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| A&As | abbreviations and acronyms |
| A&I | abstract and indexes (or abstracting and indexing services) |
| AA | (i) Architectural Association (UK) |
| AA | (ii) accepted manuscript |
| AAAS | American Association for the Advancement of Science |
| AACR | Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules |
| AACR2 | Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules 2nd ed. |
| AAI | authentication and authorization infrastructure |
| AAM | author accepted manuscript |
| AAP | American Association of Publishers |
| AARL | Australian Academic and Research Libraries |
| AAU | (i) Association of American Universities |
| AAU | (ii) additional authorized user |
| AAUP | Association of American University Presses |
| ABA | American Booksellers Association |
| ABC | (i) African Books Collective |
| ABC | (ii) Audit Bureau of Circulation |
| ABES | Agence Bibliographique de l'Enseignement Supérieur (France) |
| ABI | application binary interface |
| ABI/INFORM | Abstracted Business Information - abstracting and indexing database of business and management journals |
| ABOR | Arizona Board of Regents |
| ABTOE | Association of Bookseller and Publisher Training Organizations |
| ACAP | automated content access protocol |
| ACH | Automatic Clearing House |
| ACKU | Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University |
| ACM | Association for Computing Machinery |
| ACP | American College of Physicians |
| ACPJC | ACP Journal Club |
| ACQUIS | acquisitions usb-system of MINISIS |
| ACRL | Association of College and Research Libraries |
| ACROBAT | Adobe software for sending formatted documents between people using word processing or DTP |
| ACS | American Chemical Society |
| ACS/POD | American Chemical Society/Page-image on Optical Disk Project at UCL |
| ACTS | Advanced Communications Technologies and Services - EC DGX111 programme |

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| ACU | Association of Commonwealth Universities |
| ADAM | Information gateway to art, design architecture and media information available over the Internet - project run by a consortium headed by Surrey Institute of Art and Design, funded through Electronic Libraries Project |
| ADAT | Academic Database Assessment Tool (developed by JISC) |
| ADBS | Association des Documentalistes et Bibliothecaires Specialises (France) |
| ADLSN | African Digital Libraries Support Network |
| ADONIS | article delivery over network information systems |
| ADS | Archaeology Data Service (University of York, UK) |
| ADT | Australasian Digital Theses Programme |
| AEI | Associated Electrical Industries |
| AFBI | Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (Belfast, Ireland) |
| AFP | Agence France Presse |
| AG | Aktien Gesellschaft |
| AGI | (i) Acquisitions Group of Ireland |
| AGI | (ii) Association for Geographic Information ((UK) |
| AGM | annual general meeting |
| AGORA | Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture (UN FAO) |
| AGRENET | network allowing access to catalogues of research institutes of BBSRC |
| AGRIS | International information system for the agricultural sciences and technology |
| AHEC | Area Health Education Center (US) |
| AHILA | Association of Health Information and Libraries in Africa |
| AHRB | Arts & Humanities Research Board (UK) |
| AHRC | Arts & Humanities Research Council (UK) |
| AHSC | Academic Health Science Centre |
| AHSP | American Society of Hospital Pharmacists |
| AHSS | arts, humanities and social sciences |
| AHUA | Association of Heads of University Administrators |
| AHUG | Arts and Humanities User Group |
| AHVLA | Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency |
| AI | artificial intelligence |
| AIE | Italian Publishers Association (Associazione Italiana Editori) |
| AIMSS | Automating Ingest of Metadata on Serials Subscriptions (EDINA and Serials Solutions collaborative project) |
| AIP | American Institute of Physics |
| AIP UniPHY | social networking service from AIP in collaboration with Collexis Holdings,Inc |

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| AIT | Asian Institute of Technology |
| AJOL | African Journals Online (managed in S Africa) |
| AL [/LSC] | Academic Libraries [branch of LSC] |
| ALA | American Library Association |
| ALCS | Author's Licensing and Collecting Society |
| ALCTS | Association for Library Collections and Technical Services |
| ALERT | EBSCO current awareness service linked to document delivery service EBSCOdoc |
| ALF | Auxilliary Library Facility |
| ALLIN | Access to Libraries for learning in Northamptonshire |
| ALO | Alumni Library Online (Cranfield University) |
| ALP | Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World - IFLA Core programme |
| ALPSP | Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers |
| ALS | Academic Library Services |
| AL(L)T | Academic Liaison Librarian Team |
| ALT | Association for Learning Technology (based in Oxford) |
| AM | (i) Adam Matthew (digital publisher) |
| AM | accepted manuscript |
| AMA | American Medical Association |
| AMOSSHE | Now known as: The Student Services Organization |
| AMS | American Meteorological Society |
| ANABAD | Asociacion Espanola de Archiveros, Bibliotecarios, Museologosy Documentalistas (Spain) |
| ANDS | Australian National Data Service |
| ANKOS | Anatolian University Library Consortium (Turkey) |
| ANR | National Agency of/for Research (France) |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute |
| ANU | Australia National University |
| AOARI | African Open Access Repository Initiative |
| AoC | Association of Colleges |
| AOL | America Online - Internet service provider |
| APAC | Asia Pacific region |
| APARSEN | Alliance for Permanent Access to the Records of Science in Europe Network |
| APC | article processing charge [NB: also has other meanings so check for context!] |
| APEES | Portuguese Association of Higher Education Publishers [Editoras do Ensino Superior] |
| APEL | accreditation of prior experiential learning |
| API | application programming interface |
| AP & C | Acquisitions Processing and Cataloguing - British Library Boston Spa |

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| APPLAUSE | ESPRIT project |
| APS | American Physical Society |
| APUC | Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (Scotland) |
| AR | augmented reality |
| Archie | distributed information system based on client server architecture |
| ARDC | Australian Research Data Commons |
| ARDI | Access to Research for Development and Innovation (includes technology) |
| ARIADNA | automated library system used by the Spanish National Library |
| ARIEL | RLG fulltext delivery service of documents using Group 4 FAX over Internet |
| ARK | archival resource key identifiers |
| ARL | Association of Research Libraries |
| ARLAC | Australian Research Libraries Acquisition Consortium |
| ARLG | Academic and Research Libraries Group (CILIP) |
| ARMA | Association of Research Managers and Administrators |
| ARROW | Accessible Registries of Rights Information and Orphan Works |
| ARP | Automated Request Processing - British Library |
| ARTel | Automated Request Transmission by Telephone |
| ASA | Association of Subscription Agents [latterly, '& Intermediaries'] (UK) |
| ASCII | American standard code for information interchange |
| ASHER | Australian Scheme for Higher Education Repositories |
| ASIS | American Society for Information Science |
| Aslib | African Studies Library |
| Aslib | Association of Information Management(UK) |
| ASME | American Society of Mechanical Engineers |
| ASP | (i) active server pages |
| ASP | (ii) application service provider |
| ASSAf | Academy of Science of South Africa |
| AT | assistive technologies |
| ASTM | Association of Scientific Technical and Medical Publishers |
| ASU | Arizona State University (USA) |
| AT20A | Austrian Transition to Open Access project (2017-2020) |
| ATA | Alliance for Taxpayer Access (USA) - coalition leading the charge to ensure US federally-funded research is made OA) |
| AT&T | Atlantic Telephone & Telegraphy |
| ATHENS | A system for authenticated access to electronic databases and documents |
| ATM | asynchronous transfer mode |

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| ATO | Access-To-Own | |
| AUAF | American University of Afghanistan Foundation | |
| AUC | Air Transport User Committee | |
| AUDI | an unmoderated list server for Irish Dynix Library System users | |
| AULC | Arizona Universities Library Consortium (USA) | |
| AUP | Amsterdam University Press | |
| AUT | Association of University Teachers (UK) | |
| Auth & authz | authentication and authorization | |
| AVLIN | African Virtual Library Network | |
| BA | Booksellers Association | |
| BACON | Base de Connaissance Nationale (France - ABES) | |
| BanglaJOL | Bangladeshi Journals Online | |
| BASE | Bielefeld Academic Search Engine | |
| BASELINE | EU DGXIII Info 2000 Project on guidelines for system developers | |
| BAV | best available version | |
| BBIM | Bachelor of Business and Information Management (such as at that offered at University of Auckland, NZ) | |
| BBSRC | Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK) | |
| BCR | benefit-cost ratio | |
| BD | borrow direct | |
| BDIC | Bibliothèque de Documentation Internationale Contemporaine (archive - France) | |
| BDLSS | Bodleian Digital Library Systems and Services (Oxford, UK) | |
| Becta | British Education Communication and Technology Agency | |
| BEIC | Electronic Library of Scientific Information [trans.] - Chile | Ele |
| BERR | Department for Business, Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (UK) | |
| BES | British Endocrine Societies | |
| BHS | British Humanities Index | |
| BHTC | Book House Training Centre | |
| BIBFRAME | Bibliographic Framework Initiative (Library of Congress, USA) | |
| BIBLID | bibliographic identification of contributions in serials and books - ISO 9115 | |
| BIBSAM | The Royal Library's Department for National Co-ordination and Development (Sweden) | |
| BIC | Book Industry Communication | |
| BICI | Book item and contribution identifier | |
| BIDS | Bath Information and Data Services | |
| BISG | Book Industry Study Group (USA) | |
| BIMA | British Interactive Multimedia Association | |

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| BIOSIS | Biosciences information service of Biological Abstracts |
| BIREME | Latin American & Caribbean Center on Health Science Information |
| BIS | Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (UK) |
| BISAC | Book Industry Systems Advisory Committee |
| BIU | Biomedical Information Unit (ICRF) |
| BL | British Library |
| BLAISE | British Library Automated Information Service |
| BLCMP | Birmingham Libraries Co-operative Mechanisation Project Project (now Talis) |
| BLDS | British Library for Development Studies, University of Sussex |
| BLDSC | British Library Document Supply Centre |
| BLEND | Birmingham Loughborough Electronic Network Development |
| BLLD | British Library Lending Division along with NLLST pre-cursor of BLDSC(UK) |
| BLNL | British Library Newspaper Library |
| BLPES | British Library of Political and Economic Science |
| BLRD | British Library Research and Development Department |
| BLRIC | British Library Research and Innovation Centre |
| BLS | BLCMP Library Services |
| BMA | British Medical Association |
| BMC | BioMed Central |
| BMJ | British Medical Journal |
| BNA | Blackwell North America |
| BNB | British National Bibliography |
| BNCF | Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Firenze (National Central Library of Florence), Italy |
| BNF | (i) Bibliographie Nationale Francaise |
| BNF | (ii) Bibliothèque Nationale de France |
| BN-OPALE | BNF database for serials |
| BOAI | Budapest Open Access Initiative |
| BOBCATSSS | A co-operative of European institutes and universities in the field of Library and Information Science, involving institutions in Budapest, Oslo, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Tampere, Sheffield, Stuttgart and Szombathely |
| BODOS | financial management system developed by BIDS |
| BoF | birds of a feather (as a conference session format) |
| BPC | book processing charge |
| bps | bits per second |
| BPS | British Psychological Society |
| BQFJ | Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Journals |

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| BQFP | Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Publishing |
| BRAQUE | Browse And Query - software to advise on how to make online database searches in most efficient way on ESA-IRS |
| BRHRN | Books Right Here Right Now (University of Manchester Library initiative) |
| BRIL | BBSRC Research Institute Libraries |
| BRISC | BBSRC Research Institute Serials Consortium |
| BSD(i) | Bibliographic Services Division (of British Library) |
| BSD(ii) | Berkeley Software Distribution |
| BSF | Biosciences Federation (UK) |
| BSF | book storage facility (e.g. for the Bodleian Library, in Swindon, UK) |
| BSI | British Standards Institute |
| BSMS | Brighton and Sussex Medical School (UK) |
| BUBL | Bulletin Board for libraries |
| BUFDG | British Universities Finance Directors Group |
| BUG | BLCMP user group |
| BYU | Brigham Young University (USA) |
| CABI | Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau International Library Services |
| CABS | Current Abstracts in Biological Sciences |
| CADIG | Coventry and District Liaison Group |
| CADIST | Centre d'acquisition et de diffusion de l'information scientifique et technique |
| CADL | China Academic Digital Library |
| CAG | community advisory group |
| CAIRNS | Co-operative Academic Information Retrieval Network for Scotland |
| CAIRS | Computer Assisted Retrieval System - library systems software |
| CAIS | Central Abstracting and Information Services (American Petroleum Institute) |
| CAJUN | CD-ROM ACROBAT journals using networks |
| CALIS | China Academic Library and Information System |
| CANDLE | Controlled access to network digital libraries in Europe (EU Project) |
| CAP | Community Advisory and Planning group |
| CAPCAS | Computer Aided Production Current Alerting Services - Elsevier ETOC experiment |
| CAPP | Council of Academic and Professional Publishers |
| CARET | Centre for Applied Research in Educational Technologies (at Cambridge University) |
| CARL | Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries |
| CARLIGH | Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Ghana |
| CARM | CAVAL Archival & Research Materials (Australia) |
| CARPET | Community for Academic Reviewing, Publishing and Editorial Technology |

