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A Study of Journal Publication Diversity within the Australian Information Systems Sphere

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Abstract

This study reports on research that examined DEST data from 14 Australian universities to identify the diversity of journal outlets in the information systems (IS) area. Across a total of 60 years of academic publishing output, 1449 journal articles were evaluated to identify 649 different journals in which IS-related articles were published. The most popular journals used by Australian academics to publish IS-related articles were the Lecture Notes in Computer Science (N=94) in the computer science area, with the Australasian Journal of Information Systems (N=25) being the most popular journal in the pure and business IS sphere. The study also examined publishing output against a set of 50 previously highly rated IS journals and concluded that the average annual publication of articles in these highly rated journals occurred at a very low rate. The research appears to be one of the first studies to use historical DEST data to report journal diversity in the Australian IS-sphere.

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