VALID OLS Implementation Taskforce – VOIT
Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2013-2014   27 May, 2014

Part 1: Roster of Members

Grace Agnew	Rutgers University
Guy Dobson	Drew University
Ann Hoang	New Jersey Institute of Technology
Christopher Sterback	Rutgers University
Kurt Wagner (Chair)	William Paterson University
Yongming Wang	The College of New Jersey

Part 2: Summary of Achievements

- The Committee met 7 times this year: September 25 (via Adobe Connect), November 13, December 18, February 12, March 26, May 14, and (scheduled) June 18.
- This year's work focused primarily on the creation of the composite VALID database comprised of the Alpha libraries' bibliographic records. Dobson contributed significantly to the VALID project in the creation of a Perl-based recursive, de-duplicating process to break contributed records into their MARC field components and reassemble them into VALID composite records. These new records contain all content from their parent records along with annotations describing anything unique about a particular library's copy. Dobson's work was nominated for a NJLA Technology Innovation Award. The impact of this work is central to the VALID project. This is the nucleus of the consortial, union database; the thing that represents the "D" in VALID, or, that which is made available for discovery.
- Wagner attended (along with representatives from VOSC and VALE Exec) the NJEDge.net conference on November 21 and presented VOIT's work to integrate Amazon Web Services, VUFind and the composite database. The impact of this presentation is to help bring the VALID project to the attention of the NJEDge.net community, principally the CIOs of our institutions, who need to not only be on board but to whom this project must be as important as it is to us.
- Dobson, Hoang, and Wagner created a Powerpoint focused mainly on the composite database and its appearance in VUFind. This presentation was created for VOIT's session at the January 10, 2014 VALE User Conference. At that conference Dobson described the database architecture and Wagner emphasized how all components of each record are preserved. The impact of this presentation was significant. For one of the first times in the course of the VALID project, our users and stakeholders were able to see some of the fruits of our labors and the potential benefits of the composite, consortial database.
  Dobson, G., Hoang, A. & Wagner, K. (2014, January). *Merge and Search: A preview of the VALID project's shared online catalog*. Presentation at the annual meeting of VALE, Piscataway, NJ.
- VOIT members attended the VALID Summit meeting on April 4, 2014 and participated in breakout sessions focusing on the work of BCMC, Serials Taskforce, Reference Services, CCM, Resource Sharing, and administrators/CIOs. This activity was significant because we had the

opportunity to hear Carlen Ruschoff, from University of Maryland Libraries, discuss their progress implementing OLE.

- Amazon Web Services, billing to date:

14-Apr	14-Mar	14-Feb	14-Jan	13-Dec	13-Nov	13-Oct	13-Sep	13-Aug	13-Jul
$277.45	$349.34	$304.76	$361.83	$362.16	$356.66	$362.62	$348.69	$360.78	$356.97
13-Jun	13-May	13-Apr	13-Mar	13-Feb	13-Jan	12-Dec			
$347.28	$357.12	$347.28	$99.98	$5.31	$3.23	$2.90	**Total**	**$4,604.36**	

As always, it has been my pleasure to work with my VOIT colleagues. Since 2010 I've had this privilege, and I feel that we have been successful in completing our charges and meeting the challenges we have faced. My teammates have been generous with their time, talent and enthusiasm and I will always value the experience I've had with them.

Part 3: Issues to be Considered Further

- Completing the composite load of all VOIT Alpha records
- Implementation of VUFind 2.0
- Close collaboration with Reference Services Committee to perfect the VUFind interface
- Installation of OLE as it becomes available and investigation of its performance and characteristics.

Part 4: Recommended Objectives for Next Fiscal Year

- Complete load of all VOIT Alpha records and recommend load sequence of Beta records
- Refine VUFind interface as per RSC recommendations. Begin wider evaluation of interface usability through UX.
- Initial implementation of OLE

Part 5: Statement of Resources Desired/Needed

- Careful monitoring of AWS resource utilization to stay within budgeted allocation. Possible increase in allocation if database usage or OLE resource needs warrant.
- Consultation with Rutgers as they also begin test implementation of OLE to collaborate, learn, and share information.

Respectfully submitted,

Kurt W. Wagner, Chair
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