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| CAS | (i) Chinese Academy of Sciences |
| CAS | (ii) current alerting services |
| CAS/IAS | current alerting service/individual article supply |
| CASA | campus-activated subscriber access |
| CASIAS | EBSCO's document delivery service(Current Alerting Service/Individual Article Supply) |
| CASLIN | Czech and Slovak Library and Information Network |
| CASPAR | Cultural, Artistic and Scientific knowledge for Preservation, Access and Retrieval |
| CASPUR | Consorzio Interuniversitario Applicazioni di Super Calcola Universita e Recerca |
| CASRAI | Consortia Advancing Standards in Research Administration Information |
| CASS | Collaborative Academic Store for Scotland |
| CAST | China Association for Science and Technology |
| CATRIONA | Cataloguing and Retrieval of Information Networks Applications Project at University of Strathclyde |
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| CATS | central article tracking system (as used at Taylor & Francis) |
| CAUL | Council of Australian University Librarians (also includes CSIRO) |
| CBE | Companion of the British Empire |
| CBT | campus-based teaching |
| CBUC | Consortium of University Libraries of Catalonia |
| CC | Creative Commons |
| CC BY | Creative Commons Attribution [BY does not seem to be an abbreviaton or acronym!] |
| CC BY-NC | Creative Commons Attribution - Non-Commercial |
| CC BY-ND | Creative Commons Attribution - Non-Derivative |
| CC BY-SA | Creative Commons Attribution - Share Alike |
| CC0 | Creative Commons 'zero' Public Domain Dedication |
| CCC | Copyright Clearance Center |
| CCIP | Chamber of Commerce and Industry Paris |
| CCIS | Centre for Communication & Information Studies |
| CCITT | Comite Consultif International Telegraphique et Telephonique |
| CCLA | College Center for Library Automation (US) |
| CCM | Copac Collections Management project |
| CCN | Catalogue Collectif National des Publications en Serie |
| CCT | compulsory competitive tendering |
| CCTA | Central Computing and Telecommunications Agency(UK) |
| CCU | Central Computing Unit(ICRF) |
| CCUC | Union Catalogue of the Universities of Catalonia |
| CD | compact disc |

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| CD-I | Compact disc-interactive |
| CDL | California Digital Library (USA) |
| CDLR | The Centre for Digital Library Research (University of Strathclyde) |
| CD-NET | software for networking CD-ROMs supplied by Meridian Data |
| CDPA | Copyright, Designs and Patents Act (UK - 1988) |
| CD PROMPT | CD ROM product news service from Swets |
| CD-ROM | Compact disk - read only memory |
| CDRS | Center for Digital Research and Scholarship (at Columbia University, USA) |
| CDS | CERN Document Server |
| CDS-ISIS | software developed by Unesco for serials management on microcomputers |
| CEC | Commission of the European Communities |
| CEDARS | CURL exemplars for digital archives |
| CEE | Central and Eastern Europe |
| CEGB | Central Electricity Generating Board (UK) |
| CEI | Committee for Electronic Information (HEFCE) |
| CEIRC | CAUL Electronic Information Resources Committee |
| CENL | Conference of European National Librarians |
| CEO | Chief Executive Officer |
| CEPA | Cambridge Economic Policy Associates |
| CEPIEC | China Educational Publications Import and Export Corporation |
| CERES | (National) Centre for Systems and Services for Research Studies (Norway) |
| CERIF | Common European Research Information Format |
| CERFACS | Centre Europeen de Recherche et Formation Avancee en Calcul Scientifique |
| CERL | Consortium of European Research Libraries - 24 libraries incl. BL, NLS, BNF, Bayerische Staatsbibliothek |
| CERLIM | Centre for research in Library and Information Management, University of Central Lancashire |
| CERNET | China Education and Research Network (an arm of CALIS) |
| CESNET | Czech Technical University and Czech Educational and Scientific Network |
| CEST | Centre for the Exploitation of Science and Technology |
| CFP | call for participation |
| CGE | Compagnie Generale D'Electricite |
| CGI | common gateway interface |
| CHECKIN | Serials module used by the Joint World Bank and International Monetary Fund Library |
| CHEMS | Commonwealth Higher Education Management Service |
| CHERIL | Centre for Higher Education Research, Innovation and Learning (Manchester, UK) |
| CHEST | Combined Higher Education Software Team |

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| CHIU | Committee of Irish Heads of Universities |
| CHILL | Consortium of Independent Health Information Libraries in London |
| CHORUS | Clearinghouse for the Open Research of the United States |
| CIAO | Collaborative Institutional Assessment of Open Access (tool) |
| CIBER | (i) Centre for Information Behaviour and the Evaluation of Research (at UCL) |
| CIBER | (ii) Coordinamento Interuniversitario Basi Dati & Editoria in Rete |
| CIC | Committee on Institutional Cooperation (13 major research libraries in the USA) |
| CIG | City Information Group |
| CIGAG | Chemical Information and Computer Applications Group (of RSC) |
| CILEA | Lombardic Interuniversitario Consortium for the Automatic Elaboration |
| CILIP | Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals |
| CILIPS | Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals in Scotland |
| CINCEL | Consortio para el Acceso a la Información Científica Electrónica [Corporation/Consortium for the Access to Electronic Scientific Information] - Chile |
| CINDOC | Centro de Información y Documentación Científica - organization with CSIC acting as a national centre for scientific document supply in Spain |
| CINES | National Computing Centre for Higher Education (France) |
| CIP | (i) cataloguing in publication |
| CIP | (ii) Computer- Investitionsprogramm(Germany) |
| CIP | (iii) Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (EC) |
| CIPE | Coordinamento Italiano Periodici Elettronici |
| CIPS | Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply |
| CIQM | Centre for Information Quality Management set up by LA/UKOLUG |
| CIRIG | China Institutional Repository Implementation Group |
| CIS(i) | campus information service |
| CIS(ii) | Commonwealth of Independent States |
| CISAC | International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers |
| CISTI | Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information |
| Citadel | RLG service providing online access to range of commercial and academic databases |
| CJO | Chemical Journals Online |
| CLA | (i) Canadian Library Association |
| CLA | (ii) Copyright Licensing Agency (UK) |
| CLACSO | El Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales |
| CLARCS | Copyright Licensing Agency Rapid Clearance Service |
| CLAUD | Creating Libraries Accessible to Users with Disabilities |
| CLCO | Copyright Licensing Co-ordination Office |

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| CLI | Center for Library Initiatives (USA) |
| CLIC | Corporate Library Information Centre (Canada) |
| CLIK | Centre of Learning and Knowledge |
| CLIR | Council on Library and Information Resources |
| CLOCKKS | Controlled LOCKKS |
| CLR | Council on Library Resources (USA) |
| CLS | Computing and Library Services (for example, at University of Huddersfield) |
| CLSI | Computer Library Services International Ltd - library systems supplier |
| CML | Chemistry markup language |
| CMOE | China's Ministry of Education |
| CMOE | Centre for Science and Technology Development (China) |
| cMOOC | connected' MOOC (usually early model of MOOC) |
| CMS | (i) content management system |
| CMS | (ii) Collection Management Section (e.g. of ALCTS) |
| CMU | Carnegie Mellon University |
| CNCI | Category Normalized Citation Impact |
| CNEAI | National Commission for the Evaluation of Research (Spain) |
| CNI | Coalition of Networked Information |
| CNIDR | Clearinghouse for Networked Information Discovery and Retrieval |
| CNKI | Chinese National Knowledge Infrastructure |
| CNN-PS | French national catalogue for serials |
| CNPID | Chinese Newspaper and Periodical Index Database |
| CNRI | Corporation for National Research Initiatives (France) |
| CNRS | Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France) |
| COAF | Charity Open Access Fund (formerly Wellcome Trust) |
| COAlition S | Initiative to make full and open access [to science publications] a reality by 2010 |
| COAR | Confederation of Open Access Repositories |
| CODATA | Committee for Data on Science and Technology (International Council for Science) |
| CODEN | unique and unambiguous permanent identifier for a specific serial title |
| CODES | Collection Development and Evaluation Section (e.g. of RUSA) |
| CODI | Committee On Development Information (UN Economic Commission for Africa) |
| Cog | U.K. Government's E-mail discussion group on libraries and networked information |
| Coko | Collaborative Knowledge Foundation |
| COLD | computer output to laser disc |
| COLICO | Committee on Library Co-operation in Ireland |
| COM | catalogue on microfiche; also Zeitschriftendatenbank(Germany) |

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| COMMANDS | ICL contents management and document server system handling multimedia |
| CONICYT | National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research [trans.] - Chile |
| CONSER | (i) Co-operative online serials (database) |
| CONSER | (ii) Conversion of Serials project - Library of Congress Council of Library Resources |
| CONTU | National Commission of New Technological Uses of Copyrighted Work (USA) |
| COO | chief operating officer |
| COP | Code of Practice (eg. For COUNTER) |
| COPAC | CURL OPAC |
| COPE | Committee on Publication Ethics |
| COPICAT | CEC ESPRIT funded project on copyright protection for electronically published material |
| COPINET | CEC ESPRIT funded project on charging and billing systems for document delivery |
| COPOL | Council of Polytechnic Librarians |
| Copywatch | CLA campaign stopping illegal copying targeted at business |
| CORC | Co-operative Online Resource Catalog (OCLC's metadata initiative) |
| CORDIS | Community Online Research and Development Information Service (CEC DGXIII database) |
| CORE | Chemistry Online retrieval Experiment |
| COSEELIS | Council of Slavonic and Eastern European Libraries and Information Services |
| COSN | Consortium for School Networking (USA) |
| Couperin | French consortium: Consortium Universitaire de PErIodiques Numériques |
| COUNTER | Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources (now just referred to as COUNTER) |
| CPA | Commission on Preservation and Access (USA) |
| CPAN | Comprehensive Perl Archive Network |
| CPD | (i) continuing professional development |
| CPD | (ii) cost per download |
| CPD | (iii) code of professional conduct |
| CPU | central processing unit |
| CRC | Centre for Research Communications (UK) |
| CREES | Centre for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Birmingham |
| CREPUQ | Conférence des Recteurs et des Principaux des Universités de Québec (consortium) |
| CREST | Consortium for Research Excellence, Support and Training |
| CRI | Conference of University Rectors in Ireland |
| CRIS | Current Research Information System (The 'C' also used for Cranfield's RIS) |
| CRKN | Canadian Research Knowledge Network |
| CRL | Center for Research Libraries (USA) |
| CRM | (i) customer relationship management |
| CRT | cathode ray tube |

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| CEM | (ii) content relationship management |
| CMA | content management system |
| CRUE | Conference of Spanish University Rectors |
| CRUI | Conference of Italian University Rectors |
| Crossref | The official DOI registration agency |
| CSA | Cambridge Scientific Abstracts |
| CSBi | Computational and Systems Biology Initiative |
| CSDGM | Content standard for digital graphical metadata authored by FGDC |
| CSIC | Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas - national centre for research in Spain |
| CSR | Comprehensive Spending Review (UK) |
| CSV | comma separated values (text format) |
| CUL | Cornell University Library (USA) |
| CUP | (i) Cambridge University Press (UK) |
| CUP | (ii) Coimbra University Press (Portugal) |
| CURL | Consortium of University Research Libraries |
| CVCP | Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals |
| CWIS | campus wide information service |
| CWTS | Centre for Science and Technology Studies (Leiden, Netherlands) |
| DACS | Design and Artists Copyright Society |
| DAD | digital asset distribution |
| DAF | data audit framework (e.g. as used by DCC) |
| DAF | Data Asset Framework |
| DAG | Digitization Advisory Group (at Jisc) |
| DAI | Dutch author identifier |
| DAISY | Digital Accessible Information System |
| DALI | EU DG XIII library project on the electronic publishing and delivery of multimedia scientific reports in oceanography |
| DAM | digital asset management |
| DAMS | digital asset management system |
| DanBib | Danish (national) library catalogue |
| DARE | Digital Academic REpositories Project (Netherlands) |
| DARIAH | Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities (EU) |
| DBI | Deutsche Bibliotheksinstitut |
| DBI-FIRST | DBI document copying and delivery service using ten German and two foreign libraries as its sources |

