



# Electronic Resource Management Overview

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Library Technology Schema  
Build on what you know

# Resources

## Books

- Catalog
- WorldCat

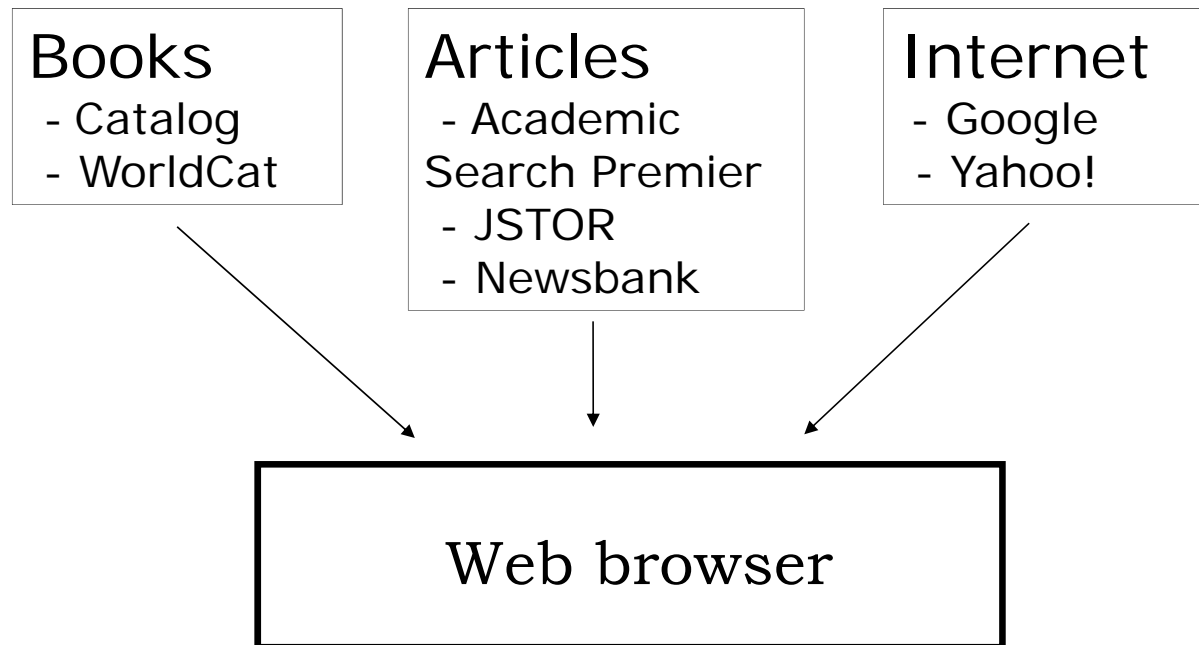
## Articles

- Academic Search Premier
- JSTOR
- Newsbank

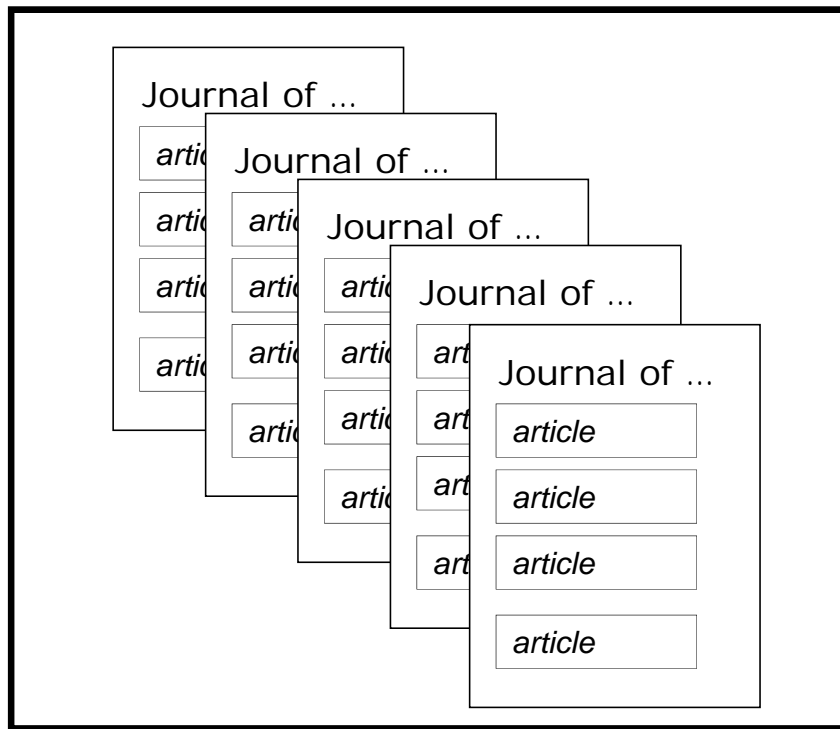
## Internet

- Google
- Yahoo!

