

**JISC-SCONUL
LMS Consultation Event**

**Consortial and Shared Services
Prospects**

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The Study

- Lack of LMS differentiation
- Implement features around the core LMS, seek increased value
- Explore consortia and other partnership arrangements...to increase critical mass and network effect and reduce system and service costs
- If the barriers to participation are low this will encourage a 'network effect'

Issues

- Pockets of deep sharing, but community of practice?
- Why not the big picture startpoint?
- What are the barriers, where are the enablers for shared approaches?
- What is the risk of continuing this way?

Concerns

- Surrendering control
- Slower decision-making
- Compromise
- Acceptability to the institution
- Escape and recovery
- Direct JISC - Vendor relationships?

Consortial Vertical Search pilot?



“collaborative research information infrastructure”

AARLIN: “Streamlines information access
Offers services at point of need
Enhances resource sharing
Offers portal features”

Why not a UK vertical search pilot?

Products not tied to an LMS; Market penetration is low, for now. Vendors want sales – e.g., Encore available on yearly trial

A screenshot of the Monash University Library MultiSearch interface. The header shows the Monash University Library logo and the text "MultiSearch". Below the header, there is a section titled "MultiSearch" with a description: "MultiSearch enables you to search multiple databases and catalogues simultaneously and to link to full text journal articles where available using SFX. [Check for full text](#). You can also create your own database lists and set up alerts." Below this is a search box with the text "Enter your search : consortial" and a "Go" button. Underneath the search box, there are two bullet points: "Example: 'special education' and inclusion" and "Monash Multidisciplinary set includes Australian Public Affairs, Expanded Academic ASAP, ProQuest, Monash Library Catalogue". At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a section titled "Citation Linker" with a bullet point: "Use [Citation Linker](#) (SFX) to find full text if you know the details for a specific item such as a journal article."

Host for the night

April 18, 2008

SirsiDynix announced the opening of its new software-as-a-service hosting facility for libraries in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

Opportunity: move background Systems maintenance to service development

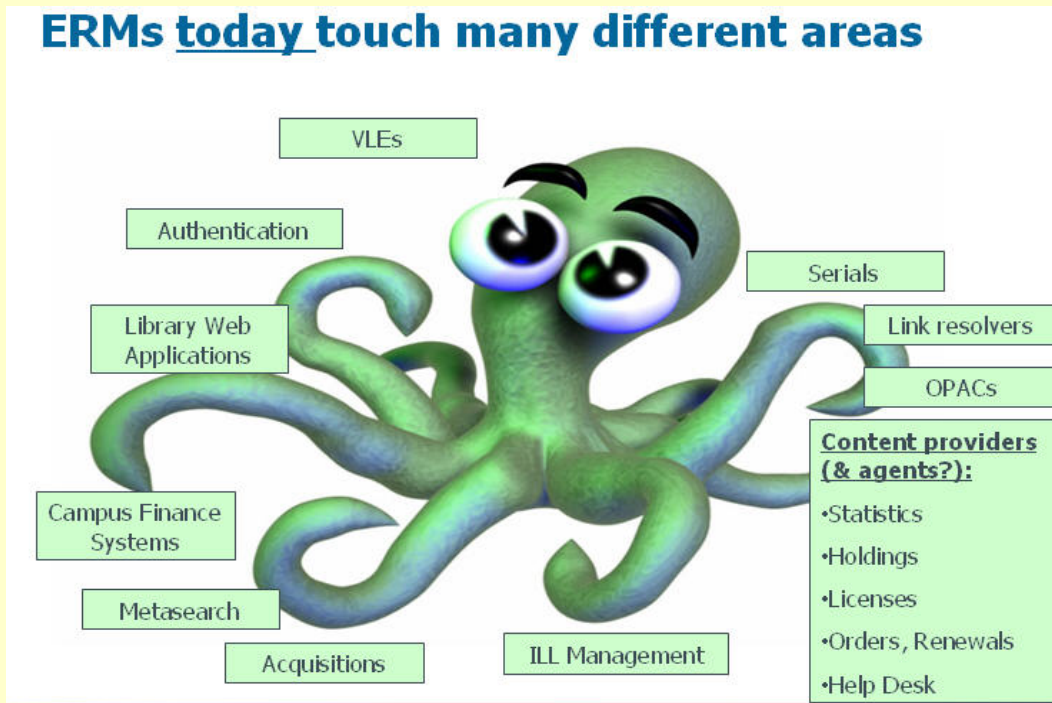
Agree co-scheduling of hardware replacement and broker a deal

The Scottish Voyager Consortium was formed when the University of Edinburgh and the NLS decided to procure an integrated library system jointly....now named the Scottish Digital Library Consortium to reflect that it helps institutions build their digital library....

What further opportunities might result?

ERM, URM ...

Complex systems spanning the library enterprise and wider. Low takeup, but what are the issues, the practicals, the solutions? Many heads better than one?



Courtesy Robert Bley, Ex Libris

So why is the community not sharing ideas and methods across module silos and special interest groups?

Who should be leading this?

Access Management

UKSG Consortial Access Services

Fed up sorting broken journal links and publishers missing your subscription renewal? Your e-Resource people *pleading* to do Web 2.0 development but they can't find the time!?

Let UCAS deal with your subscription and access problems: with one call we'll take the hassle off you, your consortial partners, AND publishers

One-call UCAS – you know it makes sense

The UK LMS

- 5% of the market; ?2% of the influence
- We divide by supplier/module, not aggregate by service/community
- Develop a community-supplier partnership around the UK LMS
- ITT for a UK vertical search service (Open Source?), specific SOA development, etc.

Data

Let's get our data out there through an existing or new UK consortium, and make use of it together



UnityUK™

A web-based resource sharing and interlibrary loan service

Or go with the flow and walk into OCLC's ready-made functionality and a huge R&D budget



....access to WorldCat for Libraries Australia subscribers.... A plan is being developed for synchronisation of holdings between WorldCat and Libraries Australia.

Prospects

- With commitment, there are real opportunities around the LMS
- We can have more impact
- Can we now afford not to step up?
- This is long-haul, but early benefits are possible
- As the Study notes, we have to catch up; let's start