



# ISSN

**is for reliable identification:  
why, and how to benefit from it?**

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# ISSN: what is it ?

- ISSN: International Standard Serial Number
- ISO 3297 standard
- International unique identifier for serials & all continuing resources...
  - Whatever the medium of publication or production (paper, electronic,...)

# ISSN: what is it ?

- The ISSN...
  - identifies newspapers, journals, magazines, periodicals, newsletters, annual reports, electronic journals, web sites, blogs...
  - Is a unique identifier
    - 1 ISSN = 1 title
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  - Is persistent
    - Once assigned, an ISSN is never re-assigned

# The ISSN: what is it ?

- An eight-digit number
  - Arabic numerals 0-9 and X (last digit)
  - Last digit is a check digit

**ISSN 0251-1479**

**ISSN 1050-124X**

- No meaning embedded in the number

# ISSN are assigned by a network

- 88 member countries
- The ISSN International Centre (CIEPS)
- Neutral 3rd parties
- Applying a common set of professional rules



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**World map of the ISSN Centres**

To obtain an ISSN and to contact the National Centre, please click on the appropriate country.

If there is no National Centre in such country, please refer to the [instructions](#) or contact the [ISSN International Centre](#) in Paris – France



# What is the ISSN used for?







- To make sure that we are dealing with the right « object »:
  - To buy it
  - To sell it, to distribute it
  - To access it (and to manage the access rights)
  - To describe it
  - etc.....



# What is the ISSN used for?

Each time there is a need for identifying a  
continuing (serial) resource

uniquely and in a reliable way

 <b>149</b>	1131-0715	 1131-0715 Register	La clínica (Barcelona)	1924 -u936	SPAIN	Spanish	Monthly
 <b>150</b>	0366-6778	 0366-6778 Register	Clinica (Bologna)	1935 -1989	ITALY	Italian	Bimonthly
 <b>151</b>	1220-5257	 1220-5257 Register	Clinica (București. 1890)	1890 -1uuu	ROMANIA	Romanian	Semimonthly
 <b>152</b>	1013-4131	 1013-4131 Register	Clinica (București. 1928)	1928 -1930	ROMANIA	Romanian	Annual
 <b>153</b>	1806-5015	 1806-5015 Register	Clínica (Florianópolis)	2004 -9999	BRAZIL	Portuguese	Quarterly
 <b>154</b>	1131-0723	 1131-0723 Register	La Clínica (Granada)	1885 -u885	SPAIN	Spanish	Three times a month
 <b>155</b>	1131-1789	 1131-1789 Register	La Clínica (Madrid. 1862)	1862 -1uuu	SPAIN	Spanish	Weekly
 <b>156</b>	1131-1797	 1131-1797 Register	Clínica (Madrid. 1916)	1916 -u917	SPAIN	Spanish	Biweekly
 <b>157</b>	0393-3121	 0393-3121 Register	Clinica (Milano)	1980 -1981	ITALY	Italian	Semiannual
 <b>158</b>	0301-0392	 0301-0392 Register	Clínica (Valladolid)	1941 -9999	SPAIN	Spanish	Quarterly
 <b>159</b>	1131-3994	 1131-3994 Register	La clínica (Zaragoza)	1877 -1886	SPAIN	Spanish	Weekly

# The ISSN is used...

- To manage the distribution of serial publications
  - Included into EAN13 bar-codes





# The ISSN is used...

- To manage subscriptions
  - Secures transactions libraries/agents, agents/publishers

## the ISSN used...

- To manage knowledge bases
  - OpenURL implementations

***“The accurate use of the ISSN is critical in ensuring successful resolution of OpenURL-based links.”***

KBART report

[http://www.issn.org/files/issn/actualites/KBART\\_Phase\\_I\\_Recommended\\_Practice.pdf](http://www.issn.org/files/issn/actualites/KBART_Phase_I_Recommended_Practice.pdf)

## the ISSN is used ...

- As a de-duplication tool in union lists
- As an authority list by cataloguing communities
- As a key data element by all inter-library loan systems

# the ISSN is used ...

- As an indicator of the editorial quality of a journal
  - impact factor
  - and more...



## the ISSN is used ...

- As a key element for the management of electronic archives tools  
e.g. The KEEPERS

# BETA

## The Keepers Registry

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### Search

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- [British Library](#) - [view list of titles](#) (01 Aug 2011)
- [CLOCKSS Archive](#) - [view list of titles](#) (12 Apr 2011)
- [e-Depot](#) - [view list of titles](#) (11 Apr 2011)
- [Global LOCKSS Network](#) - [view list of titles](#) (11 Apr 2011)
- [Portico](#) - [view list of titles](#) (02 Aug 2011)

**Disclaimer:** The most up-to-date information is available on the agency website. The date represents when the Registry was updated.

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### News

**31 August 2011:** Additional functionality planned for inclusion is recorded in our Roadmap. [\[View\]](#)

**28 April 2011:** The PEPRS Beta service is launched to the public. [\[View\]](#)

**18 March 2011:** The Roadmap has been updated to cover the period May 2010 - December 2011. [\[View\]](#)

**24 November 2010:** Requirements for the PEPRS Beta Service has been made available. [\[View\]](#)

See [FAQ](#) for news on additional functionality that is planned at [thekeepers.org](http://thekeepers.org)

This is a Beta release from the [PEPRS project](#). We are also exploring governance and seeking sponsorship for this global facility. Your [feedback](#) is welcome.

## the ISSN is used ...

- And many other uses....
  - Rights management organizations
  - Database producers
  - VAT rate
  - URLs
  - DOI suffix
  - Etc...

# ISSN: organization

- Identification responsibility
  - Distributed among the network
  - National responsibility (often linked with the legal deposit)
  - Common rules
- All ISSN numbers assigned...
  - Are gathered in the «ISSN Register»

# The ISSN Register

- Database of all assigned ISSN
- Managed by the ISSN International Centre
- Accessible on the Internet:

<http://portal.issn.org>

# ISSN: challenges and projects

- Increasing number of continuing resources
- No increase in the National Centres resources..
- The SAIISA project (Italy)
  - Italian ISSN Centre
  - ACNP
  - ISSN IC



# Questions ?

For any information :

**<http://www.issn.org>**

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**Thank you !**