

OJS Report Generator: Examples and Tips



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A few tips for using the Report Generator

- The Report Generator can be found here:
Home > User > Journal Management > Stats & Reports > Generate Custom Report
- Note that the current day's data will not be available until the next day
- The generator works like a funnel for data. The trick is to narrow down the bigger elements (such as date range), select what you're interested in from there (issues, articles, etc.) then tweak the data at the end (i.e. sort by number of downloads).
- The Report Generator is most useful if you use the *Advanced Options*. All the examples below make use of the advanced options.
- The Report Generator spits out a URL at the very bottom that allows you to re-run your query at any time! Make sure to copy and save the URL somewhere so that you can re-run your search later (it will disappear once the page is reloaded).
- This section in the simple search...

Aggregate stats by:

☐ Country ☐ Region ☐ City ☐ Month ☐ Day

...is actually repeated in the "Columns" section below...along with a number of other options. (Visible in the advanced options.)

-Columns-

Define the columns that will be used the reports, but also defines the agg will sum all views from an object fro will have a row for each day.

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Month
File Type

Example: How well has a particular (i.e. most recent) issue performed over the last few months?

This particular query will give you a monthly count of how many full text galley downloads have been downloaded from a particular issue. You'll have a column for month and total count for month, and a separate row for every month.

- Under "Default report templates" select "Article file downloads" from the dropdown list
- Uncheck all boxes in the "Aggregate stats by"
- Click on the "Month" radio button and enter date range under "Or select range by"

Report Generator

Default report templates

Article file downloads

Aggregate stats by:

☐ Country ☐ Region ☐ City ☐ Month ☐ Day

Select report range

☐ Today
☐ Current month

Or select range by:

☐ Day ☒ Month

From

2015 January

Until

2015 August

- Select only "Month" under Columns

Columns

Define the columns that will be used to build the report. The columns you select here not only define which data will be presented inside the reports, but also defines the aggregation level of the statistics. For example, if you choose ID, Type and Month columns, the report will sum all views from an object from one month and will present that data in one row. If you choose Day instead of Month, each object will have a row for each day.

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- We want only a very light filtering of our data. Select the issue that you're interested in, for example "Vol 6 (2004)" here. We also want to select only "Galley" under "By object type"

Filters

By context

Narrow results by context (issue and/or article).

Issues

Vol 6 (2004)
Vol 2 (2000)
Vol 1 (1999)
Vol 3 (2001)
Vol 4-5 (2002)



Articles

"Remembering Well": Sexual Practice as a Practice of Remembering
Tangled Memories of a Wounded Storyteller: Notes on Bear History and Cu
Crossing the Border to Memory: In Search of Clive Michael Boutilier (1933-
Remembering Tom: The Gay Games' Ego Ideal and Ideal Ego
"What We Do Well": Writing the Pussy Palace into a Queer Collective Memor
The Dahlia Field
In the Absence of Security: A Memoir
The AIDS Quilt Text(ile) Now: Tensions Between Memorialization and Activ
Queer Hermeneutics: Who is that Queer/n in the Picture? Contemporary Ph
Information
Full Text Replica

By object type and/or object id

Narrow results by object type (journal, issue, article, pdf galley, other galley) and/or by one or more object id(s).

Object Type

Issue
Issue Galley
Article
Galley



File Type

PDF
HTML
Other

Object id

Define one or more object ids, comma separated (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5).

- Ignore the "By geo location" and "Order by" options, and click "Generate custom report"
- You'll end up with a very simple monthly report of the galley downloads for the one issue of interest for your journal.

OJS usage statistics report		
OJS default usage statistics report (COUNTER ready)		
Metric: ojs::counter		
Report URL: [hidden url]		
	Month	Count
	201501	148
	201502	235
	201503	82
	201504	75
	201505	61
	201506	23
	201507	17
	201508	21

Save the URL at the bottom of the page for your records!

Example: What are the most downloaded articles over the last 5 years?

This report will present a list of article titles (and the issues they come from) ordered by descending download counts.

- Select “Article file downloads” from the dropdown box.
- Uncheck all boxes under “Aggregate stats by”
- Select the “Month” radio button and enter a date range

Report Generator

Default report templates

Article file downloads

Aggregate stats by:

☐ Country
☐ Region
☐ City
☐ Month
☐ Day

Select report range

☐ Today
☐ Current month

Or select range by:

☐ Day
☒ Month

From

2015
January

Until

2015
August

- Select only “Article” and “Issue” under Columns. We’ll be narrowing down the type at a later point in the query.

Columns

Define the columns that will be used to build the report. The columns you select here not only define which data will be presented inside the reports, but also defines the aggregation level of the statistics. For example, if you choose ID, Type and Month columns, the report will sum all views from an object from one month and will present that data in one row. If you choose Day instead of Month, each object will have a row for each day.

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Journal
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Region
Country
Day
Month
File Type



- Ignore the “By context” area, but select “Galley” under “by object type”. This will ensure that you’re looking at all possible article downloads (for all galley types).

Filters

By context

Narrow results by context (issue and/or article).

