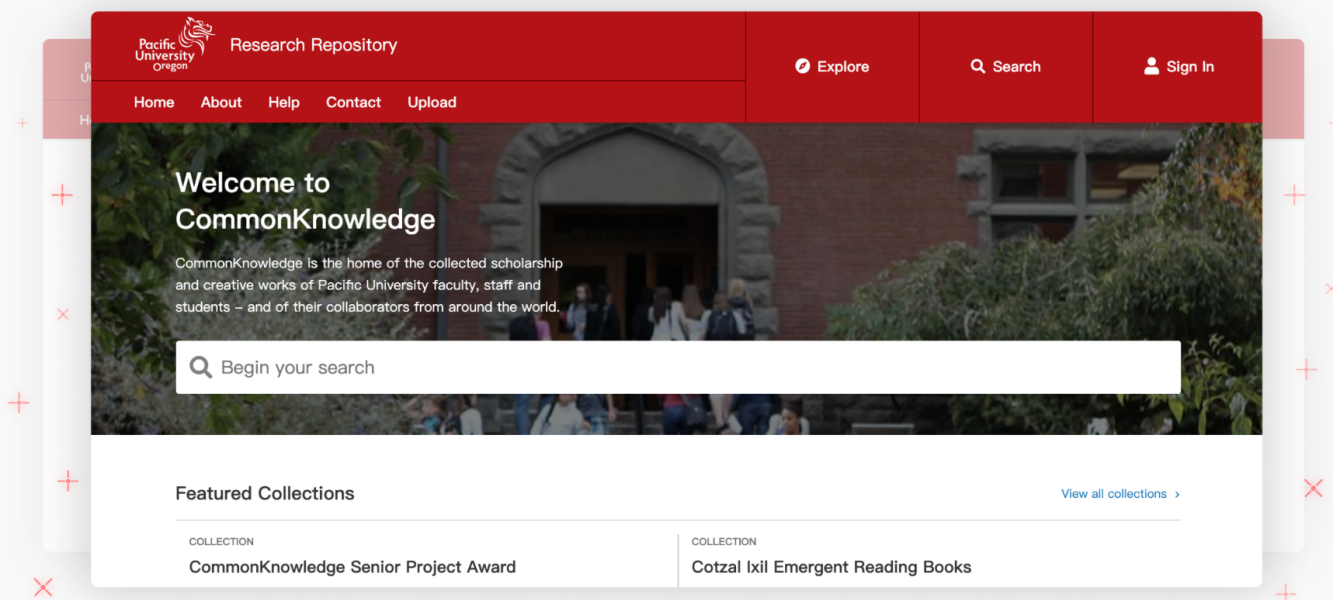


CASE STUDY

Pacific University



Context

Pacific University migrated their [CommonKnowledge](#) repository from Elsevier's bepress Digital Commons platform to Ubiquity Repositories in early 2020. As the Ubiquity platform had been created in particular to provide an alternative to Digital Commons, this was a key project that enabled us to ensure feature parity and develop robust procedures and scripts for future migrations.

We wanted to take this first-time migration slowly and get it right, and it ended up taking six months to complete. Some of the key lessons learned included helping the customer to obtain their data from bepress, understanding the bepress data structure and collaboratively mapping this to the new platform, migration of historical metrics, and the ability to mirror or modify bepress collection structures. We now have a very good understanding of how to work with migrating bepress customers and 'speak their language', as well as how to troubleshoot common migration issues. As a result of the process we are now confident that we can undertake any other bepress migrations in under three months without stress.

We spoke with Isaac Gilman, Pacific's Dean of University Libraries in May 2021, and asked him about their choice of the Ubiquity platform.

Why did you choose Ubiquity Repositories?

“Overall, I like working with Ubiquity because we share a mission.”

Cost | Ubiquity costs were a fraction of the competitors’ charges for the same service.

Relationship | Pacific University had already established a relationship with Ubiquity as a member of the Ubiquity Partner Network, using the journal platform to host campus-based publications.

Community | The fact that UP is part of the Hyku community, and involved in the Advancing Hyku project, was appealing. We wanted a repository platform that was open source and came “pre-packaged” with an open developer community.

Hosting | At the same time, we didn’t want to host the platform locally and be responsible for customization, updates, etc.

Focus on Content | Our focus at the library is curating content. Ubiquity Repositories allows us to do the work of curation without having to create and maintain platform infrastructure.

Alignment with Values | We’re committed to open access as a practice and an ethics within scholarly communication. Ubiquity Press is equally committed to this ethics. Overall, I like working with Ubiquity because we share a mission.