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| DBI-OSI II | German federal government and DF project to facilitate searches in the German regional electronic union catalogues, the Zeitschriftendatenbank, PICA and other major databases |
| DBMS | database management system |
| DCC | Digital Curation Centre (http://www.dcc.ac.uk/) |
| DCIP | Data Citation Implementation Project |
| DCMS | Data capture management system |
| DCU | Dublin City University |
| DDA | demand-driven acquisition |
| DDEP | Dutch Depository of Electronic Publications |
| DDS | |
| DPOD | distributed print on demand (which began as a Taylor & Francis initiative) |
| DeCAff | Department for Constitutional Affairs |
| DECIMAL | library decision support module developed by a European consortium co-ordinated by Department of Library and Information Studies, Manchester Metropolitan University |
| DECOMATE | Delivery of COpyright MATerial to End-users - a digital library project to provide end users with access to copyright materials in electronic form run by a consortium of Tilburg University, LSE and Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona |
| DEFF | Dansmark Elektroniske Forskningsbibliothek - Danish electronic research library |
| DEFNet | Gateway for consortia-purchased resources in Denmark (originally negotiated with TDNet) |
| DELPHES | European Business information on CD-ROM produced by CCIP |
| DELTA | Telematic network and services applied to flexible distance learning |
| DENI | Department of Education, Northern Ireland, |
| DERA | Defence Evaluation and Research Agency (UK) |
| DF | Dansmark Forskningsbibliothekforening (Denmark) |
| DF-Revvy | Danish Research Libraries Review |
| Dfee | Department of Further Education and Employment |
| DfES | Department for Education and Skills |
| DFG | Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - German Research Council/Foundation |
| DFID | Department for International Development (UK) |
| DGXIII | Directorate General of the Commission of European Studies responsible for telecommunications, information industries and innovation |
| DH | digital humanities |
| DH | Department of Health |
| DIAD | Digitization in art and design - an eLib project |
| DIAL | Digital Identifiers for Institutions and Libraries (NISO Working Group) |
| DIALOG | on-line database host |

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| DIAS | Digital Information and Archiving System |
| DIDL | Digital Item Declaration Language |
| DIEPER | The Digitized European Periodicals project (EU funded) |
| DIMDI | Deutsches Institut für Medizinische Dokumentation und Information |
| DIP | dual in-line package |
| DISLU | Department of Information Science at Loughborough University |
| DIUS | Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (UK) |
| DiVLE | Linking Digital Libraries with VLEs Programme |
| DLF | Digital Library Federation |
| DLF ERMI | Digital Library Federation's Electronic Resource Management Initiative |
| DLP | Digital List Price |
| DLS | Digital Library Services (e.g. DLS team at MMU) |
| DLT | distributed ledger technology |
| DMCA | Digital Millennium Copyright Act |
| DMLL | Disruptive Media Learning Lab (e.g. at Coventry University) |
| DMLS | Defence Medical Library Service (UK) |
| DMP | data management plan |
| DNER | Distributed National Electronic Resource |
| DNH | Department of National Heritage |
| DOAB | <i>Directory of Open Access Books</i> |
| DOAJ | <i>Directory of Open Access Journals</i> |
| DOCDEL | document delivery(service) |
| DOD | digitization on demand |
| DOE | Department of Energy (US publisher) |
| DOI | (i) digital object identifier |
| DOI | (ii) Document Delivery and Electronic Publishing Initiative (of CEC) |
| DON | (numerical or digital optical disk double drive) |
| DORA | Declaration of Research Assessment (San Francisco) |
| DOS | database operating system |
| DOS-PC | disk operating system for personal computer |
| DOT | Directory of Transcription Services - Share the Vision project(UK) |
| DPA | Digital Performance Archive |
| DPC | Digital Preservation Coalition |
| DPDU | Direction de la Programmation et du Développement Universitaire |
| DPE | Digital Preservation Europe |
| dpi | dots per inch |

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| DPLA | Digital Public Library of America |
| DPS | dynamic purchasing system |
| DRIVER | Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research |
| DRDP | Doctoral Research Development Programme |
| DRM | (i) digital rights management |
| DRM | (ii) Defence Research Agency (UK) |
| DRS | destination recognises source |
| DSC | (British Library) Document Supply Centre |
| DSCOLS | Diplomatic Service Commercial Officers Library Service(UK) |
| DSIR | Department of Scientific Industrial Research (former UK government department) |
| DTD | document type definition |
| DTI | Department of Trade and Industry (UK) |
| DTP | desk top publishing |
| DTV | Danish Technical Knowledge Centre and Library |
| DVI | direct voice input |
| E2EOA | End-to-End Open Access (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc) |
| EA | enterprise architecture |
| EAD | Encoded archival description |
| EAHIL | European Association of Health and Information Libraries |
| EAJUS | Electronic article and journal usage statistics project from IOPP |
| EAN | European Article Number |
| EARL | Electronic Access to Resources in Libraries project |
| EARN | European Academic and Research Network |
| EAST | Eastern Academics' Scholars Trust (US) |
| EBA | evidence-based acquisition |
| EBI | European Bioinformatics Institute |
| E-BioSci | EMBO e-publishing initiative |
| EBL | EBook Library (Corporation) |
| EBLIDA | European Bureau of Library, Information and Documentation Associations |
| EBM | (i) Espresso Book Machine |
| EBM | (ii) evidence-based medicine |
| EBS | evidence-based selection |
| EBSCO | serials subscription agent based in the U.S. - founded by Elton Bryson Stephens |
| EC | European Community (also European Commission) |
| eCAM | <i>Complementary & Alternative Medicine</i> online (OUP) |
| ECAS | electronic current awareness service |

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| ECCO | Eighteenth Century Content Online (from JISC Collections) |
| ECE | Eastern and Central Europe |
| ECHO | (i) EC Host organization |
| ECHO | (ii) Exploring Cultural Heritage Online (North Carolina, US, project) |
| ECIL | European Conference on Information Literacy |
| ECLIPS | European Convention of Library and Information Products and Services |
| ECPA | European Commission on Preservation and Access |
| ECR | early career researcher |
| ECU | (i) European Currency Unit |
| ECU | (ii) Edith Cowan University (Australia) |
| ECUP | European Copyright User Platform |
| ed. | edited(or) |
| EDD | electronic document delivery |
| EDI | Electronic data interchange |
| EDIFACT | electronic data interchange for administration, commerce and transport |
| EDIL | Electronic document interchange between Libraries |
| EDINA | Edinburgh Data and Information Access |
| EDlteur | Pan-European Book Sector EDI group |
| EDP | electronic data processing |
| EDS | EBSCO Discovery Service |
| EEBO | Early English Books Online |
| EES | Elsevier electronic subscriptions |
| EESE | The Engineering E-journal Search Engine |
| EEVL | Edinburgh Engineering Virtual Library |
| EFQM | European Foundation of Quality Management |
| EFSG | European Federation of Serials Groups |
| EFTA | European Free Trade Association |
| e-GMF | eGovernment Metadata Framework |
| EI | (i) Engineering Information |
| EI | (ii) Engineering Index |
| EIES | electronic information exchange system |
| EIFL | Electronic Information for Libraries (from the OSI) |
| EIO | electronic information object |
| EIPM | Evidence Informed Policy Making |
| EIPS | Electronic information products and services |
| EJAC | E-journal Archives of Chongqing, China |

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| eKAT | Electronic Knowledge Access Team (in NHS) |
| EKT | EKT/NHRF: National Documentation Centre (Greece) |
| ELAG | English Language Arts |
| ELAG | European Library Automation Group |
| eLib | electronic libraries programme of JISC |
| E-LIB | Electronic library at State and University Library Bremen, Germany |
| ELIN | Electronic Library Information Navigator, University of Lund |
| ELINOR | The Electronic Library Project at De Montfort University, Milton Keynes |
| ELISA | East of England Library and Information Services Development Agency |
| ELISE | Electronic Library Image Server for Europe project |
| ELITE | EU DG XIII library project combining technologies for electronic document management, access and delivery using WWW services in the STM area |
| ELS | electronic library system |
| ELSA | EU DG XIII library project designed to extend TULIP experiment by remote delivery of full text from publisher to user in SGML format |
| ELVIRA | Electronic Library and Visual Information Research project |
| ELVYN | Electronic Version Why Not? electronic journal project run through partnership of IOPP, Loughborough, Oxford, Manchester, Exeter, UCL, Hertfordshire universities and Harwell |
| EMEA | Europe, the Middle East and Africa |
| e-mail/email | electronic mail |
| EMANI | Electronic Mathematics Archive Network Initiative - project including four publishers and Cornell University, the State and University Library Goettingen and Tsinghua University, Beijing |
| EMBASE | Excerpta Medica database published by Elsevier Science |
| EMBO | European Molecular Biology organization |
| EMERALD | the Electronic Management Research Library Database |
| EMIC | Export Market Intelligence Centre |
| ENVIDUCATION | Multimedia GIS for elementary environmental education |
| ENTER | Dawson on-line acquisitions tool |
| EOL | Economics Online (a proposed central portal from NEEO) |
| EOL | Encyclopaedia of Life (wiki-style encyclopaedia) |
| EP | European Parliament |
| EPEF | Evaluation des Périodiques Electroniques dans le Réseau Universitaire Française (Project to evaluate use of e-journals in French universities) |
| EPIC | (i) a command interface online reference information system from OCLC |
| EPIC | (ii) Electronic purchasing in collaboration (NZ) |

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| EPIC | (iii) Electronic Publishing Initiative at Columbia (University) |
| EPICS | EDItEUR Product Information Communication Standards |
| EPIN | Electronic Public Information Network |
| EPS | Electronic Publishing Services |
| EPSRC | Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council |
| EQLIPSE | Evaluation and quality in library performance : system for Europe - 10 member, European consortium led by CERLIM |
| EQUATOR | Enhancing the QUALity and Transparency Of health Research |
| ERA | (i) Educational Recording Agency |
| ERA | (ii) Excellence in Research for Australia |
| ERA | (iii) European Research Area |
| ERC | European Research Council |
| ERDB-JP | Electronic Resources Database - Japan |
| ERGIS | European Seabed Resource Geographical Information Service - IMPACT project |
| ERIH | European Reference Index for the Humanities |
| ERL | Electronic Reference Library |
| ER&L | Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference (USA) |
| ERM | Electronic resource management |
| ERMI | Electronic Resource Mangement Initiative |
| ERS | Electronic Reading Systems, company supplying thereof |
| Erwerb-L | Erwerbungsfragen in Bibliotheken - mailing list on all acquisitions and collection development matters |
| ESA | European space Agency - in its role as a database host |
| ESAC | Efficiency and Standards for Article Charges initiative (Germany) |
| ESC | European Serials Conference |
| ESDS | Economic and Social Data Services |
| ESL | Elsevier Science Ltd. |
| ESOC | European Open Science Cloud |
| ESPACE | EPO bibliographic information on European/PCT patent applications since 1978 |
| ESPL | Electronic Serials in Public Libraries project |
| ESPRIT | European Strategic Research Programme in Information Technology |
| ESRC | Economic and Social Research Council |
| ESSN | electronic ISSN |
| ESSOAr | Earth and Space Sciences Online Archive |
| ESW | Education and Social Work (usually 'School of ...') |
| ETD | Electronic theses and dissertations |

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| EThOS | Electronic Theses Online Service |
| ETHOS | European Telematics Horizontal Observatory Service Project - market and technology awareness service for EC's Telematics Application Programme |
| ETOC | Electronic Table of Contents Service (British Library) |
| ETSI | European Telecommunications Standards Institute |
| EU | European Union |
| EUA | European University Association |
| EUnet | European Unix Network(Usenet) |
| EUR-OP | EC official publications office |
| EURILA | EU DG XIII library project on the electronic publishing and delivery of technical documents in aerospace |
| EURIPIDES | European Information Project involving Demographic and Economic Statistics - IMPACT project |
| EUROGI | European Umbrella organization for Geographical Information |
| EUROLOG | European On-line User's Group |
| EUROPAGATE | A SR/Z39.50 European gateway |
| Europeana | Pan European digital library |
| EUROPANET | European academic network - using X.25 and TCP/IP |
| EUSIDIC | European Association of Information Services |
| EV | Emerofica Virtuale - e-journals platform used by CIBER |
| EWS | European Workshop on SGML |
| EXPLORER | The Space Explorer - IMPACT project |
| EZB | Elektronische Zeitschriftenbibliothek |
| FACEB | <u>Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology</u> |
| FAIR | (i) Focus on Access to Institutional Resources |
| FAIR | (ii) findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable |
| FAME | Financial Analysis Made Easy - CD-ROM company information product |
| FAN | Forum for National Archivists (Forum des Archivistes Nationaux) |
| FAPESP | Fundacao de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de Sao Paulo |
| FAQ | frequently asked questions |
| FAR | faculty activity reporting |
| FASTDOC | EU DG XIII library project on document ordering and delivery |
| Fax | facsimile transmission |
| FBOI | First Bank of Internet |
| FCCN | National Foundation for Scientific Computing (Portugal) |
| FCO | Foreign and Commonwealth Office (UK) |

