

Building an online subject bibliography service: RePEc in Economics

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- 840,000 items indexed
- 720,000 linked
- 4,000 series

Use of collected data

- EconPapers, IDEAS, Socionet, NEP
- EconomistsOnline
- Inomics, Q-Sensei, Decomate
- Google Scholar
- Econlit
- WorldCat

Elsewhere?

- ArXiv
- SPIRES
- CogPrints
- Agecon Search
- SSRN
- PhilPapers
- rclis, E-LIS

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