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EVALUATION > TESTING > MIGRATION > DEPLOYMENT > SUPPORT



Open source dates:

- Koha – 2000
 - Nelsonville – 2003
- Evergreen – 2006



***What happened on
March 13, 2007?***





State of the OSS US public library market

about 1%, give or take

no figures for the academic market but they are assuredly lower



But there is a new wind blowing:

- MassCat
- WALDO
- Indiana Open Source ILS Initiative
- Michigan Library Consortium



ILSs reflect their beginnings

Evergreen started on PINES

Large, resource sharing consortium with a single catalog

Universal borrower card

OpenSRF architecture

Service oriented architecture

Fault-tolerant

Able to handle large transactions load



Modules

Cataloging

Discovery layer

Full javascript OPAC

SlimPAC

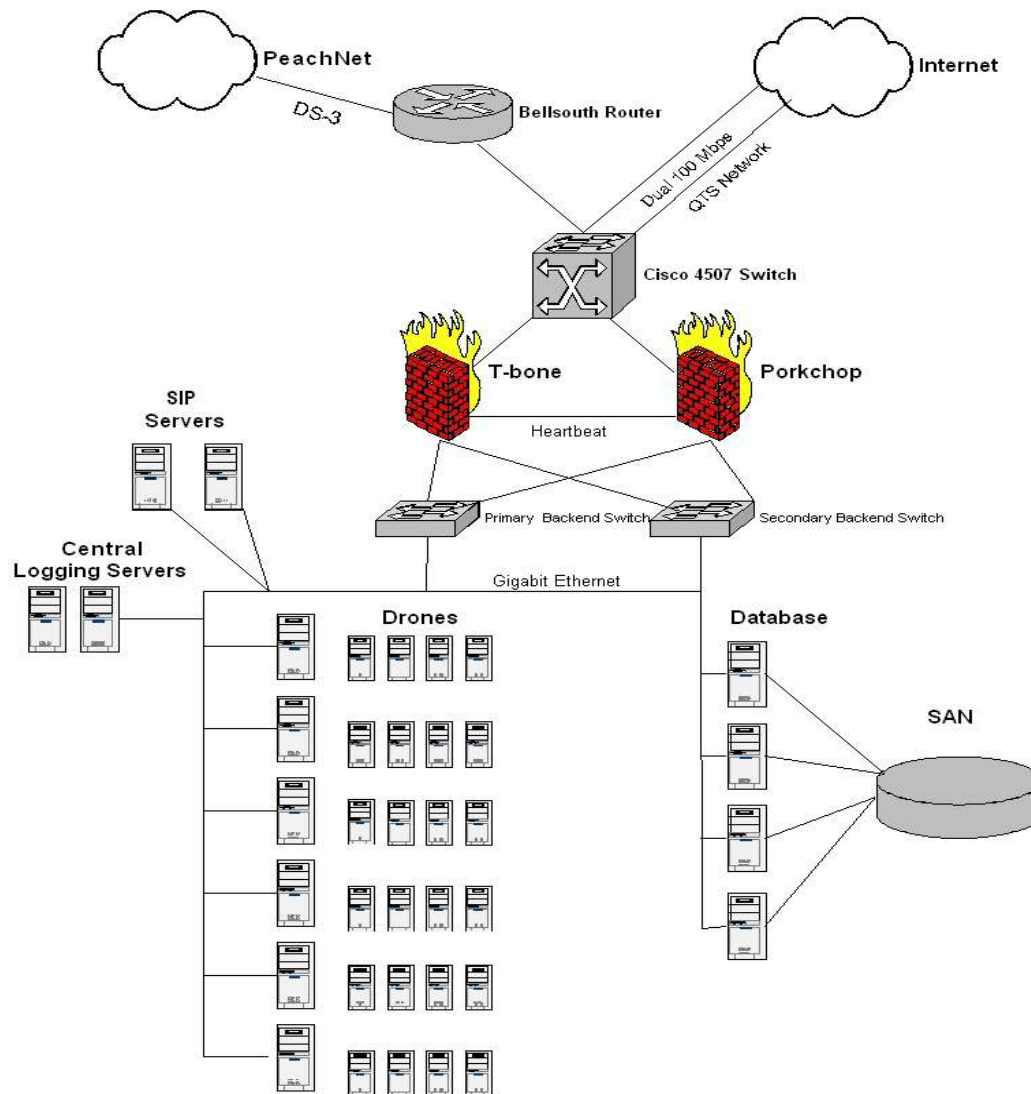
Circulation

Offline

Reports

Serials and Acquisitions – in development

SRU and Z39.50 – in development



What have we learned from the PINES experience?

- Library users *LIKE* access to the large virtual library
 - They don't care about our politics or the difficulties under the hood
- They will bypass libraries without access to consortial resources in favor of libraries with that access
- Welcome to the long-tail, Google world

Silos

- Separate, barely communicating collections of information
 - Like libraries
- Logic of IT is to break down silos and to integrate these collections
- We have these persistent silos for three reasons:
 - Legacy vendor's lack of vision
 - Our lack of vision and/or politics
 - Until now, no software to run these large consortia



OSS opens the way for us to change libraries and their interaction with our users

Evergreen offers one way



FullfILLment (tm)

- January 17, Ohio State Library
- Attempt to get past the silos to one dynamic, real time search mechanism
- Evergreen backend, with opportunistic connectors to legacy vendor software



Thanks...

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