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| FCT | Foundation for Science and Technology [Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia], Portugal |
| FE | further education |
| FEC | further education college |
| FECYT | Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology |
| FGDC | Federal Geographic Data Committee, US Geological Survey - see CSDGM |
| FIDDO | Focused Investigation of DocDel Options |
| FIGARO | Federated Initiative of GAP and Roquade (representing Dutch and German universities) |
| FIGIT | Follett Implementation Group for Information Technology (UK) |
| FIL | Forum for Interlending(UK) |
| FinElib | Finnish national electronic library programme (licensing structure) |
| FISO | find, identify, select and obtain |
| FIZ | Fachinformationszentrum |
| FLARE | Florida Academic Repository |
| F MDF | Association of Staff Members of Danish Research Libraries |
| FOBID | Federation of Library, Documentation and Information organizations |
| FOI | Freedom of Information [Act] |
| FOLIO | The Future of Libraries is Open (EBSCO) |
| FORCE | The future of research communications and e-scholarship |
| FOSTER | Facilitate Open Science Training for European Research |
| FOUDRE | Fourniture de Document sur Réseau Electronique |
| FP7 | Seventh Framework Programme [for research] (Europe) |
| FRANCIS | INIST multidisciplinary bibliographic database covering core of world literature in humanities, social sciences and economics |
| FRAD | Functional Requirements for Authority Data |
| FRBR | Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records |
| FSCI | FORce11 Scholarly Communications Institute |
| FSMB | Federation of State Medical Boards (USA) |
| FSU | (i) former Soviet Union |
| FSU | (ii) Florida State University |
| FT | Financial Times |
| FTAM | file transfer access and management |
| FTC | Federal Trade Commission (USA) |
| FTE | full-time equivalent |
| FTP | file transfer protocol |
| FUNET | Finnish University and Research Network |
| FWCI | Field-weighted citation impact |

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| FWF | Austrian Science Fund (Der Wissenschaftsfonds) |
| G7 | Group of 7 Industrial Nations - Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Sweden and the United States |
| GALILEO | Consortium (interconnected libraries) |
| Gabriel | WWW service to members of Conference of European National Libraries |
| GAPP | General Administration of Press and Publication (China) |
| GARE | guidelines for authority and reference entries(Unesco) |
| GATES | Generic access to electronic services |
| GB | gigabyte |
| G & B | Gordon and Breach Publishing Group |
| GBV | Gemainsamer Bibliotheksverbund ('Common Library Network: 200 academic and five public libraries in North Germany linked to PICA) |
| GDPR | General Data Protection Regulation |
| GDR | (former) German Democratic Republic |
| GEC | General Electric Company |
| GEDI | Group on Electronic Document Interchange |
| Geo | Gene Expression Omnibus |
| GERD | gross domestic expenditure and research & development |
| GeSIG | German-speaking serials interest group |
| GFII | Groupement Francais de l'Industrie de l'Information (French Information Industry Association) |
| GGC | Dutch central cataloguing system |
| GIF | graphical interchange format |
| GIS | geographical information systems |
| GL*SSARY | GreyNet project in order to build resources in grey literature |
| GLC | Greater London Council |
| GLIG | Government Libraries and Information Group |
| GLIMPSE | Global implicit search -search software for EESE |
| GLN | Global Location Number |
| GMC | General Medical Council |
| GMID | Global Markets Information Database |
| GMT | Greenwich mean time |
| GNN | global network navigator |
| GOA | gold open access |
| GOKb | Global Open Knowledgebase |
| Gopher | distributed information system based on client server architecture |
| GP | General Practitioner - medical doctor |

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| GPL | General Public Licence |
| GPS | global positioning satellite |
| GRID | Global Research Identifier Database - in the Digital Science portfolio |
| GS | Greenhouse Studios |
| GSTPGs | Google Scholar |
| GSTPGs | Global studies taught postgraduates |
| GUI | graphical user interface |
| GUIDON | graphical user interface developed by OCLC |
| GW4 | Pathfinder project funded by Jisc (GW = Great Western, and 4 universities were involved) |
| GW4 | [see above] - now known as Great West Four consortium |
| GWLA | Great Western Library Alliance (USA) |
| H2020 | Horizon 2020 OA policy (European Community) |
| HAERVI project | Higher Education Access to E-Resources in Visited Institutions |
| HALO | Holdings, Accounts and Lines of Ownership - Jordan & Sons Ltd database |
| HATII | Humanities Advanced Technology and Information Institute (University of Glasgow) |
| HDTV | high density television |
| HE | higher education |
| HEA | Health Education Academy |
| HEFC | Higher Education Funding Council(UK) |
| HEFCE | Higher Education Funding Council for England [becoming Research England] |
| HEFCW | Higher Education Funding Council for Wales |
| HEI | higher education institutions |
| HEIF | Higher Education Innovation Funding |
| HELib | Higher Education Library |
| HELIG | Higher Education Library Interest Group (South Africa) |
| HENSA | Higher Education National Software Archive (UK) |
| HEP | high energy physics |
| HEPI | Higher Education Policy Institute |
| HEPnet | High Energy Physics Network |
| HERD | higher education expenditure on research & development |
| HERON | Higher Education Resources ON-demand (JISC/eLib project) |
| HESA | Higher Education Statistics Agency |
| HHuLOA | [Universities of] Hull, Huddersfield, Lincoln Open Access (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc) |
| HIFA | Healthcare Information for All |
| HINARI | Health Internetwork Access for Research Literature (UN WHO) |
| HIRMEOS | High Integration of Research Monographs in the European Open Science infrastructure |

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| HLEG | High Level Expert Group (appointed by EC) |
| HLF | Heritage Lottery Fund |
| HLG | Health Library Group (formerly Medical, Health & Welfare Group) (UK) |
| HLN | Health Libraries Network (UK) |
| HMS | Her Majesty's Ship |
| HMSO | Her Majesty's Stationery Office |
| HND | Higher National Diploma (UK) |
| HOAP | hybrid open access |
| HOAP | Huddersfield [University] Open Access Publishing |
| HPCN | high performance computing and networking |
| HQ | headquarters |
| HRI | Horticultural Research Institute (UK) |
| HSE | Health and Safety Executive (UK) |
| HSS | humanities and social sciences |
| HTML | Hypertext markup language |
| HuMetricsHSS | Humane Metrics in Humanities and Social Sciences |
| HUSAT | Human Sciences and Advanced Technology - research institute at LUT |
| HyperBIT | hypertext electronic version of the journal "Behaviour and |
| I4OC | Initiative for Open Citations (project) |
| IAA | Identification, authentication and authorization |
| IAD | Institute for Academic Development |
| IAMS | identity and access management system |
| IAR | The Information Asset Register (UK) |
| IAS | individual article supply |
| IBC | integrated (trans-European) broadband communications |
| IBERMARC | Spanish MARC |
| IBIS | International Book Information Service |
| IBL | automated Dutch union catalogue for periodicals |
| IBM | International Business Machines |
| IBRD | International Bank for Reconstruction and Development(World Bank) |
| IBSS | International Bibliography of the Social Sciences |
| ICADLA | International Council on Archives |
| ICADLA | International Conference of African Digital Libraries |
| ICBL | International Campus Book Link |
| ICC | International Computaprint Corporation - division of Reed technology & Information Services |
| ICCC | International Conference on Computer Communication |

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| ICE | Institute of Civil Engineers |
| ICEDIS | International Committee for EDI in Serials |
| ICI | Imperial Chemical Industries Plc |
| ICMJE | International Committee of Medical Journal Editors |
| ICNET | Imperial Cancer Network |
| ICO | Information Commissioner's Office |
| ICOLC | International Coalition of Library Consortia |
| ICP | International Cataloguing Principles (created by IFLA) |
| ICRF | Imperial Cancer Research Fund |
| ICRS | Institute of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability |
| ICSTI | International Council for Scientific and Technical Information |
| ICSU | International Council for Scientific Unions |
| ICT | Information and Communications Technology |
| I&DeA | Improvement and Development Agency for Local Government |
| IDEA | Esprit Project |
| IDEA | Inter- Institutional Directory of European Administrations |
| IDEAL | International Digital Electronic Access Library: database of Academic Press journals table of contents |
| IdP | Identity Provider |
| IDPF | International Digital Publishing Forum |
| IDRC | International Development Research Centre(Canada) |
| IE | information environment |
| IEB | <i>Insights</i> Editorial Board |
| IEDML | International Exchange of Duplicate Medical Literature |
| IEE | Institute of Electrical Engineers |
| IEEE | Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineers |
| IEEE/LOM | IEEE learning object metadata standard |
| IEG | Information Exchange Groups |
| IESR | The Information Environment Service Registry |
| IET | Institution of Engineering and Technology (UK) |
| IF | impact factors |
| IFIP | International Federation of Information Processing |
| IFLA | International Federation of Library Associations (and Institutions) |
| IFLANET | computer network of IFLA |
| IFRRO | International Federation of Reproduction Rights organizations |
| IGER | Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research |

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| IGI | Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research |
| IGeLU | ExLibris User Group |
| IHR | (i) Institute of Historical Research (UK) |
| IHR | (ii) Institute of Humanities Research |
| IIMP | International Index to Music |
| IIS | Institute of Information Scientists |
| ILANET | Information and Libraries Access Network (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific) |
| ILDS | Inter-lending and Document Service |
| ILEJ | The Internet Library of Early Journals |
| ILL | Inter-library loans |
| ILRT | Institute for Learning and Research Technology |
| ILS | integrated library system |
| IME(Ltd) | Information Made Easy Ltd - library software and system supplier |
| IMechE | Institution of Mechanical Engineers |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| IMISCOE | [research network on] International migration, integration and social cohesion |
| IMLS | Institute of Museum and Library Services (USA) |
| IMPACT | Information Market Policy Actions programme - co-ordinated by DGXIII-E ; primary EC agency for developing EC information |
| IMPACT2 | second phase of IMPACT programme - raise awareness of existing information standards; stimulate growth of information systems |
| IMPRIMATUR | Intellectual Multimedia Property Rights Model and Terminology for Universal Reference Project - EC ESPRIT programme project |
| IMS | IMS Global Learning Consortium - metadata standard |
| IN SITE | current awareness service additions to the Internet |
| INASP | International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications |
| INFER | Italian National Forum on Electronic Resources |
| INFLIBNET | Information and Library Network Centre (India) |
| INIST | Institut National pour l'Information Scientifique et Technique (France) |
| INORMS | International Network of Research Management Societies |
| INPI | Institut National de la Propriete Industrielle (Patent Office, France) |
| INRA | Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique [Agricultural] (France) |
| INRIA | Institut National de Recherche en Informatique et Automatique (France) |
| INSERM | Institut National de la Santé [Health] et de la Recherche Medicale (France) |
| INSPEC | Information services for physics, electronics and computers provided by IEE |
| Internet | collection of networks that share the same namespace and use TCP/IP protocols (USA) - old?! |

