

DALNET DATABASE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

3 December 1996 Minutes

Present: C. Audia, DPL; R. Dotson, DPL; A. Evans, Dalnet; B. Ho, WSU; A. Pogany, OU; D. Roe, UDM; P. Shun, Walsh; F. White, MCC

The meeting began with a review of the committee membership roster and a chance for members to update their information.

Item Purge: WS, UD, OU, and DP have been completed. The community colleges, Walsh College, and the hospital libraries will be done before Christmas. These were completed in early December. When the job is completed, each library will receive two reports, a list of item records which could be purged but which have open bill and fine records and a list of unlinked item records. Libraries should look at the bill and fine records and decide if they wish to 1) forgive the fine, 2) change the parameters for the bill and fine record purge in January, or 3) follow up with the patrons regarding payment. For unlinked item records the libraries should review the listing and link as many as possible and then decide what to do with the rest. It is realized that there will be some unlinked item records which cannot be linked as they are for things such as faculty materials on reserve, equipment, photocopies of articles, etc. But, as many item records as possible should be linked. Conversion to LMS 6.3.1 will not be affected by unlinked item records, but the messages about these records will cause added clutter on the reports and will make it more difficult to find the real problems. Another run of the item purge will occur just before the implementation of LMS 6.3.1.

Update on Demos: Most of those on the Database Standards Committee attended the demonstrations of client/server library systems by Sirsi, Innovative, and Ameritech (Horizon). The purpose of our looking at the various systems was to determine whether existing client/server library systems would meet DALNET's requirements or if we should partner with Ameritech. If we decide not to partner with Ameritech, then a traditional procurement process will occur. The results of all of the evaluation forms from the demonstrations are being tabulated and will be used by the Partnership Team to make their recommendation. The team's recommendation is currently targeted for presentation to the DALNET Board in January.

User's Group meeting: The Database Standards Committee is planning a User's Group meeting to be held on 8 April 1997. The purposes of the meeting will be networking and continuing education. Although Kresge Auditorium is available, there was some discussion about holding the meeting at Macomb Community College because the room set up and parking were felt to be better. Possible topics for presentations include cataloging of electronic and Internet resources, catalog department organizations and workflows, performance measures, technical services workstations including those which are ADA compliant, and the WebZ project. Committee members are to poll the catalogers at their institutions and determine if there are other topics which would be of interest.

DALNET Standard for Cataloging Electronic Resources: At the previous meeting, Barbara Heath shared with the committee the policy drafted by WSU for handling electronic resources. A DALNET standard needs to be drafted which covers these resources which may or may not be the same as the WSU policy. Members had been asked to look at the document presented at the last meeting and come prepared for discussion, but they were not ready. It was suggested that discussion at the users group meeting in April might be a better forum for ideas because people did not yet know enough about these materials. Most of the DALNET libraries, other than WSU, are not cataloging electronic resources.

Birong Ho, committee chair, invited Jim Green from the DALNET office to update the committee on matters which overlap between public and technical services. Last Spring, the 856 field (location source for electronic resources) was added to the long view of the public catalog. More recently, the menus for the public were redone in an attempt to make them more user friendly. Also Sr and \$t were added to the display of contents notes for all fields but music. Several new hospital libraries have had holdings added to the database. They include Detroit Receiving Hospital, Hutzel Hospital, Rehabilitation Institute, Grace Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Hospital. At this time, only Receiving and Hutzel hospitals are cataloging online.

WebZ is an OCLC product which will be used to give Wayne State University users a new look to the existing NOTIS system. This will provide a graphic interface to LUIS and our immediate goal is to provide a means for allowing patron initiated ILL requests. WSU has joined MRLT and the CIC libraries in obtaining grant funding for this project. The project is currently being defined, but it is hoped to have the system up and running by Spring, 1997.

Questions and Answers:

Frank White announced that MCC is no longer setting its holdings on OCLC and wondered what the ramifications of this would be. Since there is no mandate that all DALNET libraries must set their holdings on OCLC, the only ramifications will be to MCC and as related to resource sharing.

Should Marc tag 793 be used instead of field 730 for local quasi uniform title type entries for theses? Marc tag 793 is an OCLC Marc tag and is not supported in USMARC. Because this is not a USMARC value, the tag is not valid in NOTIS and should not be used. At this time, programming resources in the DALNET office cannot be spared to add this tag to the tag tables. The issue can be re-visited in a year after release 6.3.1 is installed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Summary notes by,
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