



What's new in MetaLib version 4.3

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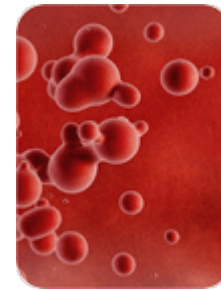
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Agenda

- MetaLib roadmap
 - MetaLib 4.1 – 4.2
- Now available – MetaLib 4.3
 - Key focus areas
 - Back-office enhancements
 - New tools for resources
 - New features for users
 - X-Server enhancements



MetaLib today

- 1260+ customers worldwide
 - 2/3 MetaLib customers belong to consortia
- MetaLib's life cycle = mature, stable product
 - MetaLib 4.0 introduced Jan 2007



MetaLib's current roadmap

- Three minor releases: v4.1 – v4.3
- Version 4 objectives
 - Reduce total cost of ownership (TCO)
 - Support new markets & requirements
 - Incorporate requested enhancements



MetaLib version 4.1 – Nov 2007

- More informative search results
- Extended citation management software support
- Enhanced MetaLib/SFX integration
- Quicker, easier user interface customization
- More flexible integration options



MetaLib version 4.2 – Apr 2008

- Additional CJK enhancements
 - A-Z database list
 - Improved CJK segmentation
 - New CJK display for browsing
 - Enhanced CJK clustering (Vivisimo)
 - CJK-related bug fixes



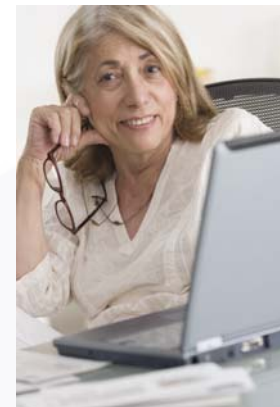
MetaLib 4.3 – released 30 March 2009

- Key objectives & focus areas
 - Reduces TCO
 - Simplified, task-based implementation & maintenance workflows
 - Expands integration tool kit
 - Deep-link generator for quick & easy integration with other applications
 - Additional X-Server enhancements support Ex Libris Open Platform strategy
 - Delivers most-requested enhancements
 - IGeLU/ELUNA enhancement process



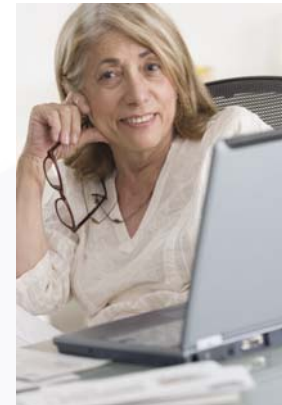
MetaLib 4.3 – back-office enhancements

- Administrative interface (/M)
 - Main menu re-organized to reflect task-based workflows
 - Initial menu – initial implementation
 - Ongoing menu – ongoing maintenance
 - Switch between menus as required



MetaLib 4.3 – back-office enhancements

- Administrative interface (/M)
 - Enhanced role-based access control
 - Institutional Super User
 - General Admin & General Admin Consortia User
 - Reports & Statistics User
 - View-only User
 - X-Server User



MetaLib 4.3 – back-office enhancements

- New wizards streamline workflows
 - Activate or maintain resources
 - Manage IP addresses
 - Manage QuickSets
 - Customize user interface
 - Deep-link generator
 - Automated tool for librarians to easily generate and test deep-links into MetaLib



A closer look – manage resources

- New workflow
 1. Export resources to an Excel sheet
 2. Update resource data in the Excel sheet
 3. Re-import the Excel sheet with the changes
- Ideal for activating resources in new institutions
- May be more efficient for updating resources in existing institutions
 - Update multiple data fields in multiple resources at one time
 - Update all data fields rather than most commonly-used data fields via Global Update feature



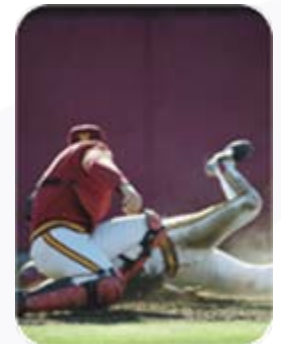
New options for managing portals

- Portal Administration now enables management of:
 - Default Profiles
 - QuickSets
 - Categories
 - Look and Feel



Portal 'look and feel' wizard

- Enables basic 'look and feel' customization of the user interface via the MetaLib's back office
 - No MetaLib server access required!
- Provides quicker, easier basic customization for initial MetaLib implementation
- Can be used for each institution/portal/language
 - Initially created
 - Created at a later time



MetaLib's KB continues to grow

Mar 2008	1578 CKB resources
Mar 2009	2018 CKB resources
440 resources added to CKB in past year	

- >80% of CKB resources use Z39.50 or XML standard gateways
- ~30% of CKB resources are 'regional' or 'local'



MetaLib 4.3 – new tools for resources

- Resource categories
 - 'Summary view' for categories/sub-categories assigned to resource (IRD)
- Assign multiple resource types per resource
- Allow URL entries in IRD description, free-text fields



More flexible resource descriptions

- It is now possible to add URLs to selected descriptive fields in a resource's IRD
 - Presentation: Primary
 - Description
 - *More fields...*
 - Presentation: Secondary
 - Alternative name
 - *More fields...*
 - *More descriptive tabs/fields...*



MetaLib 4.3 – new features for users

- User interface (/V)
 - More informative search results
 - Full text/peer-review indicator
 - Full text indicator
 - Both displayed in brief results list
 - Direct links to articles via SFX



MetaLib 4.3 – new features for users

- User interface (/V)
 - New options for saving records
 - Direct export to EndNote Web
 - Save as RIS format



MetaLib 4.3 – X-Server enhancements

- More flexibility in existing X-Services
 - Include the input parameters in the response (output) for individual or all X-Service calls
 - PRESENT X-Service now returns full records for resources that use "present_single" program
 - User's password in the BOR_INFO X-Service now optional rather than mandatory



MetaLib 4.3 – X-Server enhancements

- Filter MetaLib's reports and statistics to show:
 - UI based usage
 - X-Server based usage
 - All usage



Summary – MetaLib brings value to libraries

- More than a metasearch gateway
 - Standards-based
 - Flexible yet powerful
 - Continually enhanced
- MetaLib meets your needs today, tomorrow, and beyond...



Thank You!