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| ION | Interlending OSI Network project |
| IOP | Institute of Physics |
| IOPP | Institute of Physics Publishing Ltd. |
| IP | (i) Internet Protocol |
| IP | (ii) intellectual property |
| IPA | International Publishers Association |
| IPGM | Independent Publishers Guild |
| IPGM | Institute of Post Graduate Medicine |
| IPL | Information Power Ltd |
| IPO | Intellectual Property Office |
| IPPI | Institute of Information Transmission Problems of Russian Academy of Sciences |
| IPR | intellectual property rights |
| IPTC | International Press Telecommunications Council - their taxonomy is a widely used coding system for news and media content |
| IRD | Institut de recherche pour le développement (France) |
| IReL | Irish Research eLibrary |
| IRIS | database searching/document ordering service for libraries and business users in Ireland |
| IRISZ | Programme at the University of Budapest Central Library and Information Centre to establish a database for foreign periodicals and provide an electronic delivery service |
| IRMAP | Information Resources Management and Access (collection development policy at Imperial College London Library) |
| IRUS | institutional repository usage statistics [now also including subject repositories] |
| IRUS-UK | UK aggregation service (see IRUS above) |
| IS | Information Services |
| ISA | Investigation-Study-Assay (tool) |
| ISAD (G) | General International Standard Archival Description |
| ISAN | International Standard Audiovisual Number - ISO 15706 |
| ISBD | International Standard Book Description |
| ISBD(ER) | International Standard Book Description for electronic resources |
| ISBN | International standard book number |
| ISC | Industrial Science Centre (Lisburn, NI) |
| ISDI | International standard document identifier |
| ISDN | integrated services digital network |
| ISDS | International Serials Data System |
| ISI | Institute of Scientific Information |
| ISIC | Information Specialist in Context (as used by Medical Library Association) |

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| ISIL | International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations |
| ISIS | serials management package marketed by B.H.Blackwell Ltd. |
| ISN | internal sequence number - record control number used on MINISIS |
| ISNI | International Standard Name Identifier |
| ISO | International Standards Organization |
| ISO4 | ISO Standard 4 - equivalent to BS 4148 specification for abbreviations of title |
| ISOC | Internet Society |
| ISODE | ISO Development Environment - allows OSI services to use a TCP based network |
| ISP | Internet service provider |
| ISPI | International standard party identifier |
| ISPO | Information Society Project Office |
| ISSC | Information Services Subcommittee of JISC |
| ISSN | International Standard Serial Number |
| ISSN-L | Linking ISSN |
| ISTC | International Science and Technology Center |
| ISTEX | Initiative for Excellency in Scientific and Technical Information (France) |
| ISTIC | Institute of Science and Technology Information of China |
| ISTP | Index to Scientific and Technical Proceedings |
| ISWC | International standard work code |
| IT | information technology |
| ITE | Institute of Terrestrial Ecology |
| ITPS | International Thomson Publishing Services |
| ITT | invitation to tender (to supply) |
| IUG | Innovative Users Group (USA) |
| IVRLA | <i>Independent Voices</i> |
| IVRLA | Irish Virtual Research Library and Archive (University College Dublin) |
| IXI | International X.25 Infrastructure |
| IYTE | Izmir High Institute of Technology (Turkey) |
| Jake | Jointly Administered Knowledge Environment |
| JANET | Joint Academic Network |
| JASON | Document copying and delivery service based on periodical holdings in North Rhine Westphalia |
| JATS | journal archiving tag suite |
| JCIIE | JISC Committee for Integrated Information Environment |
| JCR | Journal Citation Reports (Thomson Reuters) |
| JHIP | <i>Journal of High Energy Physics</i> |

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| JIBS | JISC Assisted Bibliographic Dataservices - user group end-users of the UK's networked resources |
| JIF | journal impact factor |
| JIME | Journal of Interactive Media in education - an e-journal (UK) |
| JINR | Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Russia) |
| JIPS | Joint Internet Protocol Service |
| JISC/Jisc | Joint Information Systems Committee (of HEFC's) [Now written: 'Jisc' and not expanded] |
| JOL | Journals OnLine platform (developed by PKP) |
| JOLIS | <i>Journal of Librarianship and Information Science</i> |
| JoRD | Journal of Research Data policy bank |
| JRDPR | Journal Research Data Policy Registry |
| JRULM | John Rylands University Library of Manchester |
| JSCEIP | Journal Supply Chain Efficiency Improvement Pilot |
| JSTOR | The Mellon Foundation Journal Storage project of American economics and history (now encompassing Ithaka) |
| JMLS | John Menzies Library Services Ltd. - library supplier |
| JNCI | Journal Normalized Citations Impact |
| JUF | journal usage factor |
| JUGL | JANET User Group for Libraries |
| JULIA | (human resource development in the transition towards the hybrid library project (Denmark)) |
| JUPITER | JUGL Project for Information Transfer, Education and Research |
| JUR | Journal Use Reports™ (Thomson Scientific product) |
| JUSP | Journal Usage Statistics Portal (UK) |
| JVP | Janet-Viscount-Public libraries project |
| JWG | Journals Working Group of JISC |
| KAMJE | Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors |
| KAUST | King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Saudi Arabia) |
| KB | National Library of the Netherlands (Koninklijke Bibliotheek) |
| KB+ | Knowledge Base+ (shared academic knowledge base) |
| KBART | Knowledge Bases and Related Tools (Joint UKSG-NISO Working Group) |
| KEMÖ | Austrian Academic Library Consortium (Kooperation E-Medien Österreich) |
| KESLI | Korea Electronic Site License Initiative |
| KI | Karolinska Institutet |
| KIB | Karolinska Institutet (University) Library |
| K-Int | Knowledge Integration Ltd |
| KISTI | Korea Institute of Science and Technology (South Korea) |

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| KLIS | Knowledge, Library and Information Services |
| KLISC | Kenyan Library and Information Consortium |
| KNAW | Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences |
| KNUST | Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana, Africa) |
| KPI | key performance indicator |
| KTP | knowledge transfer partnership |
| KU | Knowldege Unlatched |
| KU | University of Kansas (Libraries) |
| LA | Library Association |
| LAI | Library Association of Ireland |
| LAIG | Library Association Industrial Group (UK) |
| LAM | Library Archive and Museum |
| LAMDA | London and Manchester Document Access - electronic document delivery service |
| LAMJOL | Latin American Journals Online |
| LAMP | Library Analytics and Metrics Project |
| LAN | local area network |
| LANL | Los Alamos National Laboratory (later to become: arXIV.org - archive service) |
| LANtastic | network operating system from Artisoft |
| LAPT | Library Acquisitions theory and practice - periodical |
| LASSIE | London's Libraries and Social Software in Education |
| LC | Library of Congress |
| LCCN | Library of Congress Control Number |
| LCD | liquid crystal display |
| LCPDT | London College of Printing and Distributive Trades |
| LD | linked data |
| LDAP | lightweight directory access protocol |
| LDL | Librarians' Digital Library (repository based in India) |
| LEAP | Library Executive Advisor Programme (of LYRASIS, USA) |
| LEI | legal entity identifier |
| LERU | League of European Research Universities |
| LIA | Licensed Internet Associates programme (at TNA) |
| LIASA | Library and Information Association of South Africa |
| LIBACT | program sponsored by the European Communities |
| LIBER | Ligue des Bibliothèques Européenes de Recherche |
| LIBERATION | EU DG XIII project where STM publishers will prepare a range of multimedia materials for libraries both on CD-ROM and for local area network or Internet use |

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| LIBERTAS | automated library system marketed by SLS Ltd. |
| LIBRANK | research project investigating relevance ranking and evaluation (Germany) |
| LIC | Library and Information Commission |
| LIDP | Library Impact Data Project |
| LIEM | Library and Information East Midlands (UK) |
| LIFE | Life-Cycle Information For E-literature |
| LILAC | Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference |
| LINC | Library and Information Co-operation Council (UK) |
| LIP | library and information plan or local information plan |
| LIRN | (Project) Library and Information Referral Network |
| LIS | Library and Information Services (ICRF) |
| LIS | library and information science |
| Lis-Link | library and information science mailing list for news and discussion funded by JISC |
| LISA | Library and Information Science Abstracts |
| LISSA | LIS Scholarship Archive |
| LISTSERV | abbreviation of list server - software allowing list of subscribers to be |
| LJMU | Liverpool John Moores University (UK) |
| LKDN | Library & Knowledge Development Network (NHS, UK) |
| LMI | Leeds Medical Information - former OIS based at Leeds University |
| LMS | (i) library management system |
| LMS | (ii) learning management system |
| LMSPG | London Medical School Purchasing Group |
| LOC | Library of Congress |
| LOCH | Lessons in Open Access Compliance for Higher Education (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc) |
| LOCKSS | Lots of copies keep stuff safe' - project managed by Stanford University (USA) |
| LOD | linked open data |
| LODLAM | Linked Open Data in Libraries, Archives and Museums |
| LPC | Library Publishing Coalition |
| LPS | Library Partnership Subsidy |
| LRC | Learning Resources Centre |
| LSC | Library Society of China |
| LSDD | Library Subscriptions and Document Delivery |
| LSE | London School of Economics (and Political Science) |
| LSETO | LSE Theses Online |
| LSP | library service platforms |
| LTE | long term evolution (example: 4G services) |

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| LTSS | LOCKSS Technical Support Service |
| LUG | library user group |
| LUP | Liverpool University Press |
| LUT | Loughborough University of Technology |
| LYRASIS | Merger of SOLINET and PALINET, joined by NELINET = membership organization serving libraries and information professionals (USA) |
| MA | Master of Arts |
| MAB | Maschinelles Austauschformat fur Bibliotheken - exchange format for |
| MAC | Macintosh computer |
| MAFF | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (UK) |
| MAG | Mark Allen Group |
| MAGiC | Managing access to grey literature collections - project managed by Cranfield University with BLDSC, DERA/DRIC, SIRSI Ltd. and Loughborough University |
| MAGIS | Map supported Area information service based on GIS - IMPACT project |
| MagNet | Serials network of EARL |
| MA/HEM | Methodology for Access/Holdings Economic Modeling |
| MAID | Market Analysis and Information Database |
| MAIS | MA [Masters Degree] in Information Studies |
| MALC | Myanmar Academic Libraries Consortium |
| MAN | Metropolitan area network |
| MAP | Malaria Atlas Project |
| MARC | machine readable cataloguing |
| Mb per mn | megabytes per minute |
| MBS | Manchester Business School |
| MCB | MCB University Press - book and serials publisher (UK) |
| MDC | Mead Data Central- online database host- largest in North America |
| MDIS | McDonnell Information Systems Group |
| MDUI | Metadata extensions for log-in and Discovery User Interface |
| MEDLARS | Medical literature analysis and retrieval service |
| MEDLINE | online or CD-ROM database equivalent of Index Medicus |
| MedOANet | Mediterranean Open Access Network |
| MEDten | CD-Plus product making available current ten years of MEDLINE on eight discs with monthly updates |
| MEED | Middle East Economic Digest |
| MeSH | medical subject headings |
| MESUR | MEtrics from Scholarly Usage of Resources |

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| METS | Metadata Encoding and Transmission Standard |
| MHRA | Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency |
| MHS | message handling system - LAN based e-mail system |
| MIDAS | Manchester Information Datasets and Associated Services based at University of Manchester |
| MIMAS | Manchester Information and Associated Services |
| MINISIS | Periodicals management automated computer system |
| MINSTREL | EU funded project to develop software for accessing relevant and reliable management information from automated and non-automated data sources. Partners in the project are BLCMP, PICA, University College Dublin, De Montfort University Library and TUT |
| MIRA | Motor Industry Research Association |
| MIS | management information systems |
| MI-SPI | Michigan Shared Print Initiative |
| MIT | Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| MIUR | Ministry of Education, Universities and Research (Italy) |
| MK | Mezhdunarodnaya Kniga - distributor for foreign subscribers in the USSR |
| ML | modern languages |
| MLA | Museums Libraries and Archives Council |
| MLA | Modern Language Association |
| MLE | managed learning environment |
| MLO | Modern Languages Open (an LUP initiative) |
| MMC | Monopolies & Mergers Commission(UK) |
| MMU | Manchester Metropolitan University |
| mn | minute |
| MOA | Mass Observation Archive (at Sussex) |
| MOD | Ministry of Defence(UK) |
| MOOC | massive open online course [see also: cMOOC and xMOOC] |
| mOPAC | mobile OPAC |
| MoST | Minister of Science and Techology (China) |
| MOTIS | Message Oriented Text Interchange System - formal name of 1988 CCITT x.400 standard |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MoW | Memory of the World Programme (UNESCO) |
| MP | Member of Parliament (UK) |
| MPDL | Max Planck Digital Library |
| MPP | massively parallel computing |
| MPS | Multiple protocol server |

