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The Transportation Libraries Catalog in FirstSearch

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Agenda

- Project overview
- Using FirstSearch
 - Searching and managing results
 - Customizing in the Admin Module
 - -Using the ILL staff view
- Set up
 - Access methods
 - -Guest account

Questions are encouraged



















Transportation Libraries Catalog

- Subscription period
 - March 1, 2004 through February 28, 2005
- Subscription access to
 - Transportation libraries catalog
 - WorldCat
 - Other databases, optional (based on FS autho)























Using FirstSearch



Access to FirstSearch

- Logon
 - http://firstsearch.oclc.org
- Compatible web browsers
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer
 - Netscape Navigator
 - Lynx (provided by the library or user)
- Administrative Module
 - http://firstsearch.oclc.org/admin
 - Use current FS autho/password



















WorldCat

OCLC's database that contains more than 54 million records representing 914,333,515 library locations, as of February 28, 2004.



















WorldCat Features

- Some features will be in WorldCat, not TransCat
- For example,
 - –Hot Topics



















WorldCat Features

- Differences on search screen depending on DB selected
- WorldCat provides
 - -No limit to Transportation libraries
- TransCat
 - -Limit to "Libraries Worldwide"
 - -Same search results as WorldCat



















Search Results

- Title Phrase Search
 - "Forensic investigation of pavement distress"
- View resulting record
- Select subject
 - "pavement distress" to broaden search results
 - Note: TransCat "Libraries Worldwide" and WorldCat deliver same results set
- Sort results by
 - Number of libraries (default)
 - Title
 - Author
 - Date



















Note about Advanced search screen

- Select different database from dropdown list
 - Available databases are listed alphabetically
 - Update note appears next to database list
 - Last time database was updated
- Searches and limits are persistent
 - Must use "Clear" clear all persistent values - before performing new search



















Online Help

- Context Sensitive Help
 - Appears at top of pop-up window
 - Is available anytime
- Help Topics Menu
 - Includes links to overview, database specific information, and index of topics
- Search Within Online Help























TransCat Guest Account



TransCat Guest Account

Purpose

- Provide access to the group catalog for web site visitors
- Good for regional patrons or others where IP-address recognition is not available

Set Up

- Establish web site link using CGI web script for automatic logon.
 - Link to group catalog basic search screen.
 - Group catalog is only database available.















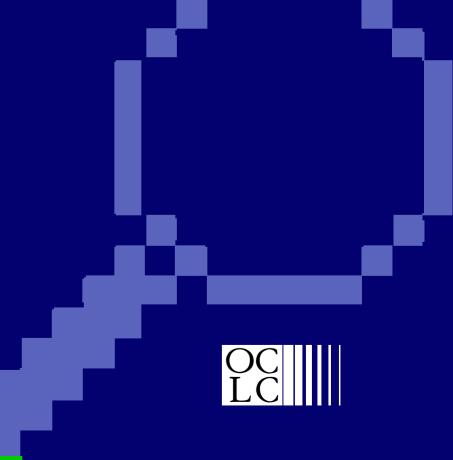








Access Methods



Access: IP-Address Recognition

- Set up in Admin module,
 - Specify IP-address ranges
 - Specify default autho and password
- Add FirstSearch link to library web page
 - Patrons coming from valid IP will be automatically logged on to FirstSearch.
 - Others will not be logged on but given the chance to logon manually.
 - FirstSearch logon screen



















Features of IP-address recognition

Automatic logon

Good for managing multiple FS authos

FirstSearch screen

Bypass Home screen and point to specific database search screen

Exit page

Specify library's home page, or return to page that contains FS link

Session control

- Ends session when another patron starts a new session from the same workstation
- Release subscription ports that are not being used often more quickly than timeout

Timeout periods

Customize lengths here that are not available in Admin Module



















Limitations of IP-address recognition

- Does not automatically update changes in authorizations or IP-addresses
 - Make these changes in Admin Module
- Does not collect or distribute statistics based on IP-addresses
 - Statistics are based on author

