An introduction to the University of Southampton Institutional Repository
...or, how do ePrints Soton and Pure work together?

What are Pure and ePrints Soton?

**Pure** is our internal Current Research Information System (CRIS). Pure is where you upload your research outputs (journal articles, conference papers, details of book chapters, datasets etc) for open access and REF submission, record your activities such as conference participation, peer review, evidence of research impact and create your customised CV. Research outputs created in Pure feed through to ePrints Soton.

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