Accessibility of Academic Institutional Repository

**Background**
- Searchers need to find titles in the web
- IRs functionality – academic work holdings
- Research data well managed
- Procedure in place for IR Holdings
- Investment in local data management

**Objectives**
- Motivate researchers to publish their work
- Visibility of titles in search engines
- Determine if academic work is visible and accessible
- Open Access sought after goal
- Establish extent of the demand

**Methodology**
- Empirical work – determine the visibility of documents in IR to well-known search engines

**Investigative Questions**
- Is CPUT’s IR populated with academic titles?
- To what extent has the IR been used?
- Do searchers find IR webpage when using search engines?
- How is the research data submitted?

**Results**
- Expect to find that documents behind logon in IR are not accessible via search engines
- Will propose a method to improve their visibility

**References**