The Future of the OPAC Newfoundland & Labrador Library Association May 2nd, 2008

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State of the OPAC

- Old technology, proprietary architecture
- Not easy to customize or integrate with other services
- Weds an inventory control tool with a discovery tool
- Functions reasonably well for locating known physical items cataloged within the library's collection.
- Marketplace provides a disincentive for vendors to re-write their ILS "code monolith"

State of the OPAC: ILS Vendors

Company	ILS Product	Market	Open Source
Innovative Interfaces	Millenium	Academic	Ν
SirsiDynix	Symphony	Public, Academic, K-12	Ν
Ex Libris	Aleph, Voyageur	Academic	Ν
Follet	Destiny	K-12	Ν
Auto Graphics	AGent VERSO	Small libraries	Ν
Polaris	Polaris ILS	Public	Ν
TLC	CARLX	Public	Ν
LibLime	Koha	Small libraries	Y
Equinox	Evergreen	Public	Y

Missing OPAC Functionality

- Spell checking
- RSS Feeds
- De-duping (FRBR)
- Relevancy Ranking
- Faceted search results
- User-generated reviews
- End-user tagging, bookmarking, alerting services
- Support for non-MARC formats
- Integrated searching with other sources

OPAC Add-Ons

Company	Add-On Product	Features
Innovative Interfaces	Encore	Relevancy, Facets, Tagging, Ratings, Federated Search
SirsiDynix	Enterprise, Single Search	Relevancy, Facets, Federated Search
Ex Libris	Primo, Metalib	Relevancy, Facets, Federated Search
LibLime	Koha Zoom	Integrated Federated Search
TLC	Endeca, Aquabrowser	Relevancy, Facets, Visual Search
Serials Solutions	360, Webfeat, Vivisimo	SaaS, Facets, Federated Search
OCLC	Worldcat Local	SaaS, Facets
Homegrown/Open Source	Scriblio, VuFind, Drupal, Fac-Back-OPAC (Solr)	OPAC Replacements, Relevancy, Facets, Tagging, Reviews

The Big Issues

Maintenance

• Search

User-generated content

Integration

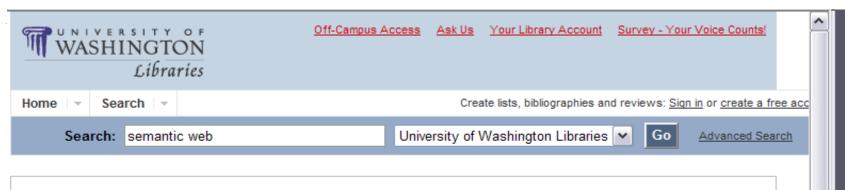
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Maintenance: Solutions

- High overhead for maintaining MARC records
- Authorities processing services (e.g. Marcive)
- TOC services (e.g. Blackwell's North America)
- Content Enrichment (e.g. book covers, reviews, author bios)
- Serials Solutions MARC record service
- OCLC delivery of MARC records that match the materials you order through vendors, library holdings automatically updated in WorldCat.
- Software as a Service: Remote hosting of ILS/OPAC

Maintenance: WorldCat Local

- Uses bibliographic records from Worldcat.org
- Relevancy ranking
- Multiple versions of a work together under one record
- Faceted browse
- Citation formatting/exporting
- Cover art and additional evaluative content.