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| MS | Microsoft |
| MSMSE | Modeling and Simulation in Materials Science and Engineering - journal in electronic and printed formats |
| MTC | Military Technical College |
| MUD | multi-user dialogue/domain/dungeon (Internet) |
| MUMLIB | Multimedia in Libraries - EU funded project to set up database of text, picture, sound and video materials of number of authors in original language and English (Denmark, Ireland and Portugal) |
| MUP | Manchester University Press (UK) |
| MUSE | full text online service for John Hopkins University Press journals |
| MVP | minimum viable product |
| MYRIADE | CCN on CD-ROM |
| NACSIS | National Center for Science Information Systems |
| NAG | National Acquisitions Group (UK) |
| NAL | National Agricultural Library (USA) |
| NAP | National Awareness Partners - provide local support to libraries, educational institutions on information provision |
| NAP | National Academies Press |
| NAR | <i>Nucleic Acids Research</i> (OUP) |
| NASA | National Aeronautics and Space Administration (USA) |
| NASIG | North American Serials Interest Group |
| NASIGNET | NASIG network |
| NAU | Northern Arizona University (USA) |
| NBA | Net book agreement |
| NBK | National Bibliographic Knowledgebase (Jisc, UK) |
| NBN | National Bibliographic Number |
| NCA | National Council on Archives |
| NCAS | National Center for Supercomputing Applications (USA) |
| NCBI | National Center for Biotechnology Information (USA) |
| NCC | Dutch national computer catalogue/Dutch union catalogue |
| NCL | (i) non-conventional literature |
| NCL | (ii) National Central Library (former division of British Library) |
| NCP | National Contact Points (e.g. in SCOAP programme) |
| NCSE | Nineteenth-Century Serials Edition project (Birkbeck College) |
| NCSU | North Carolina State University (USA) |
| NDL | (i) National Digital Library - e.g. as in Library of Congress (USA) and Finland |

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| NDL | (ii) National Diet Library (Japan) |
| NDLR | National Digital Learning Repository (Ireland) |
| NDLTD | National Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (UK) |
| NDP | Normative Data Project for Libraries (USA) |
| NDSA | National Digital Stewardship Alliance |
| NEAR | National Electronic Archive (of materials produced by academics) - initiative proposed by the University of Kansas |
| NEEO | Network of European Economists Online |
| NEH | National Endowment for the Humanities (USA) |
| NEHL | Norwegian Electronic Health Library |
| NEJM | <i>New England Journal of Medicine</i> |
| NELH | National Electronic Library for Health |
| NELINET | New England Library Network |
| NELLCO | New England Law Library Consortium (USA) |
| NepJOL | Nepalese Journals Online |
| NER | named entity recognition |
| NERL | North East Research Libraries Consortium (USA) |
| NeSC | The National e-Science Centre |
| NESLI | National Electronic Site Licence Initiative |
| NESSTAR | EU DG XIII project involving statistical archive access and visualisation |
| NEWSPLAN | project to establish co-operative preservation of serials publications initiated by SWERLS aided by BLNL |
| NEYAL | North East and Yorkshire Academic Libraries Consortium |
| NFAIS | National Federation of Advanced Information Services (USA) |
| NFC | near field communication |
| NGfI | National Grid for Learning |
| NGO | non-governmental organization |
| NHMRC | National Health and Medical Research Council (Australia) |
| NHRF | EKT/NHRF: National Documentation Centre (Greece) |
| NICE | National Institute for Clinical Excellence |
| NiCHE | Network in Canadian History & Environment |
| NIFU | Norwegian Institute for Studies in Research and Higher Education |
| NIH | National Institutes of Health (USA) |
| NISC | National Inquiry Services Centre (S Africa) |
| NISO | National Information Standards Organization (USA) |
| NISP | Networked Information Service Project |

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| NISS | National Information Software and Services |
| NIU | National University of Ireland (Galway) |
| <i>NJP</i> | <i>New Journal of Physics</i> |
| NL | The Netherlands |
| NLF | National Library of Finland |
| NLL | National Lending Library (UK) |
| NLL | non-linear lending (such as the model offered by EBL) |
| NLLST | National Lending Library for Science and Technology along with BLLD pre-cursor of BLDSC(UK) |
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| NLM | National Library of Medicine |
| NLP | natural language processing |
| NLS | (i) National Library of Sweden |
| NLS | (ii) National Library of Scotland |
| NMC | Nursing and Midwifery Council |
| NMS | National Museums of Scotland |
| NMSG | National Monographs Steering Committee |
| NODA | National Office of Digital Archiving |
| NOKC | Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services |
| NOOC | National MOOC |
| NORAD | Norwegian Development Agency for Co-operation |
| NOSP | Scandinavian serials union catalogue |
| NOSPI | Newsletter on Serials Pricing |
| NOTIS | Northwestern online totally integrated system (USA) |
| NoWAL | North West Academic Libraries (UK) |
| NPG | Nature Publishing Group |
| NPLSaT | Russian National Public Library for Science and Technology |
| NPO | National Preservation Office |
| NREN | National Research and Education Network (USA) |
| NRN | National Research Network (Ireland) |
| NSCF | National Scholarly Communication Forum (Australia) |
| NSCS | First Nordic Conference on Scholarly Communication in Lund/Copenhagen |
| NSDP | National Serials Data Program (USA) |
| NSF | National Science Foundation (USA) |
| NSFC | Natural Science Foundation of China |
| NSL | National Science Libarary (China) |
| NSS | National Student (Satisfaction) Survey (UK) |

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| NSTL | National Science and Technology Library (China) |
| NTIS | National Technical Information Service(US Department of Trade and Commerce) |
| NTNU | Norwegian University of Science and Technology |
| NTK | National Technical Library, Prague (Czech Republic) |
| NTU | Nottingham Trent University (UK) |
| NUC | National Union Catalogue |
| NUCAF | National Union Catalogue of Alternative Formats |
| NUMERIS | French ISDN network |
| NUP | new university press |
| NVB-SG | Dutch Serials Group |
| NVBF | Nordic Federation of Research Libraries |
| NVQ | national vocational qualification |
| NWLIP | North West Libraries Interlending Partnership (UK) |
| NWO | Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research |
| NWUPC | North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium |
| O2OA | Open to Open Access (Pathfinder project funded by Jisc) |
| OA | open access |
| OAGP | Open Access Good Practice (UK initiative funded by Jisc) |
| OAI | Open Archives Initiative |
| OAI-PMH | Open Archives Initiative - Protocol for Metadata Harvesting |
| OAIS | Open Archival Information System |
| OAPEN | Open Access Publishing in European Networks |
| OAPEN-UK | Open Access Publishing in European Networks - United Kingdom (a project) |
| OARE | Online Access to Research in the Environment |
| OARPST | Open Access and Research Publications Support Team |
| OASIS | organization for Article Standards in Science |
| OASPA | Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association |
| OATA | Open Access Toolset Alliance |
| OATS | open source assistive technology software |
| OATS | (Current Contents) Online and the Genuine Article |
| OBN | <i>Open Biology</i> |
| OBN | Open Library Network(The Netherlands) |
| OBP | Open Book Publishers |
| OCC | Office for Copyright Compliance (USA) |
| OCLC | Online Computer Library Center |
| OCR | optical character recognition |

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| OCS | Open Conference Systems |
| OCUL | Ontario Council of University Libraries (Canada) |
| ODA | open document architecture |
| ODE | Opportunities for Data Exchange project (STM project with EU funding) |
| ODI | Open Discovery Initiative (a NISO initiative) |
| ODIF | open document interchange format |
| ODU | Old Dominion University |
| OEB | Open E-Book standard |
| OECD | Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development |
| OER | open educational resource(s) |
| OFEC | Organization for Electronic Commerce |
| OFL-21 | Optical Fibre Loop for the Twenty-First Century (Japan) |
| Oftel | Office of Telecommunications(UK) |
| OGC | Office for Government Commerce |
| OHP | Open Humanities Press |
| OIS | Oncology Information Service based at Leeds University - succeeded by LMI |
| OJ | Official Journal of the European Community |
| OJCCT | Online Journal of Current Clinical Trials |
| OJEU | <i>Official Journal of the European Union</i> |
| OJS | Open Journal System(s) |
| OLAP | online analytical processing |
| OLE | Open Library Environment project (which became Kualii OLE 17) |
| OLH | Open Library of Humanities |
| OLR | optical layout recognition |
| OMEGA | Object Metadata for European Geographic Analysis - IMPACT project |
| OMNI | organizing Medical Networked Information - eLib project |
| ONIX-PL | ONIX Publications Licence |
| ONLD | Organisation Name Linked Data |
| ONS | Office for National Statistics |
| OOA | original OA (as used by Leo Waaijers, i.e. not just with CC licence in subscription journal) |
| OPAC | online public access catalogue |
| OpenAIRE | Open Access Infrastructure for Research in Europe |
| OpenDOAR | <i>Directory of Open Access Repositories</i> |
| OPI | Open Information Interchange - IMPACT initiative to develop guidelines for use of information standards |
| OPPN | one page project manager tool [free download: oppmi.com] |

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| ORACLE | library management system |
| ORCID | Open Researcher & Contributor IDentifier [iD] |
| ORPAN | Distribution Centre for Scientific Literature (Poland) |
| OS | open source |
| OSAP | Office of Scientific and Academic Publications (of ARL) |
| OSF | Open Science Framework |
| OSI | (i) Open Society Institute |
| OSI | (ii) open systems interconnection |
| OSIRIS | Online Serials Information Registration and Inquiry System (IFLA) |
| OSPP | Open Science Policy Platform |
| OSS | open source software |
| OST | Office of Science and Technology |
| OSTI | Office of Scientific and Technological Information |
| OSTP | Office for Science and Technology Policy (USA) |
| OU | The Open University |
| OULS | Oxford University Library Services (later to become 'The Bodleian Libraries') |
| OUP | Oxford University Press |
| OUR | OCUL usage rights (database) - an implementation of British Columbia's open source Mondo |
| OVID | database interface produced by CA Plus Technologies Ltd. |
| OWD | Orphan Works Directive |
| PA | Publishers Association |
| PAC | public access catalogue |
| PAC | Preservation and Conservation - IFLA Core Programme |
| PACS | Physics & Astronomy Classification Scheme |
| PACS-L | Public Access Computers in Libraries - Listserv - directory available on Internet |
| PALINET | Philadelphia Area Library Network (USA) |
| PALM Africa | Publishing and Alternative Licensing Model of Africa |
| PALS | Publisher and Library/Learning Solutions group |
| PAMS | Publication access management services |
| PANCATALOGU | French University union catalogue of books |
| PANGPAC | packet switched network for Papua New Guinea |
| PAPR | The Print Archives and Preservation Registry |
| PASA | Publishers Association of South Africa |
| PASCAL | (i) INIST multidisciplinary bibliographic database covering world literature in science, technology and medicine |

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| PASCAL | (ii) Preservation and Access Service Center for Colorado Academic Libraries (USA) |
| PASTEUR4OA | Open Access Policy Alignment Strategies for European Union Research |
| PATRON | Performing Arts Teaching Resources ONline -eLib project in electronic reserve or short loan category |
| PAYG | pay as you go |
| PC | personal computer |
| PCG | Publishers Communication Group |
| PCI | (i) Primo Central Index |
| PCI | (ii) Patent Citation Index |
| PCMCIA | Personal Computer Memory Card International Association |
| PDA | (i) patron-driven acquisition |
| PDA | (ii) personal digital assistant; personal data assistant |
| PDB | Protein Data Bank |
| PDF | portable document format |
| PDR | Pharma Documentation Ring |
| PEAK | Pricing Electronic Access to Knowledge -research project at the University of Michigan in collaboration with Elsevier |
| PEB | Pret Etre Bibliothèques - computerised messaging system |
| PEER | Publishing and the Ecology of European Research |
| PELICAN | Pricing experiment library information co-operative network - JISC funded project |
| PEPRS | Pilot for an e-journals preservation registry service |
| PERI | Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (launched by INASP) |
| PfD | Publishers for Development (an ACU and INASP initiative) |
| PGT | taught postgraduates |
| PHI | Partnerships in Health Information |
| PhilJOL | Philippines Journals Online |
| PI | principal investigator |
| PICA | Project geIntegreerde Catalogus Automatisering (The Netherlands) |
| PID | persistent identifier |
| PIE-J | Presentation and Identification of E-Journals |
| PII | Publisher item identifier |
| PILIN | persistent identifier linking infrastructure project (Australia) |
| PIM | Platform of Information Management (international organization) |
| PIN | personal identification number |
| PIPEX | Public IP Exchange Ltd. - leading Internet provider in Europe |
| PIRUS | Publisher and Institutional Repository Usage Statistics |