# Accessing Resources

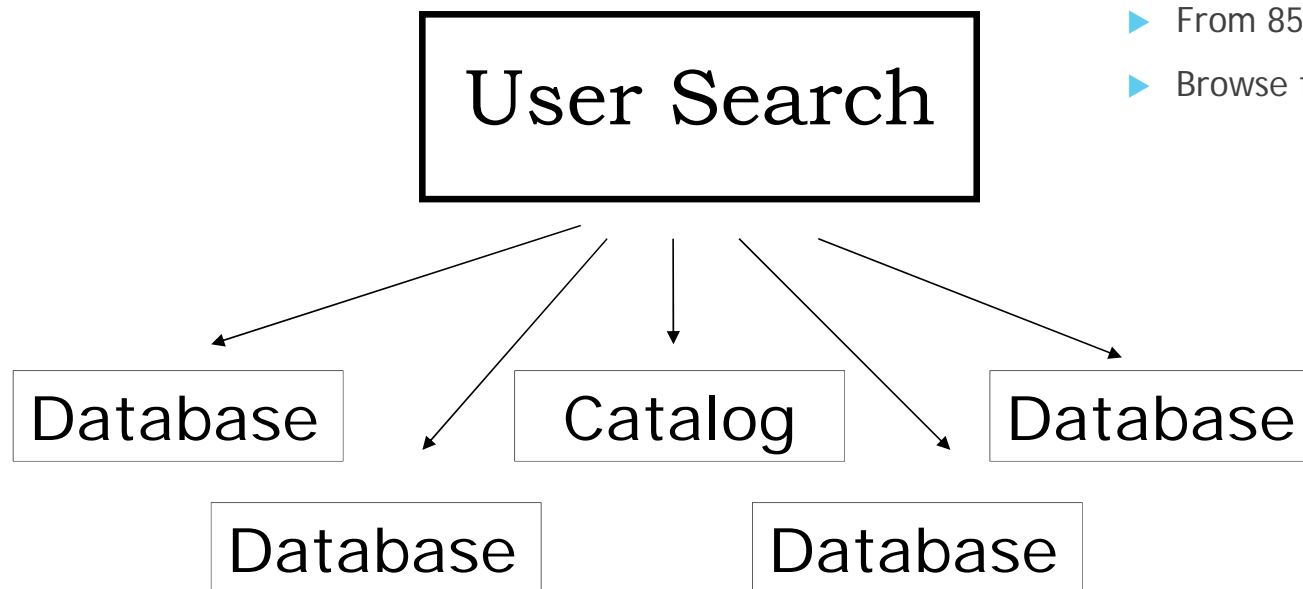


# Database to Index Periodicals



# Access to Electronic Content

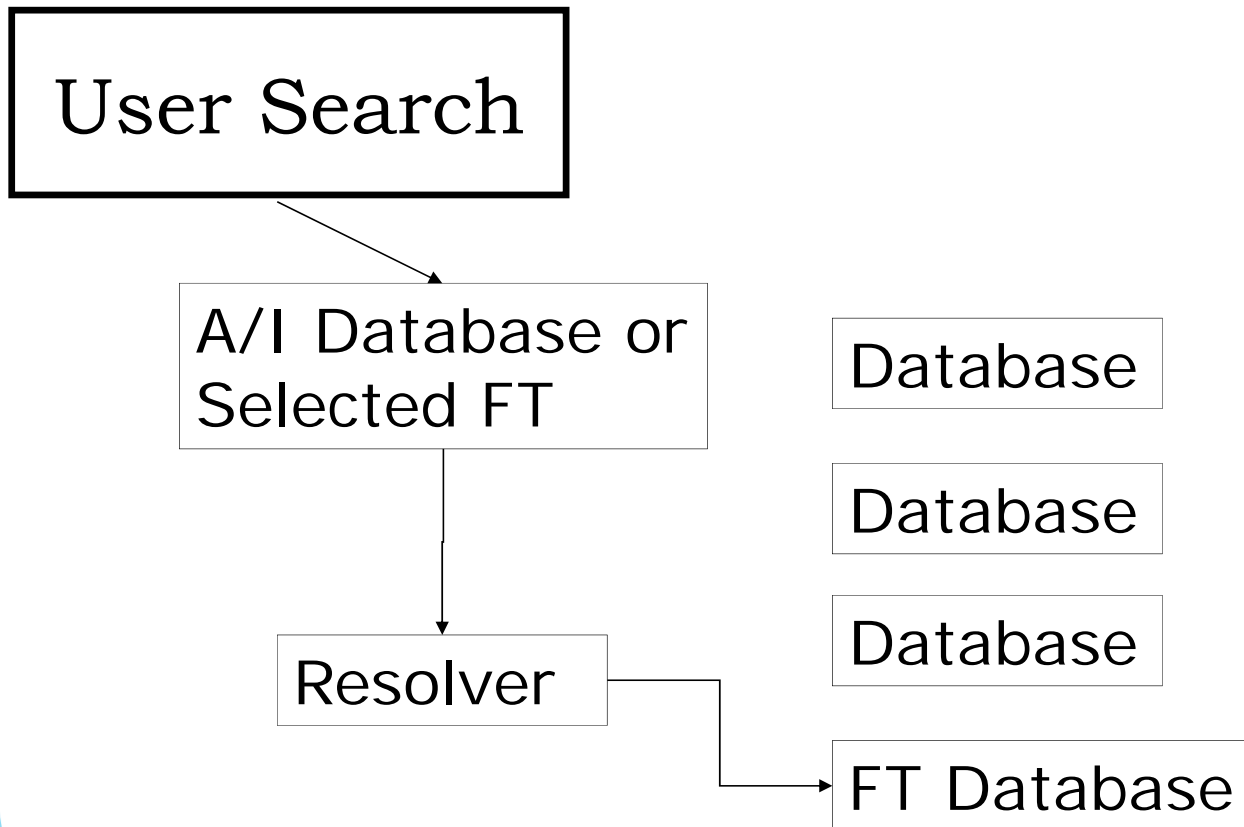
- ▶ Direct searching of databases
  - ▶ Search each resource
- ▶ Title-level URL in OPAC
  - ▶ From 856 in MARC record
  - ▶ Browse to volume, issue, article



# Knowledge Bases

- ▶ SerialsSolutions
  - ▶ Journals A-Z list
  - ▶ Coverage dates
  - ▶ Links to journals
  - ▶ SFX OpenURL Link Resolver
  - ▶ Bought by ExLibris
  - ▶ Links to appropriate copy of full-text resources
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- ▶ These merged to be what we refer to as a knowledge base (KB)
  - ▶ KB, Journals A-Z list, OpenURL Resolver, resolver → ALL SYNONYMOUS
  - ▶ **The purpose is to provide access to full-text resources**

