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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)



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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 drop-down 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



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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.



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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 autho
- 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/getting_started/ipweb/default.htm



CGI Web Scripting

- Automatic Logon Scripting for FirstSearch
 - http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/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.



OCCLC provides

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



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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



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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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