
- Recommending specific tools
- Handling challenges
- Community and networking

Open Journal Systems

- Created and managed by Public Knowledge Project (PKP), non-profit research initiative
- First released in 2001
- GNU General Public License
- Website: <https://pkp.sfu.ca/software/ojs/>
- Technical documentation: <https://docs.pkp.sfu.ca/dev/>
- [More than 50,000 journals worldwide use OJS](#)

Khanna, Saurabh, Jonas Raoni, Alec Smecher, Juan Pablo Alperin, Jon Ball, and John Willinsky. 2024. 'Details of Publications Using Software by the Public Knowledge Project'. Harvard Dataverse. <https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/OCZNVY>.



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Agenda

- Norwegian Septentrio Academic Publishing platform (Karl Magnus Nilsen, senior platform engineer)
- OJS for individual journals and conference proceedings (Dr Vaso Manojlović, journal manager)
- Enabling the Open Access Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) in OJS (Friedrich Summann, CORE Operations Manager)
- Discussion