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The project team is currently addressing a content issue. We are not sure what the issue is, but we are working on it. We will post an update when we have more information, with the exception of the problem with the navigation.

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- Many web resources are opening to something other than their main page. We know what the problem is and are working on a fix;
- We are working on a session and cookie issue that will automatically log you out after a period of inactivity. As of now this is not being handled gracefully, and sends the user a cryptic error.

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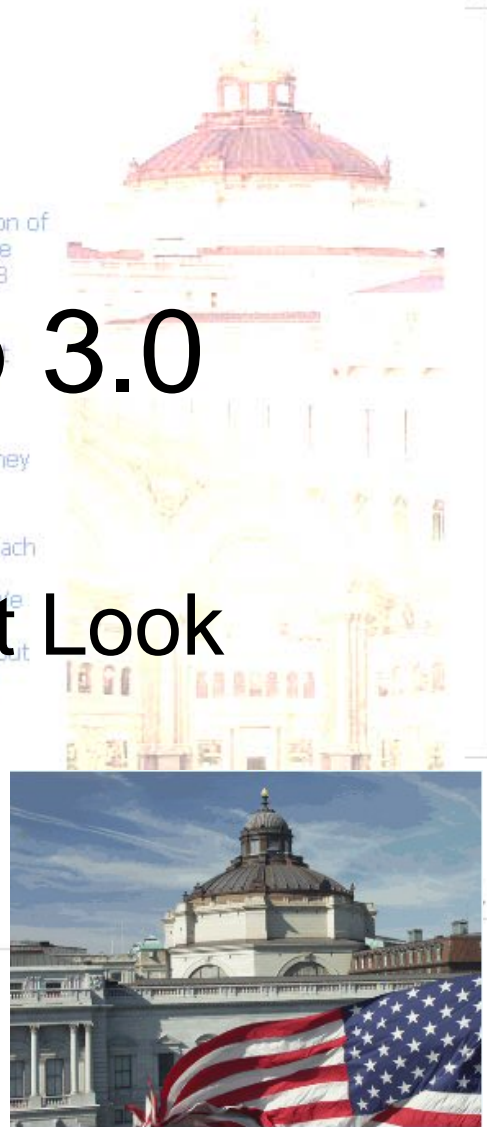
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Cataloger's Desktop 3.0

The Next Generation: A First Look

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Why Change?

- The current Cataloger's Desktop was introduced in 2004
 - Search technology has advanced a lot in the last 5 years.
 - The current platform has reached (and exceeded) its design limits
 - The current underlying software, FAST Search & Transfer NXT, will be discontinued soon

Changes in Search Environment

- Keyword searching is simple, but doesn't reflect how people prefer to search.
 - Keyword searching assumes that you know where to look.
 - Keyword searching assumes that you know the terminology that will get you the information you need.
 - Keyword search is inherently linear: $A \rightarrow B$
- These assumptions are false.

How do People Search?

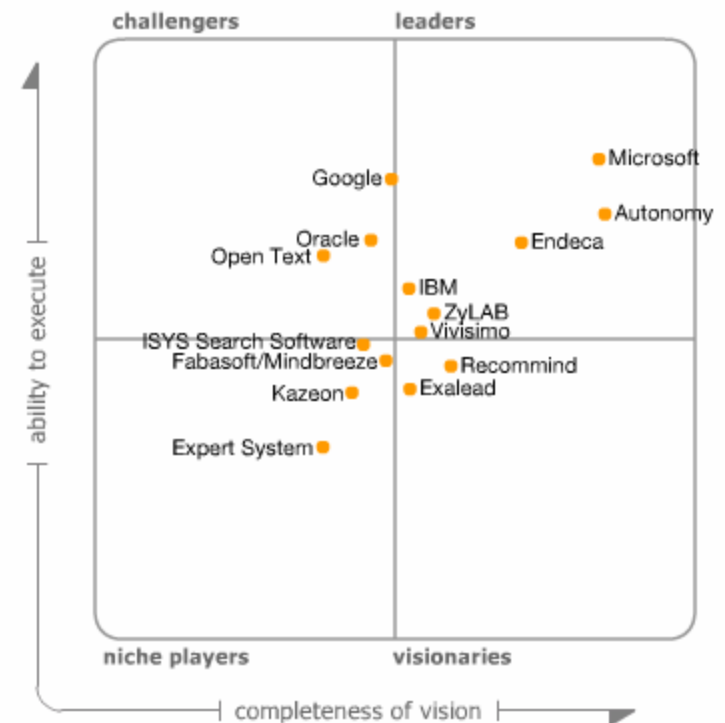
- Most people do not know what the correct term is that will lead them to the information they need.
 - Most people don't know where to find the answer.
 - Most successful searches meander serendipitously
 - Successful searches compensate for 'operator error'
- More & more cataloging is being done by staff who lack library degrees.

What are we Changing to?

- We are currently building the next generation Cataloger's Desktop service with FAST Search ESP.

- “Microsoft” on this chart from the Gartner ‘Information Access Technology’ report.

<http://mediaproducts.gartner.com/reprints/microsoft/vol6/article4/article4.html>



As of September 2008

What Isn't Changing?

- You will be able to select what you want to search, and do the searches the way you're used to
- Bookmarks, annotations, customizations will be available but more powerful.

What Is Changing: Interface

- Cleaner look
 - Reorganized to reflect heuristics
- TOC much faster
 - Automatically syncs with navigation
- Preferences enhanced
 - Much more flexible configuration of resources and work environment

What Is Changing: Search

- Fuzzy matching
 - Alternative spellings (“catalog” & “catalogue”)
 - Approximate spellings (“cort” & “court”)
 - Synonyms (“car” and “automobile”)
 - “Did you mean ... ?”
- Finding or excluding similar resources
 - Learn from your past search behavior
 - “More like this”

What Is Changing: Search

- Relevancy
 - Hits arranged in order of importance
 - Dynamic drill-downs, based on facets
- Query federation
- Search history
 - Can save searches by name
- Personal searching
 - Search content on your computer

New Features

- Subscriber customizable interface
 - Allows for ‘mash-ups’ or gadgets like iGoogle
- Incorporate RSS feeds to stay current
- Persistent URLs to facilitate linking
- Drag and drop shortcuts (‘icons’) to your computer’s desktop
- Federated searching of database resources like the LC catalog

Timeline

- Late June – Data testing
- Next week – Begin interface testing
- Late August – Search testing
- Mid-September – System testing
- October – Final adjustments & dataload
- November 2009 – Roll-out with Issue 4

Live demonstration

Search Clear Search

CATALOGER'S DESKTOP

Welcome Colleen Cahill Preferences Logout

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The current test is focused solely on the content of Cataloger's Desktop. We are not testing functionality at this time, with the exception of hypertext linking and simple navigation.

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