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| PKP | Public Knowledge Project |
| PKSB | Professional Knowledge and Skills Base |
| PLANETS | Permanent Long-term Access through NETworked Services (European project) |
| PLER | Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources - American Library Association |
| PLN | private LOCKSS network |
| PLNASG | Public Library Network Awareness Steering Group |
| PLOS | Public Library of Science (previously written: PLoS) |
| PLS | Publishers Licensing Society |
| PLUS | scheme whereby Elsevier Science Ltd journals may award credits to libraries of their choice - credits to be used for purchase of any Elsevier Science journal |
| PMC | PubMed Central |
| PNAS | Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences |
| POD | print on demand |
| POP | point of presence |
| PORTRAIT | online database service for marketing information based on postcodes produced by Infolink Decision Services |
| PPA | Periodical Publishers Association |
| PPPR | post-publication peer review |
| PPT | Parallel Publishing for Transactions - eLib project |
| PPV | pay per view |
| PQDT | ProQuest Dissertations and Theses |
| pr | public relations |
| PRC | Publishing Research Consortium |
| PREMIS | Preservation Metadata Implementation Strategy |
| PREP | Psychology Preprint Bulletin Board |
| PRO | public research performing organization |
| Pro-Cite | database application software for managing and formatting bibliographic references |
| PROM | Programmable read only memory |
| PSLI | Pilot Site Licence Initiative |
| PSTN | Public Switched Telephone Network (USA) |
| PSU | (i) Penn State University (USA) |
| PSU | (ii) Portland State University |
| PTT | Post, Telegraph and Telephone Administration - a government provider of communications functions in most European countries |
| PUB5 | complete database marketing and subscription fulfillment software system marketed by Newsco Software Ltd of Peterborough |

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| PURL | permanent universal resource locator |
| PuRLS | Publishing and Research Learning for Students |
| PVC | Pro-Vice Chancellor |
| QA | quality assurance |
| QAA | Quality Assurance Agency [for higher education] |
| QCA | qualitative content analysis |
| QED | Quest Economics Database- primary macro-economic research, country reports, risk analysis |
| QNL | Qatar National Library |
| QNRF | Qatar National Research Fund |
| QOAM | Quality Open Access Market |
| QR | quality related (as in: quality-related grant distribution) |
| QR code | quick response code |
| QS | Quacquarelli Symonds (British education research company) |
| QUARTET | project - extension of BLEND examining further the potentials of electronic publishing, networking, CD-ROMS and optical digital disks |
| QUB | Queen's University, Belfast |
| QUT | Queensland University of Technology |
| R&D | research and development |
| RA | research administrator |
| RACE | Research and Development in Advanced Telecommunications Technologies for Europe |
| RAE | research assessment exercise |
| RAIS | successor to VAAP in Russia- author's agency |
| RAM | random access memory |
| RAPDOC | Rapid Document Delivery Project involving 19 major libraries and PICA in the Netherlands |
| RBB | Reuter Business Briefing |
| RBGE | Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh |
| RCAAP | Repositório Científico de Acesso Aberto de Portugal (OA repository infrastructure in Portugal) |
| RCN | Royal College of Nursing |
| RCPO | Research Councils Procurement Organization |
| RCSI | Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland |
| RCUK | Research Councils UK [now historical - see UKRI] |
| R&D | research and development |
| RD | Reveal Digital (USA) |
| RDA | resource description and access |
| RDF | resource description framework |
| RDM | research data management |

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| RDN | Resource Discovery Network |
| RDS | Research Data Services (e.g. at University of Virginia, USA) |
| RDSS | Research Data Shared Services (developed by Jisc) |
| REBIUN | Network of Spanish University Libraries |
| RECODE | Policy RECommendations for Open Access to Research Data in Europe |
| ReDI | Regional Database Information Services (Germany) |
| Red Sage | collaborative project of UCSF, Springer-Verlag and AT&T to provide electronic library |
| R&E | research and enterprise |
| RE | Research England (was formerly HEFCE) |
| REF | Research Excellence Framework |
| REP | Robots Exclusion Protocol |
| RePEc | Research Papers in Economics |
| RESCOLINC | Consortium of research council funded libraries |
| RESMETIG | Research Assessment and Metrics Interest Group (ACRL, USA) |
| Resource | The Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries |
| RFC | (i) request for connection |
| RFC | (ii) request for comments |
| RFID | radio frequency identification |
| RICA | Regole Italiane di Catalogazione per Autori |
| RIDDLE | Rapid Information and Display in a Library Environment - CEC funded project |
| RIN | Research Information Network (UK) |
| RIOXX | Does not appear to be an acronym but is the name of a metadata application profile |
| RIP | Raw Impact per Paper |
| RIS | research and innovations support |
| RLG | Research Libraries Group (USA) |
| RLN | Research Libraries Network |
| RLUK | Research Libraries UK |
| RMA | research managers and administrators |
| ROAC | Radical Open Access Collective |
| ROAD | Directory of Open Access scholarly Resources |
| ROAR | Registry of Open Access Repositories |
| ROARMAP | Registry of Open Access Repository Mandatory Archiving Policies |
| ROI | return on investment |
| ROW | (European) Registry of Orphan Works (due to be finished by 2011) |
| ROME0 | Rights Metadata for Open Archiving - JISC funded Project |
| ROS | research outcomes system (RCUK) |

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| RPI | retail price index |
| RPSC | Research Planning and Strategy Committee |
| RQF | Research Quality Framework (subsequently became ERA) |
| RRO | Reproduction Rights organization |
| RRP | Reed Reference Publishing |
| R2R | Researcher to Reader (conference) |
| RSC | (i) Royal Society of Chemistry |
| RSC | (ii) RDA Steering Committee |
| RSLG | Research Support Libraries Group |
| RSLIS | Royal School of Library and Information Science (Denmark) |
| RSLP | Research Support Libraries Programme - national initiative funded by four UK h e funding bodies (1999-2002) |
| RTF | rich text format |
| RUGIT | Russell Group IT Directors (UK) |
| RUSA | Reference and User Services Association |
| RWA | Research Works Act |
| SaaS | Software as a Service |
| SABER | semiautomatic business environment research |
| SADL | Student Ambassadors for Digital Literacy (LSE project) |
| SAFARI | project involving the retrieval of trademarks by shape, feature etc., at University of Northumbria |
| SALSER | Scottish Academic Libraries' Serials network |
| SAML | Security attribute mark-up language/Security Assertion Markup Language |
| SAN | standard address number |
| SAN | Systeme d'archivage numerique |
| SAPIENS | Students as Academic Partner (project) |
| SAPIENS | Scottish Academic Periodicals Implementing an Effective Networked Service |
| SBL | Serials in the British Library |
| SCCTP | Serials Cataloguing Cooperative Training Program (USA) |
| SCHARR | Sheffield Centre for Health and Related Research, Sheffield University |
| SCI | (i) Serials Citation Index (Third World) |
| SCI | (ii) Scholarly Communication Institute (USA - Triangle) |
| SCIELO | Scientific Electronic Library Online (Brazil) project managed by FAPESP and BIREME |
| SCiPer | Science in the Nineteenth-Century Periodical project (University of Leeds) |
| SCN | scholarly communication network [also sometimes: scholarly collaboration network] |
| SCOAP | Sponsoring Consortium for Open Access Publishing in Particle Physics (now SCOAP ³) |

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| SCONUL | Society of College, National and University Libraries |
| SCORM | Shareable Content Object Reference Model Initiative |
| SCORPIO | Serials Co-ordination Project in Oxford (launched August 2004) |
| SCP | Standing Conference of Principals |
| SCSI | small computer systems interface |
| SCUJNS | Society of China University Journals in Natural Sciences |
| SCURL | Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries |
| SDF | Association of Danish Research Libraries |
| SDI | selective dissemination of information |
| SDL | Search Digital Libraries (searches LIS IRs in India) |
| SDLC | Scottish Digital Library Consortium |
| SDU | University of Southern Denmark |
| SED | secure electronic delivery |
| SEK | Swedish kronor (currency) |
| SELL | Southern European Libraries Link |
| SELLL | School of English Language, Literature and Linguistics |
| SEO | search engine optimization |
| SEPSU | Science Engineering Policy Studies Unit (UK) |
| SETI | (Office of) Science, Education and Technical Information |
| SFC | Scottish Funding Council |
| SFEP | Society of Freelance Editors and Proofreaders |
| SFX | Context sensitive linking service from Ex Libris |
| SGML | standard general markup language |
| SHA | Strategic Health Authority |
| SHALL | Strategic Health Authority Library Leeds |
| SHARE | Shared Access Research Ecosystem |
| SHARP | Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing |
| SHEDL | Scottish Higher Education Digital Library |
| SHEFC | Scottish Higher Education Funding Council |
| SHERPA | Securing a Hybrid Environment for Research Preservation and Access - JISC project |
| SHL | (i) Senate House Libraries (made up of 9 libraries including those of Institutes of School of Advanced Study) (London, UK) |
| SHL | (ii) Sue Hill Recruitment |
| SHL | (iii) Sussex Humanities Lab (UK) |
| SI | Society of Indexers (UK) |
| SIA | senior information assistant |

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| SICI | serials item and contribution identifier |
| Sida | Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency |
| SIDLIP | Stanford Integrated Digital Library Project |
| SIR | Scientific Independence of young Researchers programme (Italy) |
| SISAC | Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee |
| SJR | SCImago Journal Rank |
| SK | (i) Scottish Knowledge - Scottish Universities venture to promote distance learning abroad |
| SK | (ii) Scholarly Kitchen (blog hosted from USA) |
| SL [LSC] | Special Libraries [branch of the LSC] |
| SLA | Special Libraries Association |
| SLA | service level agreement |
| SLJOL | Sri Lankan Journals Online |
| SLS | SWALCAP Library Services Ltd. |
| SMDS | switched multimegabit data services |
| SME | small and medium sized enterprises |
| SMS | short messaging service |
| SNA | systems network architecture |
| SNI | SIEMENS/NIXDORF library system(Germany) |
| SNIP | Source Normalised Impact per Paper |
| SNIPES | Scotland and Northern Ireland PEriodicalS purchasing consortium |
| SNS | social networking site |
| SNSF | Swiss National Science Foundation |
| SOA | service-oriented architecture |
| SOAP | Simple Object Access Protocol |
| SOCIAM | The Theory and Practice of Social Machines (funded by EPSRC) |
| SOCKER | SR Origin Communication Kernel - project funded by EC's Telematique Programme aiming to design z39.50 interface to allow connection between any library workstation and any online catalogue irrespective of system supplier or database host |
| SOCRS | Serials and Other Continuing Resources Standing Committee (IFLA) |
| SOH | Serials Online Holdings (ONIX for Serials) |
| SOIF | Summary object interchange format |
| SOPODA | Social Planning/Policy and Development Abstracts |
| SP | Scholar's Portal (Ontario, Canada) |
| SPARC | Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition |
| SPARQL | a 'recursive' acronym for SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language |
| SPICe | Scottish Parliament Information Centre |

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| SPIRS | SuperJANET Project on Information Resources |
| SPL | Scientific Periodicals Library, University of Cambridge (UK) |
| SpLD | special learning difficulty |
| SPO | Scottish Publishing Office |
| SPRU | Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex (UK) |
| SPS | Serials Products and Subscriptions |
| SPUD | Scholars Portal usage data |
| SQL | structured query language |
| SR | Search and Retrieve |
| SRC | Swedish Research Council |
| SRD | source recognises destination |
| SRG | Subscription Review Group |
| SRIS | (British Library) Science Reference and Information Service |
| SRN | Serials Release Notification |
| SRU | search/retrieve via URL |
| SSAH | Social Science, Arts and Humanities |
| SSISWG | Scottish Science Information Strategy Working Group |
| SSL | Secure socket layer |
| SSO | single sign-on |
| SSP | Society for Scholarly Publishing |
| SSRC | Social Sciences Research Council (UK) |
| SSRN | Social Science Research Network |
| STAMP | Software tools to integrate Information Access - an ESPRIT project |
| STAR | Special Telecommunication Action Regional Development (EC) |
| STARGATE | Static repository gateway and toolkit (PALS 2 project) |
| StARs | Student Academic Representatives (e.g. at University of Worcester) |
| STAS | Scientific and Technical Attribute Set-CAS developed this to provide a standard way to refer to a large of searchable/retrievable fields using z39.50 protocol |
| STeamLine | an electronic publishing system supporting electronic financial transactions through subscriptions, accounts and purchases payable by credit or debit card |
| STEM | Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine |
| STI | (i) science, technology and innovation |
| STI | (ii) Scientific and technical information (France mostly) |
| STL | short-term loan |
| STM | (i) Scientific, Technical and Medical (publications/publishers) |
| STM | (ii) International Association of Scientific, Technical and Medical Publishers |

