

Configuring Symphony for Music: Lessons Learned in Year One

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Background

- Horizon customer 1993-2009
- Migrated to Symphony, May 2009
- Initial migration to Symphony 3.2.1, now on Symphony 3.3.1
- I am not the system administrator!
- I was heavily involved as the music cataloger

Today's Presentation

- Focus: changes and adjustments which specifically affected music searching
- Caveats:
 - Your configuration may differ from ours!
 - We brought our Horizon baggage with us

The “AND” Problem

- Caused many failed searches, library-wide.
- Delivered default operator for keyword searches was SAME
- Search for **Brahms Requiem** only looked for those words in the exact SAME MARC field.

The “AND” Problem, con't.

- The default operator can be changed!
- Direct your SA to this PowerPoint (p. 20):
 - Chin, Tun N. "Customizing SirsiDynix's OPAC Interface Part One: Look and Feel", 6th Annual SirsiDynix Northeast Regional Users Group Meeting, June 15 - 17, 2009.
http://www.libraries.psu.edu/etc/medialib/snrg09/presentations.Par.0004.File.dat/PlOne_LookandFeel.ppt
- Changed default operator to AND. General Keyword search for **Brahms Requiem** now looks in all fields.

Record Format

- 7 delivered “record formats”,
 - MAP (cartographic materials)
 - MARC (monographic textual material)
 - MIXEDMAT (archival/manuscript collections)
 - MRDF (machine readable data format)
 - MUSIC (scores, musical sound recordings, nonmusical sound recordings)
 - SERIAL (serials)
 - VM (videos & kits)
- Assigned based on bib “Type” codes

Record Format, con't.

- We needed a way to search
 - ALL scores
 - ALL sound recordings
- Created new format SOUNDEC for recordings
 - Type i Nonmusical sound recording
 - Type j Musical sound recording
- Changed record format MUSIC to include only scores
 - Type c Notated music
 - Type d Manuscript notated music

Record Formats in OPAC

choose a library: ECU Libraries
language: ANY
broad material type: ANY
specific material type: ANY
collection: Books (Print, Electronic, Microform)
match on: Scores (Print, Electronic, Microform)
publication year: Sound Recordings
sort by: Videos (DVD, VHS), Other Visuals

Item Categories

- Patrons seek specific formats such as CD, DVD, VHS, e-audio
- We couldn't use item types for this
 - Multiple item types for each specific format (to indicate location, etc.)
 - No way to combine item types in e-library limiters
- Used item category 1

Item Categories, con't.

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|-----------------|---|
| <u>SOUND</u> | <u>VIDEO</u> |
| • Audiocassette | • DVD |
| • CD | • E-video |
| • LP Record | • Videocassette |
| • E-recording | • Laserdisc (does not display to public due to character limit for the entire list) |

Also have item categories for Score, Book, Journal, and so forth

Item Categories in OPAC

library: ECU Libraries
language: ANY
broad physical format: ANY
specific physical format: ANY
collection: Audiocassette
match on: Book
publication year: CD
sort by: DVD

Keyword Indexing

- Delivered indexing was not ideal
- Had to determine the delivered indexing ourselves
- Key problems include:
 - 240 in author kw; not in title kw
 - 245 \$c not indexed anywhere
 - 505 in general kw only; not in title or author kw
 - 700 completely in author kw, including the title subfields; not in title kw
- We haven't made the changes ... yet

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OPAC Linked Text Searches



- Clicking on linked text conducts a search on the text in the appropriate keyword index
- As delivered, did not include \$d (dates)
- Our SA added \$d

The Quote Problem

- Enclosing keywords in double quotes doesn't conduct a phrase search
- You must use single quotes
- We haven't solved this one ... has anyone?