

2019 has been a busy year, here are a few highlights of what we have been up to.

*Making EPrints Accessible.*

We have been updating the EPrints core to better meet with current accessibility standards. The changes are being made on the public GitHub codebase, our hosted customers will be updated in due course.

*Trying EPrints is easier than ever,* recently we have produced two Docker container setups. The first is for trying out EPrints 3.4.1 and the second is for trying the very latest code from GitHub. Both of these can be installed on either a server, or your desktop (via Docker Desktop).

See [here](#) and [here](#) for more.

We have been working on *REF projects* a lot this year.

Many of our customers have taken up our REF Support package, which offers additional help in getting your repository REF ready.

We have been updating our support plugins for REF, these are publicly available on the EPrints Bazaar.

See [here](#) for more.

More work on the *ORCID plugins* has been done this year, with a healthy uptake by many repositories. The plugins offer both basic support for capturing researcher ORCIDs, as well as more advanced direct integration with [orcid.org](http://orcid.org).

See [here](#) and [here](#) for more.

We have been working with Archivematica and Concordia to produce a *preservation plugin for EPrints*. Work for this will continue into 2020, with the code being developed on GitHub.

See [here](#) for more.

*Audio description support for EPrints.*

When playing back video files, EPrints can now add subtitles to your videos.

Simply supply an SRT or VTT subtitle file and add it to the record.

More excitingly, EPrints can now send videos to Speechmatics for audio description, and the results are automatically added back to the record. All from the workflow.

We have been continuing the rollout of 3.4 to our customers, allowing them to take advantage of the *latest EPrints developments*.

We have also been working on the next release, which will contain many of the above changes.

Recently we updated our *technical roadmaps*, allowing us to share our development direction with our community.

See [here](#) for more.

*EPrints, the repository platform.*

For all your publication, thesis, research data, impact capture and open educational resource needs. Capture, curate and share your documents, visual arts content and data files.

*And looking forward to 2020...*

We are undertaking projects around Plan S and ResourceSync. As well as continuing with REF activities, and improvements to the EPrints core.

**Wishing you a peaceful Christmas and New Year break, and a very happy 2020.**

**EPrints Services**

