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Next Generation Integrated Library Management Systems: Shifting Gears and Standards, and the Philosopher's Stone

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Nuclear Libraries: Raison d'être





The ILMS: Reasons for Change

- > Web 2.0
- Google search
- > Online media convergence
- Information silos no longer suffice – open access
- > Electronic resources
- Workflows change
- New trends in users' information behaviour
- Decrease of library staff
- Data intensive science

Next
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Integrated
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Management
System



Commercial ILMSs: Reality Check

- > Electronic resource management (incl. licencing)
- no multiple platforms/metadata
- services platform for both user and librarian
- no e-Book management (additional platform)
- > Flexible metadata management
- from locally managed metadata to globally shared workflows
- MARC, RDA, VRA, ONIX, SUSHI, Bibframe, OAI etc.
- unforeseen metadata structures, ease of re-drafting existing ones?



Commercial ILMSs: Reality Check (cont.)

- Cater for changes in library workflows
- consolidated print, digital resources and electronic workflows, unified management of resources
- support for the non-linear library workflow?
- The ILMS as a service (the cloud)
- game-changer: externally hosted
- reconsider advertised savings
- information security and transaction log policies
- Discovery layer
- search all resources at one go; leap ahead
- includes web 2.0 and HTML 5 aspects
- informed by ODI
- additional module, extra cost



Open Source ILMSs: Reality Check

> Cost

- lower compared to commercial ILMSs
- some hidden charges
- new companies can support implementation, maintenance and staff training

> Services

- similar to commercial ILMSs (incl. cloud based)
- no one-size-fits-all, customizable (in-house team)
- need for thorough test runs

> Status

- early stage of development; however no issue of viability; support communities are now being built
- libraries can have a say on future direction
- could market fragmentation impede collaboration?

Conclusion

> Challenge

No concrete body of literature about the next generation

ILMSs evaluation, maintenance and performance

- ✓ Customize
- ✓ Compromise
- ✓ "Save the time of the reader"

Thank you for your attention!

