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Mission statement

SCRIPT-ed is an online, international, interdisciplinary and multi-lingual forum for articles, reports, commentaries, analysis, case and legislation critiques, and book reviews pertaining to law and technologies in the broadest sense.
Studies indicate that online journals have wider circulation and are more cited than more prestigious journals.

A study of 119,924 conference articles in computer science found that the most cited articles were significantly most likely to come from journals available online than from offline journals by an average 336%.
Another study has found that online journal publishing is economically sustainable under the present system.

Revenue obtained by each published article from the publisher is equal to the cost of producing the article, which removes the economic recuperation justification.

“The monetary cost of the time that scholars put into the journal business as editors and referees is about as large as the total revenue that publishers derive from sales of the journals.”
Some stats

- 2002: 317 (20 law journals)
- 2003: 550
- 2005: 1300 (42 new journals every month).
- 20% of all journals started since 1999 are OA journals.
- Cost per article of traditional journals: $8 USD.
- CPA of OA journals: $3 USD.
Business model of an OA journal
Berlin Declaration on OA

• “We define open access as a comprehensive source of human knowledge and cultural heritage that has been approved by the scientific community. […]”

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Peter Suber
So, what is open access?

- Is it scientific data?
- Is it peer-reviewed data?
- Is it “any literature” offered online for free?
- My proposal: Any sort of material that is offered online with a permissive licence (“some rights reserved”). This would make all of the other “open” movements a species of open access.
Open access movement
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