Issues

Vol 6 (2004)
Vol 2 (2000)
Vol 1 (1999)
Vol 3 (2001)
Vol 4-5 (2002)

Articles

By object type and/or object id

Narrow results by object type (journal, issue, article, pdf galleys, other galleys) and/or by one or more object id(s).

Object Type

Issue
Issue Galley
Article
Galley



File Type

PDF
HTML
Other

Object id

Define one or more object ids, comma separated (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5).

- Ignore “geo location” (not shown here)
- “Order by” will arrange your articles in descending order by number of downloads. To achieve this, select “Count” in the first drop down box, and the select “Descending”.

Order by

Count	Descending
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction

Generate custom report

- The resulting report will appear as follows (truncated):

A	B	C	D
OJS usage statistics report			
OJS default usage statistics report (COUNTER ready)			
Metric: ojs::counter			
Report URL: [url hidden]			
	Article	Issue	Count
	Random article title	Vol 4-5 (2002)	115
	Article about something	Vol 1 (1999)	50
	Another article title	Vol 4-5 (2002)	43
	Article titles are fun	Vol 3 (2001)	41
	The article: an exploration	Vol 2 (2000)	41
	Fun with articles: a reprise	Vol 3 (2001)	39
	Re-imagining the article	Vol 4-5 (2002)	30
	The everyday article	Vol 2 (2000)	29

- Save your URL at the bottom of the page!

Example: What's our most popular issue?

This query displays a count of fulltext downloads for each journal issue and orders the results from highest to lowest.

- Select "Article file downloads" from the dropdown box.
- Uncheck all boxes under "Aggregate stats by"
- Select the "Month" radio button and enter a date range

Default report templates

Article file downloads

Aggregate stats by:

☐ Country ☐ Region ☐ City ☐ Month ☐ Day

Select report range

☐ Today ☐ Current month

Or select range by: ☐ Day ☒ Month

From 1999 January **Until** 2015 August

enter date range

- Under columns, click on "Issue"

Columns

Define the columns that will be used to build the report. The columns you select here not only define which data will be presented inside the reports, but also defines the aggregation level of the statistics. For example, if you choose ID, Type and Month columns, the report will sum all views from an object from one month and will present that data in one row. If you choose Day instead of Month, each object will have a row for each day.

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File Type

- Under "Filters", ignore "By context" and select "Galley" under "By object type..."
- Ignore "By geo location"

By object type and/or object id

Narrow results by object type (journal, issue, article, pdf galleys, other galleys) and/or by one or more object id(s).

Object Type

Issue
Issue Galley
Article
Galley

File Type

PDF
HTML
Other

Object id

Define one or more object ids, comma separated (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5).

- Under "Order by", select "Count" from the left dropdown box and "Descending" from the right dropdown box.

Order by

Count	Descending
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction

- Run your report! Here's what you'll get...

A	B	C	D
OJS usage statistics report			
OJS default usage statistics report (COUNTER ready)			
Metric: ojs::counter			
Report URL: [url hidden]			
	Issue	Count	
	Vol 4-5 (2002)	355	
	Vol 3 (2001)	213	
	Vol 2 (2000)	167	
	Vol 1 (1999)	143	
	Vol 6 (2004)	131	

Example: What countries are downloading our articles (for a specific date interval)?

This query will display aggregate counts for fulltext downloads by country in descending order. Note that one will need to specify a date range.

- Select "Article file downloads" from the dropdown box.
- Uncheck all boxes under "Aggregate stats by"
- Select the "Month" radio button and enter a date range

Default report templates

Article file downloads

Aggregate stats by:

☐ Country ☐ Region ☐ City ☐ Month ☐ Day

Select report range

☐ Today ☐ Current month

Or select range by:

☐ Day ☒ Month

From 2014 September **Until** 2015 August

- Select only “Journal” and “Country” under Columns. We’ll be narrowing down the type at a later point in the query.

Columns

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File Type

- Ignore the “By context” area, but select “Galley” under “by object type”. This will ensure that you’re looking at all possible article downloads (for all galley types).

By object type and/or object id

Narrow results by object type (journal, issue, article, pdf galleys, other galleys) and/or by one or more object id(s).

Object Type

Issue
Issue Galley
Article
Galley

File Type

PDF
HTML
Other

Object id

Define one or more object ids, comma separated (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5).

- Under “Order by”, select “Count” from the left dropdown box and “Descending” from the right dropdown box.

Order by

Count	Descending
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction
Columns	Direction

Generate custom report

- Run the report...here's what you'll get...
- Don't forget to save your URL to run at a later date

A	B	C	D
	OJS usage statistics report		
	OJS default usage statistics report (COUNTER ready)		
	Metric: ojs::counter		
	Report URL: [hidden url]		
	Journal	Country	Count
	Journal Title	DE	10429
	Journal Title	US	2479
	Journal Title	CN	1464
	Journal Title	CA	1146
	Journal Title	FR	414
	Journal Title	RU	286
	Journal Title	KR	195
	Journal Title	GB	177
	Journal Title	UA	143
	Journal Title	LU	126
	Journal Title	JP	119
	Journal Title	RO	117
	Journal Title	NL	106