

The SUSHI Harvester for Library Consortia

Introduction

Release 3 of the COUNTER Code of Practice requires vendors to provide consortium customers with a usage report (Consortium Report 1) that provides, in a single XML file, broken down by consortium member, the full text usage data for every online journal and book taken by individual consortium members.

When publishers with very large numbers of journals are reporting to consortia with very large numbers of members, there are some instances where the Consortium Report 1 file can become inconveniently large for the publisher or the customer. In these instances there is an acceptable, COUNTER-compliant alternative to Consortium Report 1. This involves using the SUSHI Harvester for Consortia, a free Microsoft Access application from EBSCO that leverages the open source SUSHI MISO client (developed by Serials Solutions) to batch download Journal Report 1 for the member institutions of a consortium. (Note: The SUSHI Harvester for Consortia may also be used to batch download the other COUNTER usage reports).

The SUSHI (the Standardised Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative) protocol (ANSI/NISO Z93-2007) is a standard developed by NISO, in co-operation with COUNTER, which defines an automated request and response model for the harvesting of electronic resource usage data using a Web services framework. It is intended to replace the time-consuming, user-mediated collection of usage data reports. More details about SUSHI, including information on SUSHI tools, SUSHI schemas, how to get started, as well as a link to the SUSHI Developers email list, may be found on the NISO website at: <http://www.niso.org/workrooms/sushi/> .

Where to find the SUSHI Harvester for Consortia

The SUSHI Harvester for Consortia, together with a detailed User Guide containing instructions on how to implement it, may be found on the NISO website at:

http://www.niso.org/apps/group_public/download.php/4774/SUSHI-Harvester.zip