- Does not support remote access
 - Use CGI web scripting instead



















IP-Address Recognition Help

- IP-Address Recognition: Getting Started
 - http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/gett ing_started/ipweb/default.htm



















CGI Web Scripting

- Automatic Logon Scripting for FirstSearch
 - http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/fi rstsearch/managing/auto_logon/default.htm
- Installation and usage requirements:
 - A local HTTP server that complies with Common Gateway Interface (CGI) 1.1, and
 - A system administrator who has server-configuration and CGI-applications knowledge.



















OCLC provides

- Web Script License Terms and Conditions
 - http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/software/we bscript/webscript-2.0/LICENSE
- FirstSearch Web Script Script Template, latest version (2.00)
 - http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/software/we bscript/default.htm



















OCLC support for CGI

- OCLC does support access to FS using scripts based on the OCLC-supplied script template
- Because of the many variables involved (web servers, operating systems, hardware), OCLC does NOT
 - perform server or CGI configuration support
 - support custom scripts























FirstSearch Administrative Module



Administrative Module Design

- Account Information
- Authentication/Access
- Fulfillment
- Resource Linking
- Interface Display



















Account Information

- Account Information
 - Institution
 - -Per-search account
 - Subscription account
 - Per-article account



















Authentication

- Database Access
- Passwords
- IP Address Recognition
- NCIP
- General



















Passwords

- System password
- Administrative password
- Statistics password
- Full-text password



















Fulfillment

- Patron ILL settings
- Staff ILL settings
- Per-article purchase
- OpenURL Links



















Staff ILL settings

- Staff ILL settings
 - Enter ILL autho to link it to FS autho
- Create/edit constant data records
 - Same list as from ILL interface
 - (web or Passport)
- Save changes























ILL Staff View in FirstSearch



One project, three goals

- By summer 2004
 - ILL through FirstSearch Staff View
 - Improvements along the way
 - NCIP-based authentication (done)
 - NCIP-based place hold (interoperability testing)





















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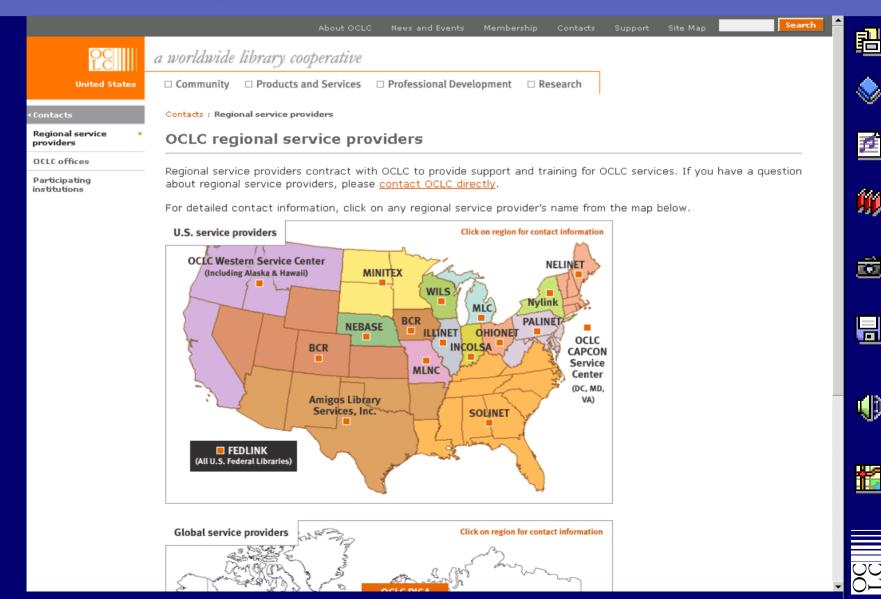








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