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| STN | Scientific and Technical Network |
| STORRE | (University of) Stirling Online Research Repository |
| SUB | Stockholm University Library |
| SUBITO | An initiative of the German federal government and federal states to combine searching, ordering and delivery of documents via the Internet to the researcher's desk top PC |
| SUHF | Association of Higher Education (Sweden) |
| SUNCAT | Serials Union Catalogue for the UK |
| SUNIST | Serveur Universitaire National de l'Information Scientifique et Technique (France) |
| SUPC | Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (UK) |
| SuperJANET | Super Joint Academic Network - an advanced high speed optical fibre network |
| SURF | Dutch Higher Education and research partnership organization for network services, IT and communications technology |
| SURFnet | Dutch academic and research network |
| SUSHI | Standardized Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative |
| SuUB | State and University Library Bremen (Germany) |
| SVKB | System vendor knowledge base |
| SWALCAP | South West Academic Libraries Co-operative Automated Project |
| SWAP | Scholarly Works Application Profile |
| SWERLS | South West Regional Library System (UK) |
| SWORD | Simple Web-service Offering Repository Deposit |
| SWOT | strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats [analysis] |
| SYN | synopsis - as in publication code for EC documents |
| TALIS | BLS Ltd client -server library management system |
| TA | toll access |
| T&Cs | terms and conditions |
| TAPoR | Text Analysis Portal for Research (Canadian initiative) |
| TAS | Transfer Alerting Service |
| TCD | Trinity College Dublin |
| TCP/IP | Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol |
| TCP/IP | total cost of publication |
| TCR | The Combined Regions (UK) |
| TDM | text and data mining |
| TDR | trusted digital repository |
| TECHLIB | application of the BASIS Text Information Management System - includes cataloguing, circulation, acquisitions and ILL |
| TED | Tenders Electronic Daily (a European database) |

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| TEEAL | The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library |
| TEL | The European Library |
| TEI | Text encoding initiative |
| TELEFIRM | French company information |
| TELETHESES | French theses since 1972 on CD-ROM |
| TERCW | Tertiary Education and Research Commission for Wales |
| TFPL | Task Force Pro-Libra |
| THES | Times Higher Education Supplement |
| TIB Hanover | Universitätsbibliothek Hannover und Technische Informationsbibliothek |
| TIBQUICK 2000 | Project funded by the German federal government to enhance the capability of the Central Library of Technology, Hanover to access and store electronic documents |
| TIFF | tagged image file format - graphic file format developed by Aldus and Microsoft |
| TIME | Test bed for Interoperable Metadata for E-books |
| TIPP | Title Instance Package Platform (a KB+ term) |
| Tironet | Trans-Ireland Optical Network |
| TITAN | Tourist Information and Travel Assistance Network - IMPACT project |
| TiU | Tilburg University, The Netherlands |
| TLA | transaction log analysis |
| TLC | The Library Corporation (USA) |
| TLS | Swedish Association of Information Specialists (formerly Swedish Society for Technical Documentation) |
| TNA | The National Archives (UK) |
| TOC | Table of Contents |
| TOCRoSS | Table of Contents by Really Simple Syndication |
| TORCH | The Research Centre in the Humanities (e.g. at Oxford) |
| TPM | technological protection measures |
| TPS | technological protection systems |
| TQ | Total Quality |
| TRAC | Trusted Repository Audit Checklist |
| TRIPS | Trade-Related aspects of Intellectual Property Rights |
| TSV | tab separated values (text format) |
| TTP | trusted third party |
| TUBITAK | Turkish Scientific and Technological Research Council |
| TULIP | The University Licensing Program |
| TUPE | Transfer of undertakings(Protection of employment) |
| TUT | Technische Universiteit Twente Bibliothek |

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| TV | television |
| UA | University of Arizona (USA) |
| UAP | Universal Availability of Publications - IFLA Core programme |
| UB | University of Barcelona, Spain |
| UBC | Universal Bibliographic Control |
| UBCIM | Universal Bibliographic Control - IFLA Core programme |
| UBIRD | <i>User Behaviour in Research Discovery</i> (JISC report) |
| UC | University of California (USA) |
| UCD | University College Dublin (Ireland) |
| UCG | University College, Galway |
| UCISA | Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association |
| UCL | University College London |
| UCLA | University of California, Los Angeles (USA) |
| UCNW | University College of North Wales (Bangor) |
| Uconn | University of Connecticut (USA) |
| UCP | University of California Press |
| UCSD | University of California San Diego (USA) |
| UCSF | University of California San Francisco (USA) |
| UCU | University and College Union (UK) |
| UDC | Universal Decimal Classification |
| UDO | University of Derby's student portal |
| UDT | Universal Dataflow and telecommunication - IFLA Core programme |
| UEA | University of East Anglia |
| Ufi | Usage factor |
| Ufi | University for Industry |
| UG | undergraduate |
| UHI | University of the Highlands and Islands (Scotland, UK) |
| UIUC | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| UKAMF | UK Access Management Federation (Jisc) |
| UKAPE | United Kingdom Association of Publishing Educators |
| UKB | The Association of Dutch University Libraries, the Royal Library, and the Library of the Royal Academy of Sciences (The Netherlands) |
| UKCoRR | UK Council of Research Repositories |
| UKERNA | United Kingdom Educational and Research Networking Association |
| UK HE | United Kingdom Higher Education |

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| UKHEI | United Kingdom Higher Education Institution |
| UKMARC | United Kingdom MARC format |
| UKPMC | United Kingdom arm of PubMed Central |
| UKNFP | UK National Focal Point (for European Libraries Programme) |
| UKNUC | United Kingdom Union Catalogue |
| UKOLN | Office for Library and Information Networking (UK) |
| UKRDS | UK Research Data Service |
| UKRI | UK Research and Innovation [replaced RCUK] |
| UKRR | UK Research Reserve project/initiative |
| UKRR-M | working title (2018) of UKRR-style model for Monographs |
| UKSG | United Kingdom Serials Group (now known simply by its acronym: UKSG) |
| ULL | University of Liverpool Library (UK) |
| ULRLS | former name for group of libraries: University of London Research Library Service [see SHL for new group name] |
| UMDS | United Medical and Dental School, University of London |
| UMI | University Microfilms Inc. |
| UML | University of Manchester Library |
| UMLS | unified medical language system |
| UMRCC | University of Manchester Regional Computing Centre |
| UNC | University of North Carolina |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| UNI | Italian national standards institution |
| UNIMARC | Universal MARC format |
| UniProtKB | Universal Protein Knowledge Base |
| UniSA | University of South Australia |
| UNISIST | Universal System for Information in Science and Technology |
| UNIVIE | University of Vienna (not universal abbreviation for this) |
| Unix | a portable operating system - operating on mainframes down to PC's |
| UNMCL | University of Nebraska Medical Center Library |
| UO | University of Ottawa (Canada) |
| UoA | Unit of Assessment (as used in RAEs) |
| UoL | University of Liverpool |
| UoSL | University of Sussex Library |
| UP | Ubiquity Press |
| UPCC | University Press Content Consortium |

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| UPEI | University of Prince Edward Island (Canada) |
| UPTURN | Umbrella Proposal for Telematics for Users and Research Networks |
| UPV | Universitat Politècnica de València |
| UQ | University of Queensland (Australia) |
| UREP | Undergraduate Research Experience Programme (funded by QNRF) |
| URI | uniform resource identifier |
| URICA | automated library system - "Universal Real-time Information Control Administration" - product of McDonnell Douglas Information Systems Ltd. |
| URL | uniform resource locator |
| URN | universal resource name |
| US(A) | United States(of America) |
| USAS | (i) Ulrich's Serials Analysis System (Bowker) |
| USAS | (ii) UCREL Semantic Analysis System (devised at University of Lancaster) |
| USBE | United States Book Exchange |
| USC | University of Southern California (USA) |
| USMARC | United States MARC format |
| USSR | Union Of Soviet Socialist Republics |
| UStat | statistics storage and analysis tool (from Ex Libris) |
| USTC | Universal Short Title Catalogue project (St Andrews University) |
| Uva | University of Virginia (USA) [preferred style: U.Va.] |
| UW | University of Washington |
| UWIC | University of Wales Institute Cardiff |
| UU | University of Ulster |
| UUID | Universally unique identifier |
| UUK | Universities UK |
| UUP | University of Utah Press (USA) |
| UXPA | user experience |
| UXPA | User Experience Professionals Association |
| VAAP | authors agency in former USSR |
| VADL | Victorian Academic Digital Library (CAVAL initiative, Australia) |
| VAN | value-added network |
| VAT | value-added tax |
| VC | Vice Chancellor |
| VCU | Victoria Commonwealth University (US) |
| VGA | video graphics array |
| VIAA | Flemish Institute for Archiving (Vlaams Instituut voor Archivering) (Belgium) |

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| VIAF | Virtual International Authority File |
| V-ISAN | ISAN for different versions of audiovisual publications |
| VITAL | Visitors Information on Transport and Locations - IMPACT project - RARE initiative |
| VIVA | The Virtual Library of Virginia (consortium of 39 public colleges and universities in Virginia, USA) |
| VJOL | Vietnam Journals Online |
| VK | Verbundkatalog maschinenlesbarer Datenrager - German national |
| VL | virtual library |
| VLE | virtual learning environment |
| VOLNET | online information service run by the Volunteer Centre (UK) |
| VoR | version of record |
| VPIEJF-L | discussion list/list server provided by Virginia Polytechnic and University for those interested in electronic publishing |
| VPN | virtual private net |
| VRE | Swedish Research Council |
| VRE | virtual research environment |
| VSAT | very small aperture terminals |
| VSNU | Association of Universities in the Netherlands |
| VT | Virtual Terminal - term used for ISO 9040/9041 for interfacing different kinds of terminals with open systems of VT100 |
| VT100 | series of DEC terminals |
| WAG | Writers' Action Group |
| WAIS | Wide Area Information Service |
| WAME | World Association of Medical Editors |
| WAN | wide area network |
| WAP | (i) wireless application protocol |
| WAP | (ii) Wissenschaftler-Arbeitsplatz-Programm (Germany) |
| Watch | Writers and their Copyright Holders - database of copyright holders being compiled by Reading University Library etc. |
| WAYF | Where are you from? (process used in checking username/password) |
| WAYFless | URL where you are not required to login with username/password |
| WCAG | Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, e.g. WCAG 2.0 |
| WCL | WorldCat Local |
| WCMC | Weill Cornell Medical College (US, and also WCMC-Q in Qatar) |
| WCT | WIPO Copyright Treaty 1996 |

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| WebDoc | project offering users access to electronic journal articles run by a consortium of Dutch and German academic libraries and PICA |
| WECARD | West and Central African Council for Research and Development |
| WG(BBSRC) | Working Group of BBSRC |
| WHEEL | Wales Higher Education Electronic Library |
| WHELP | Wales Higher Education Libraries Forum |
| WILIP | The Wider Information and Library Issues Project |
| WIN | Wissenschaftsnetz - German nationwide x.25 research network |
| WinPac | interface launched by Dynix combining the Z39.50 protocol and the Gopher to allow libraries to share bibliographic information over the Internet |
| WIPO | World Intellectual Property Organization |
| Wisdom | Wellcome Information Service Databases on Medicine |
| WITSA | World Information Technology and Services Alliance |
| WMRLS | West Midlands Regional Library System |
| WMS | Web-scale Management Services (OCLC) |
| WOS | Web of Science |
| WoSEC | Web of Science Enhancement Committee |
| WPG | Willings Press Guide |
| WPPT | WIPO Performance and Phonogram Treaty |
| WSIHE | West Sussex Institute of Higher Education |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |
| WWW [also: W3 | World Wide Web |
| X12 | ANSI standard for electronic data interchange |
| X.25 | CCITT standard specifying the interface between a user's device and the modem , for packet mode operation over a packet switching system |
| X.400 | CCITT definition of a message handling system for public or private electronic mail |
| X.400/MOTIS | see MOTIS |
| X.500 | CCITT definition of the directory function to be used with X.400 e-mail services |
| X.509 | Specification for digital certificates |
| XML | Extensible mark-up language |
| xMOOC | later models of MOOC using mostly video lectures with limited communication outside this |
| XREP | XML request and response protocol |
| YAHOO | Yet Another Hierarchical Official Oracle - Internet search engine |
| YPCVC | Young Professionals Community Volunteer Conference |
| z39.50 | ISO standard for an information retrieval protocol for intersystem searching |
| ZBM, Koln | Zentralbibliothek der Medezin, Koln |

ZDB

Zeitschriftendatenbank - German union catalogue for periodicals maintained by the DBI

