

DALNET Hosts Visitor from South African Consortium

In May 1998, the DALNET Office at Wayne State University was visited by Karen Esterhuyse, an Authority Control Librarian and head of the Database Management Team at the University of South Africa (UNISA) in Pretoria.

Karen obtained a grant from UNISA to attend several library conferences in the United States this year and, after reading library articles about DALNET by Anaclare Evans of Wayne State University, Karen decided to fit the DALNET Office into her busy itinerary as well.

WSU as "Authority Central"

Of particular interest to Karen were Anaclare's experiences with DALNET and WSU's role as "Authority Central" for DALNET members. UNISA had recently formed a consortium of its own, the Gauteng and Environs Library Consortium (GAELIC), comprised of eleven academic libraries in South Africa. UNISA would soon be serving as systems host and authority-control resource for GAELIC, a role similar to that of WSU's for DALNET.

Karen wanted to learn as much as she could about the challenges involved in such a relationship, including issues as varied as who takes responsibility for what records, how shared authority work is accomplished, and the ways in which standards and policies are created and implemented in a large consortium. DALNET seemed the ideal site to visit, because of its unique composition and large size.

After meeting with Anaclare, Karen

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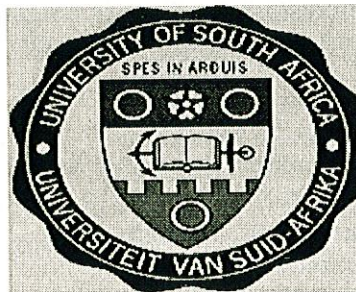
Horizon Migration Advice: Identify Records for Use in Test Database

There has been a flurry of excitement recently, in preparation for DALNET's migration to Horizon, including the formation of several committees to recommend decisions about Horizon features for DALNET's union catalog, such as search indexes, WebPAC design, StaffPAC design, Cataloging/Authority design, and more.

In the meantime, University of Detroit-Mercy's individual migration is well underway. One of its recent tasks was to select approximately 525 records for use in a test Horizon database. This test database will be thoroughly examined by UDM and the DALNET Office to determine the ways that existing data in NOTIS will be handled in the new system. The test database will also allow system planners to check for evidence of any conversion problems before the actual production load is begun in late July 1998.

UDM's experience in collecting records for the test database demonstrates that it may be beneficial for other DALNET libraries to begin identifying records now for their own test databases. DALNET libraries should select approximately 300-500 of their NOTIS bibliographic records (the rest of the records for the test database can be selected randomly by

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Technical Posts

This column contains various database facts, updates, and announcements from DALNET staff. Room will also be reserved for technical hints, tips, and reminders contributed by technical staff at DALNET member institutions. Please send your contributions to DALNET Office c/o WSU, Detroit, or send email to ab7155@wayne.edu.

- Help screens describing MARC fields, indicators and subfields are available within any bibliographic or authority record in OCLC. When displaying a record, simply type *help* <MARC tag><F11>, and you will see the information for the chosen MARC field. Use <RET><F10> to return to the record.
- If you haven't already subscribed, you may be interested in MICHLIBTECH, sponsored by the Michigan Library Association for those involved in library technology. To subscribe, send email to listserv@news.gvsu.edu, with *subscribe michlibtech* in the body of the message.
- You may have noticed that some searches in NOTIS retrieve authority records when others don't, despite the fact that the searches seem to be identical! When a space is inadvertently typed at the end of the search command, it won't retrieve the desired authority record. The solution is to make sure there are no spaces included after your search commands.
- To search OCLC for name-title authority records for works written by prolific authors, or when large numbers of titles are shown in the index, use the following as an example to construct your search: To search for **100:00: Aristotle. St Politics. \$I English** type *sca pn aristotle* <F11> Once the index is displayed, type *sca 9 politics english* <F11>. (Number 9 represents the line number for Aristotle in the index.)
- If you are logged into NOTIS, toggling from staff mode to public mode and vice versa is easy: 1.) To get from LUIS to NOTIS, simply display a desired record online, type a "greater than" symbol (>) and press ENTER. The same record you originally displayed in LUIS will now be displayed in staff mode. 2.) To get from NOTIS to LUIS, use a search command for author, title, subject or keyword in the form of *FI T GONE WITH THE WIND*, *FI S GROUNDHOG* or *FI K BEAUTY*, etc., after your 4-digit LTXX code. Your must type your search command over the current default command (usually *more* or *done*) and make sure that no unwanted characters appear after your search command.

DALNET STANDARDS & STATS

- The LUIS system's World Wide Web gateway services have been reactivated as of June 1, 1998. For those remote users with Z39.50 clients, LUIS may be accessed on luis.wayne.edu, port 210.
- NOTIS LMS release 6.4.1.1 was installed over the Memorial Day weekend, 1998. For the most part, the enhancements are in the background (affecting staff users only). Please see the DALNET NOTIS LMS 6.4.1.1 Briefing Document from A. Evans at: <http://www.libraries.wayne.edu/dalnet/6411brief.html>.
- The *DALNET Online Subject Authority File* policy has been revised by the DALNET Database Standards Committee and approved by Project Managers as of 4/98. A copy of the approved policy is available at: <http://www.libraries.wayne.edu/dalnet/dalstand3.html>

Shared DALNET Databases as of April 1998

Authority Records	945,484
Course Reserves	31,468
Patron Records	671,514
Patron Billing Records	4,891,243
Total Shared Records	6,546,563

DALNET DATA

DALNET DATA is published three times per year (Fall, Winter, Spring/Summer) and is produced by the Wayne State University Libraries' Database Management Team, with contributions from member institutions and DALNET staff.

