Release 5 progress

We have seen significant progress over the last few of months with more suppliers beginning to provide COUNTER compliant reports. Since June we have added Release 5 (R5) datasets for 37 supplier services, bringing the total number of services to 43. The reports covered are:

- 36 Title Master Reports (TR)
- 43 Platform Master Reports (PR)
- 7 Database Master Reports (TR)

As previously noted, where we are now collecting R5 title reports from a supplier we will no longer collect the R4 on a monthly basis. All data previously collected will remain in JUSP. Participating institutions can see which reports we hold for them in the ‘Your Data’ area of the portal. An overview of suppliers and their status can be viewed here: https://jusp.jisc.ac.uk/participants/.

Open letter published

An open letter calling on providers to expedite the transition to COUNTER Release 5 has been published on the SCONUL website. The letter was co-ordinated by Jisc, SCONUL, RLUK, COUNTER, and the CC-PLUS Steering Committee, with support from international library consortia. You can view the announcement and letter at: https://www.sconul.ac.uk/news/community-call-for-counter-release-5-compliance.

Community advisory group meeting

JUSP’s community advisory group (https://jusp.jisc.ac.uk/cag/) met on 12th November in London. The focus of the meeting was on R5 and we discussed aspects such as progress with publishers and data, development of new reports, and collaboration and engagement activities. During the meeting, we demonstrated two new report features and asked for the group’s feedback.

Challenges and opportunities around R5 were raised throughout the meeting, and have also been highlighted by the wider community through user research. These have been captured and will feed into future update webinars, support guides and training.
What’s next for JUSP - new COUNTER 5 reports

JUSP currently offers a core set of COUNTER standard views and JUSP ‘custom’ views, as well as master report filtering functionality that gives users the flexibility to create their own reports. In addition to these, we wanted to identify further reports that would meet a wide range of use cases and enable librarians to fully exploit COUNTER Release 5. Over the summer we worked with JUSP users to identify challenges and scope out requirements. Following on from this work, we have recently released alternative display options and pre-defined reports to support current user needs in transitioning from R4 to R5. Further summary reports and visualisations are also in development and to be released early next year.

Institutions joining JUSP

Welcome to Shipley College who joined JUSP in October and Carmel College in November.

Examining the Impact of Release 5 on Usage Analysis

Irene Barbers (librarian and member of COUNTER Executive Committee) has written three blog posts looking at the impact of COUNTER Release 5 on journal, book and database usage analysis.

♦ Database  http://www.copyright.com/blog/counter-reporting-release-5-database-reporting/

Upcoming JUSP training

Webinar: COUNTER R4 to R5 transition and comparison with JUSP

The next JUSP webinar on Thursday 5th December will introduce new report features added to JUSP to support libraries in transitioning to R5 and making comparisons with R4. We will also explain our plans for further development and support, give an overview of work to date, and give you an opportunity to ask any questions you have about COUNTER Release 5.

Register at:  https://www.jisc.ac.uk/events/counter-r4-to-r5-transition-and-comparison-with-jusp-05-dec-2019

JUSP COUNTER R5 workshops - Making the switch to COUNTER Release 5 with JUSP

We will also be running workshops focused on R5 in February 2020. The workshop will run in Manchester on 12th February and in London on 25th February. We are also hoping to run another in Scotland—date to be confirmed.

Manchester:  https://www.jisc.ac.uk/events/making-the-switch-to-counter-release-5-with-jusp-12-feb-2020

Webinars from COUNTER

COUNTER ran a webinar on 26th November on R5 book reports and metrics. The recording and slides are available on the COUNTER website:  https://www.projectcounter.org/all-about-book-reports-and-metrics-webinar/. You can also sign up to future webinars scheduled for early next year.

COUNTER Foundation Classes

COUNTER have produced several short video tutorials explaining various aspects of the new COUNTER Release 5 reports. These videos offer a quick introduction to COUNTER Release 5 and give you good grounding in the basics. You can access the videos and the slides from the COUNTER website here:  https://www.projectcounter.org/counter-foundation-classes/.

The latest tutorial gives practical tips and guidance for working with R5 reports in Excel.