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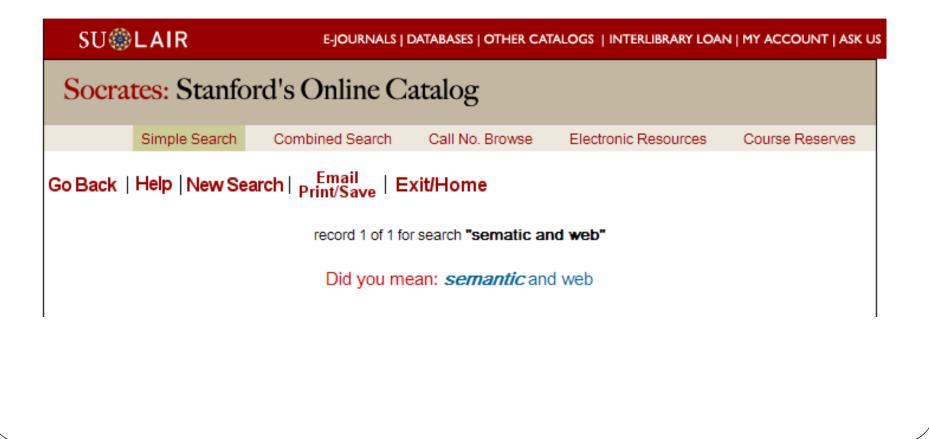
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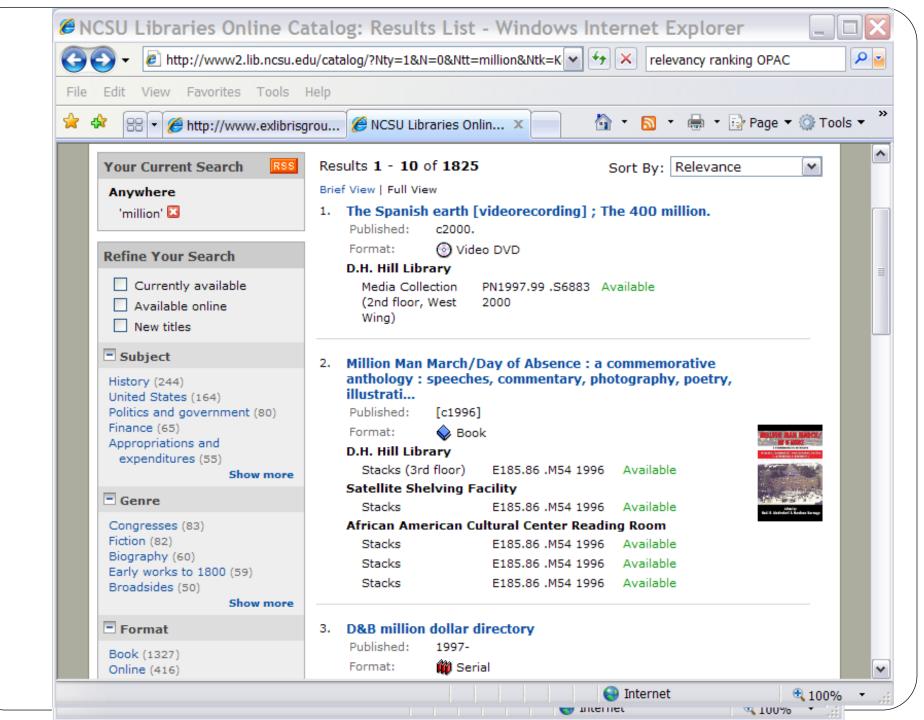
Search: Spelling

• Third party add-on: Lucien spell check



Search: Relevancy ranking

- Traditional Boolean, Last-in First-out sorting is not very good for large result sets or full-text indexes.
- Relevancy ranking algorithms are based on:
 - Term frequency
 - Inverse document frequency (the fewer times the term shows up in the entire database, the more important, or unique, it is.)
 - Field weighting (allows a word to be considered more relevant if it appears in certain fields e.g. 245)
 - Proximity of query words
 - Stemming: variant word forms