DALNET, the Detroit Area Library Network, is a consortium of multi-type institutions in the tri-county area of metropolitan Detroit, sharing resources to provide its information seekers a variety of information services using advanced information technology systems. Wayne State University serves as the host institution for DALNET.

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Bibliographic Record Overlay Commands: BOVL in NOTIS and GTO Record Targeting in OCLC

There are two ways that you can overlay specific NOTIS bibliographic records with other bibliographic records: using BOVL commands in NOTIS or using GTO Record Targeting when exporting records from OCLC into NOTIS.

BOVL Command in NOTIS

The BOVL command permits authorized users to overlay an existing NOTIS bibliographic record with another NOTIS bibliographic record from the same institution or from another institution within DALNET. This command saves time and money by circumventing the need to transfer records from OCLC. Catalogers can use it to overlay provisional bibliographic records created for ordering purposes, and it is useful for database management procedures in which a bibliographic record in the database does not match the actual holdings. After this procedure, only the original NOTIS record number, date of creation, and processing unit codes are retained on the overlaid bibliographic record.

Important: It may be necessary to delete "other institution" (local) information from the bib, and also to replace "your institution"-specific information, such as certain 740 fields. All other records attached to the bib, such as copy holdings and order statements, will remain unchanged.

Note: Any cataloging elements that are no longer supported by the current NOTIS release will need to be updated before the overlaid record will be accepted by the system. After completing this procedure, it may be necessary to update holdings on OCLC. This can be done by either using the "tape" command, or by manually updating OCLC bibliographic records, using the U <F11> command.

The general BOVL command structure is: **ltxx bovl aaa1234 aaa5678 xx**

Elements	Definitions
ltxx	transaction code for library doing the BOVL command. Libraries can only request their own records be overlaid
bovl	bibliographic overlay command
aaa1234	NOTIS record number of record to be overlaid
aaa5678	NOTIS record number of record used to do the overlay
xx	processing unit code of record being used to do the overlay. (Note: If both records are for the same processing unit, i.e. a library is overlaying one of its own records with another of its own records, it is not necessary to repeat the processing unit code here)

Two examples where a staff member might wish to use the BOVL Command are provided in the next table.

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discussed authority control and database management work further with Birong Ho, WSU Authority Control Librarian, and Adriene Lim, DALNET Liaison. She also enjoyed a tour of another DALNET member institution: the Research Library at the Detroit Institute of Arts, courtesy of DIA Art Librarian Mary Galvin.

Thanks to Anaclare Evans' work, DALNET --- at least on this trip ---- joined the ranks of Library of Congress as one of the most important library sites to visit in the United States! For more information about the University of South Africa and GAELIC, visit:

<http://www.unisa.ac.za/library/index.html>
and
<http://www.sabinet.co.za/gaelic/home.html>



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DALNET systems analysts) for the test. The selections should be based upon a goal of trying to include as many different types of the institution's NOTIS records and unique cataloging situations as possible, including records for various formats, special notations, unique diacritics, uncommon displays in LUIS, etc. Records with unusually long contents notes, data in obsolete fields, numerous attached item records, complicated MARC holdings, and records with many different locations are also some additional possibilities for inclusion in the test.

DALNET libraries may find it's best to ask for suggested NOTIS records from a variety of staff members who use the database, including circulation staff and reference librarians. When the records are selected, DALNET libraries should keep track of the records' NOTIS ID numbers, brief reason for selection and, if applicable, the records' corresponding OCLC or utility control numbers (035 field). Doing so will help system planners locate the records faster in the test database to view them for their specific characteristics.

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Example	Command
Botsford Hospital wishes to overlay one of its provisional records (aaa2323) with a "full" bibliographic record in the WSU database (afm3467)	ltbh bovl aaa2323 afm3467 ws
Detroit Public Library wishes to overlay one DPL record (abc8974) with another DPL record (abd7432)	ltdp bovl abc8974 abd7432

GTO Record Targeting in OCLC

To overlay an existing NOTIS bibliographic record from your processing unit with a record from OCLC via GTO, find the desired record in OCLC. When the record is displayed, add a line for a 945 field (no indicators) as follows: [line number] 945 [5 spaces] [NOTIS Control Number of bib to be overlaid], for example:

13 945 AAB7982 <F11>

There is no need to reformat the record once the line is added. Export the record as usual using the GTO system. When the record is exported and the targeted NOTIS record is overlaid, you will have to unedit the OCLC record using the command **unedit** or **ue**, before you go on to search for new records in OCLC.