## OpenURL Resolver



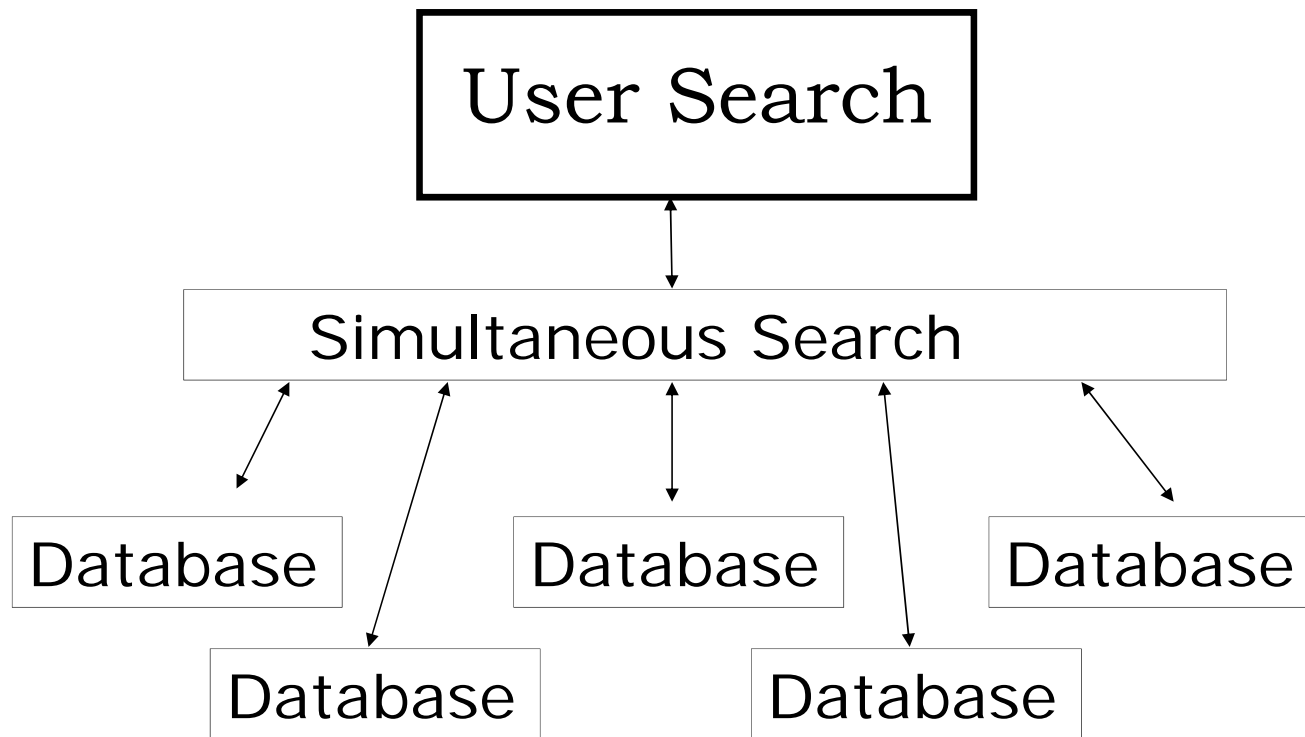
## Authentication Timeline

An important but more straightforward aspect of our library technology schema

- ▶ Physical print items
- ▶ In-house workstations
- ▶ Credentials
- ▶ IP recognition
- ▶ Proxy
- ▶ Single sign on