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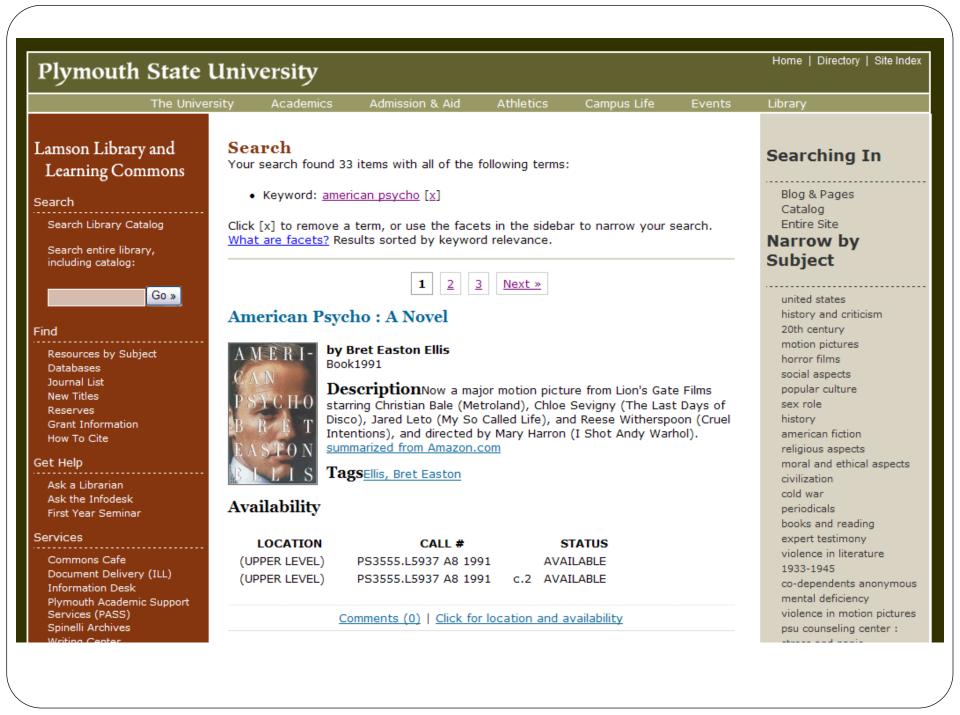
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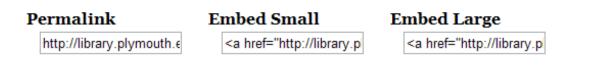
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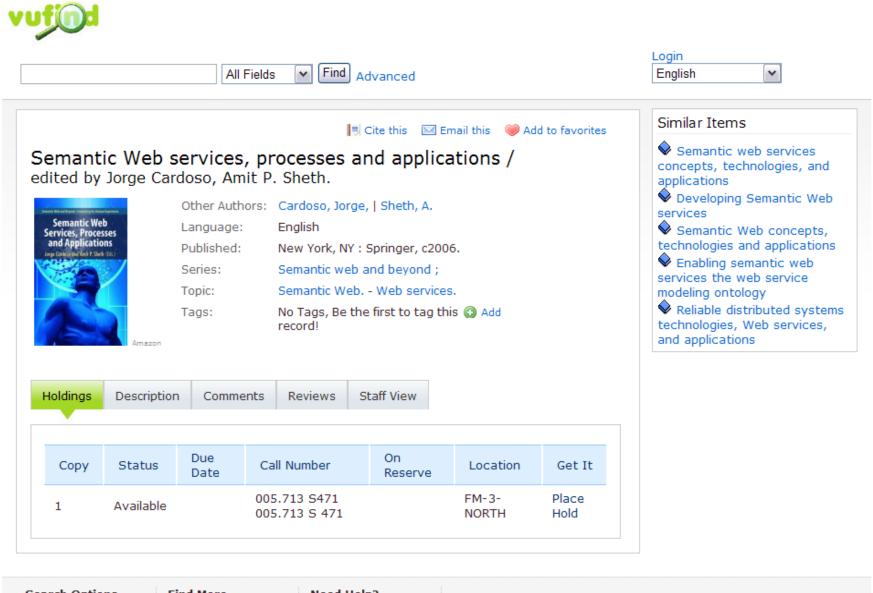


Integration: Union Indexes

• BlackLight at University of Virginia

- ~3.7M MARC records
- ~500 text object subset from the <u>Digital Collections Repository</u>
- 320 Tang Dynasty Chinese poems from the <u>Chinese Text Initiative</u>
- Records are harvested into Solr/Lucene, and a common XML structure is applied to allow for searching and sorting of several sources simultaneously

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Trends

- Decoupling the front-end interface from the back-end ILS
- Relevancy ranking & facets
- User-generated content
- Portability, exposing metadata to mash-ups
- Open architecture & web standards
- Catalogue as one of many useful targets

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