



Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting

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Interoperability through Metadata Exchange

The Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH) is a low-barrier mechanism for repository interoperability. *Data Providers* are repositories that expose structured metadata via OAI-PMH. *Service Providers* then make OAI-PMH service requests to harvest that metadata. OAI-PMH is a set of six verbs or services that are invoked within HTTP.

OAI-PMH Community Resources

- [Ask questions, announce services, or make suggestions on the OAI-PMH Google group](#)
- [Data providers](#)
 - [Register as a data provider](#)
 - [Validation and registration](#)
- [Service providers](#)
 - [Register as a service provider](#)
- [OAI-PMH Tools](#) - Software and tools for data providers and service providers.

OAI-PMH Core Resources

- [OAI-PMH Version 2.0 Specification](#)
Describes the six OAI-PMH verbs, the XML schema for responses to verbs, and the underlying data model
- [Implementation Guidelines](#)
A supplement to the OAI-PMH Version 2.0 Specification that includes guidelines for implementers and guidelines for specific application domains.
- [Static Repository Specification](#)
Provides a simple approach for exposing relatively stable and small collections of metadata records through the OAI-PMH.