# Federated Search



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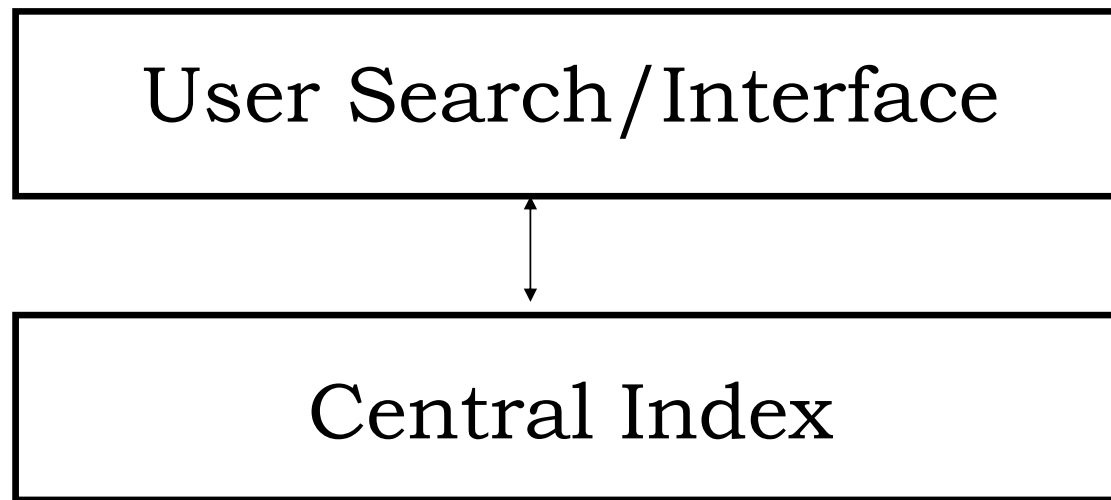
## Products

- ▶ WebFeat
- ▶ Endeavor Encompass
- ▶ ExLibris MetaLib
- ▶ ILL Research Pro
- ▶ Serials Solutions 360 Search

## Issues

- ▶ Connectivity
- ▶ Slow response
- ▶ Scalability
- ▶ Search complexity
- ▶ Duplication of results
- ▶ User interactions with result sets

# Web-scale Discovery



# Discovery Systems

## Products

- ▶ Google Scholar
- ▶ EBSCO Discovery Service
- ▶ WorldCat Discovery
- ▶ ExLibris Primo Central
- ▶ SerialsSolutions Summon

## Components

- ▶ Central Index
- ▶ User Interface

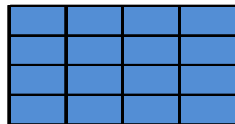


# Discovery Central Index

## Bibliographic data

From WorldCat  
bibliographic  
database

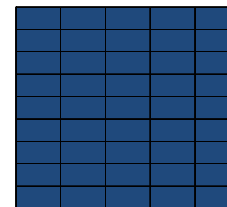
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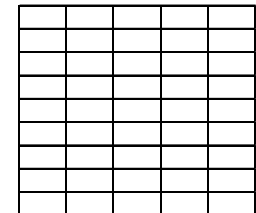
Central Index

## Other Content

Network  
connectivity  
possible



Other DBs/ERs

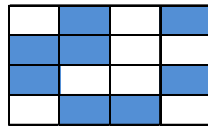


# Customized Discovery System

## Bibliographic data

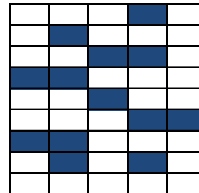
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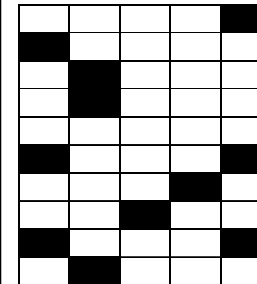


## Other Content

Network  
connectivity



## Other DBs / ERs



Configured discovery system

# Schema Overview

## Catalog

- Data
  - Bibliographic data in MARC and MFHD formats
- Links
  - Title-level URLs
- Purpose
  - Make bibliographic metadata available for searching

## KB

- Data
  - Full-text resources & coverage
- Links
  - Resolver can create article-level links from title-level URLs
- Purpose
  - Provide links to full-text resources

## Discovery

- Data
  - Central index with article-level eResource metadata & bib data
- Links
  - Links taken from bib & KB data and displayed with results
- Purpose
  - Discovery across all library resources

# What it Looks Like in Practice

- ▶ ILS & OPAC
  - ▶ Local cataloging & management
  - ▶ Records from OCLC
  - ▶ Vendors
- ▶ Knowledge Bases
  - ▶ Journals A-Z list / OpenURL resolver
  - ▶ MARC record loading service for ebooks and/or ejournals
- ▶ Databases A-Z list
- ▶ External Repositories
  - ▶ Institutional repository
  - ▶ Image repositories
  - ▶ Other digitized collections
- ▶ Discovery Layer
  - ▶ Export bibliographic data from the ILS
  - ▶ Central Index = Article metadata for subscription and other content
- ▶ ERMS

