

This questionnaire was completed by 24 persons attending the FSU seminar and 20 attending the UF seminar. When answers for a question total fewer than 44, it is because one or more persons omitted the question or answered it ambiguously.

Web access to articles in refereed journals

Please complete and return this questionnaire. (The answers will be a needed reality check.) Answer the first four questions now if you wish, but wait until the end of the seminar to answer the rest.—Tom Walker

1. What is your academic status: 19 student 2 postdoc 15 faculty 8 other or none
If faculty, for how many years? 3 1-10 4 11-20 7 more than 20
2. On average, how many hours per week do you spend on the Web?
4 less than 1 hour 17 1-3 hours 23 more than 3 hours
3. Have you ever viewed the full text of a journal article on the Web?
32 yes 12 no
4. Have you ever printed the full text of an article from the Web in its original, paper-published format (i.e., obtained an electronic or PDF reprint)?
19 yes 15 no
5. Do you believe that the publication of journal articles will eventually change from paper-based to Internet-based (i.e., that initial publication and access will be via the Web and that paper issues will no longer be mailed to institutional and individual subscribers)?
33 yes 11 no
6. If you believe that paper issues will be phased out, about how long do you think it will take?
1 less than 2 years 9 3-5 years 7 6-9 years 15 10 or more years
7. If the journal literature becomes principally Web accessible, who should have access to it?
4 those with access via site licenses or individual subscriptions and those who pay per view
38 everyone
8. Would you sign a petition that asked a society to which you belong to do all that is fiscally responsible to make the articles in its journal(s) freely Web accessible (for example, sell “electronic reprints” and make all articles freely accessible 2 years after publication)?
40 yes 1 no
9. When you are next asked to sign away all your distribution rights to a journal article would you try substituting this release?
I hereby transfer to [publisher of journal] all rights to sell or lease the text of [paper]. I retain the right only to distribute it for free for scholarly/scientific or educational purposes, in particular, the right to archive it publicly online on the Web.
3 I am unlikely to publish a journal article in the foreseeable future. 34 yes 5 no
10. If making the files were no problem, would you post *on your home page and without getting specific permission to do so* PDF files of important articles that you published 2 or more years ago.
7 I have no home page and don't plan on having one. 28 yes 7 no

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