

The Implementation of PRIMO at the British Library

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Why PRIMO?

- PRIMO is a 1st step in implementing new search and navigation technologies
 - Offers functionality we need for new core services
 - Promise of scalability
 - Community dialogue on development path
 - Try out new models of digital discovery and access services

Why PRIMO?

- Potential to integrate with wider systems developments
- Component of 'next generation' digital library management system

BUT

- No settled market place – what will 'next generation' look like?
- Scale and complexity of digital requirements not fully known yet

Resource Discovery Strategy at the BL

- Developing strategy for next generation of discovery and access services to library collections and research information
- What do users want?
 - Larger aggregations of data
 - Single point of discovery
 - Integration with delivery and access services

Resource Discovery Strategy at the BL

What is our focus?

- Integrate all baseline discovery services
- Develop digital discovery and access services
- Explore and implement new technologies
- Integrate Web 2.0 services where possible

British Library Catalogue Records

Current numbers of records in main databases:

- Main BL Catalogue 14,586,000
- English Short Title Catalogue 500,000
- Register of Preservation Microforms 215,000
- Integrated Archives and Manuscripts 2,500,000
- Sound Archive 3,107,000

TOTAL 20,800,000

User Feedback on PRIMO

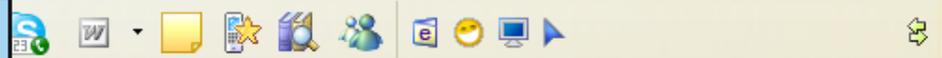
Sessions arranged to ask for feedback from groups of users:

- A first look at the BL PRIMO - post graduate students 4th June
- Reading Room Focus Groups 24th June
- Specialist testing laboratory 29th June
- Useful sessions which gave some specific pointers



My Web Search

Facet analysis supports more flexible searching across larger datasets, but review of our data structures is needed to give more meaningful mapping of data for network users.



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Tagging holds potential for more intuitive search and navigation, but needs more research to understand benefit to researchers

Feedback suggests star rated reviews may be more useful than tagging to researchers

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How is the PRIMO project being managed?

Project plan phased to account for:

- New releases of software – more frequent than usual
- Addition of new data sets
- Development of new functionality
- Improvements to Web 2.0 capabilities

These changes will be continuous leading to a situation of “permanent beta” for the project

Managing the configuration

Configuration Panel set up to:

- Manage configuration work in a co-ordinated manner
- Review configuration on a regular basis as new data streams come online
- Talk to stakeholders outside the group as required
- Act as a discussion group for issues and concerns regarding configuration
- Managing communications with readers and staff

PRIMO Project Plan 1

Project plan set up with three week iterations for configuration to:

- Agree configuration set up
- Implement changes
- Review changes
- Agree carry over of any changes not completed
- Agree next configuration set up

PRIMO project plan 2 – developing digital discovery

In parallel with development of digital infrastructure:

- Both internally and externally hosted services
- Phase 1 – deposit of e-journals with table of contents and abstract metadata
- Phase 2 – full text digitised e-books
 - 80k available through OPAC
- Phase 3 – Newspapers
 - 3 million pages currently available via 3rd party service
 - c. 750m pages in total
- Phase 4 – other content types (e.g. digitised manuscripts)

How do we want PRIMO to develop?

- Full text search – ASAP!
- Scale - increase beyond 35m records
- Specific support and enriched functionality for digital content types
 - Images
 - Sound
 - Newspapers
- Clear roadmap on timescales and development plans
- PRIMO and URM - how will they work together?
- Support for users working in new ways

Thank you
Any Questions?