# Troubleshooting Electronic Resources

## Users

May have issues not related to library systems

- Teachable moments
- Personal technology problems

## Library Systems

Problem with one of many:

- ILS/OPAC
- KB
- Discovery system
- Ezproxy
- Other data or application silos

## Resources

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- Errors from within vendor systems
- Accounting problems affecting access

# ERMS Defined

- ▶ Jill Emery

- ▶ “...any products or series of products that allow for a library to support the electronic resource provision to their end users” (Beginning to See the Light, p. 203)

- ▶ Marshall Breeding

- ▶ “...a software module that assists the library in managing all the details related to its subscriptions to electronic content” (Helping You Buy Electronic Resource Management Systems, p. 7)

# ERMS

- ▶ What it's not
  - ▶ A KB, though it uses KB data
  - ▶ Acquisitions, though it uses cost data
  - ▶ Usage stats, though may be able to load/use stats for analysis
- ▶ What is it?
  - ▶ Integrates holdings, cost, usage, and metadata
  - ▶ Administrative data (logins, URLs)
  - ▶ Licenses and license terms
  - ▶ Notes
  - ▶ ERM workflows, alerts

# Moving Forward

Alma + Primo



# The Systems

## LSP = Alma

- ▶ Most similar to ILS
- ▶ Designed for multiple formats, not just physical
  - ▶ Including external repository content
- ▶ Integrated knowledge base and e-resource data functionality
  - ▶ Access, subscription, license, etc.

## Discovery Service = Primo

- ▶ Replacing the OPAC
- ▶ Searches Alma bibliographic records
  - ▶ Physical, electronic, repository
- ▶ Searches central index metadata

# New System = New Vocabulary

## Portfolio

KB metadata,  
minimal information  
about full-text  
resources

### Access information

Provider, URL,  
coverage/availability,  
ISXN, etc.

## Electronic Collection

Collections of  
portfolios

Full-text collections

## Database

Abstract and index  
databases (no full-  
text content)

No portfolios

# Which Does What?

## Alma = Access

- ▶ Electronic
  - ▶ Bibliographic records with URLs
  - ▶ KB with portfolios
  - ▶ External repository records
- ▶ Alma doesn't know central index metadata, it only knows whether you have access to an ejournal/ebook.  
Supports connecting to full text

## Primo = Discovery

- ▶ Alma bibliographic records
- ▶ Primo Central Index
  - ▶ Article level metadata
  - ▶ Subscription and non-subscription content
- ▶ Primo doesn't know what you own, it only knows what to search.  
Supports finding library resources.

# Where Do We Manage all this Stuff?

## Institution Zone (IZ)

- Local bibliographic records
- Local bibliographic data
- Electronic portfolios
- Local external repository content

## Network Zone (NZ)

- Consortial bibliographic records
- Other possibilities include:
  - Consortial subscriptions
  - Shared vendor records

## Community Zone (CZ)

- Bibliographic records
- Authority records
- KB data for electronic collections and databases

## What Does it all Mean??

- ▶ Researchers aren't necessarily seeing library controlled data
  - ▶ Primo Discovery metadata is not the same as LSP bibliographic or portfolio data
- ▶ Many links to electronic content will be from the Alma KB
  - ▶ Managed by publishers
- ▶ Moving closer to a single search interface

# What does it all mean??

- ▶ Streamlined processes are possible
  - ▶ Integrated KB = dynamic journal and database A-Z lists
  - ▶ Primo & Alma are linked
  - ▶ Integrated ERMS for admin, license term metadata, licenses, etc.
    - ▶ Licenses, vendors, and subscription management are connected and can be shared

# Troubleshooting Electronic Resources

## Users

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## Library Systems

Now the data and applications are more integrated

- Alma - bib & KB
- Primo - PCI & harvested data
- Ezproxy

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# Questions??

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