

# **Heading for a Library Portal**

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## Catalyst

- Increasing dissatisfaction with the web OPAC of Aleph (Ex Libris) used by 34 Max Planck institutes - and the prospect that there won't be any significant development anymore
- · Intention to offer our scientists the advantages resulting from the current improvements for library catalogs
- → Very important: to find a solution which can be used by all institutes independently from what kind of library system they apply

## **Meetings**

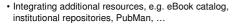
- Participants: Aleph-Team (librarians), MPDL, GWDG
- · Collecting information: Which new functions exist? How did others improve their catalogs?
- · Discussions: What do we want? What do we need? What is important for the MPS?



## Identifying

#### Requirements

Out of a list of 66 points, 14 criteria were identified as definitely necessary, e.g.



· Possibility of individual configurations for each institute

All criteria can be found under http://alephwiki.gwdg.de/index.php/WebOPAC\_der\_Zukunft

# What does the market offer? Commercial Open Source





# **Closer Look**

**Products** 

Small groups were visiting vendors and/or customers to learn more about selected products with regard to the defined criteria. Included products:





**Decision for a more** 



AquaBrowser



# **OpenBib**

## detailed test with

### **VuFind (Open Source)**

The aim was to find answers to the questions:

· How easy is it to fulfill the requirements?



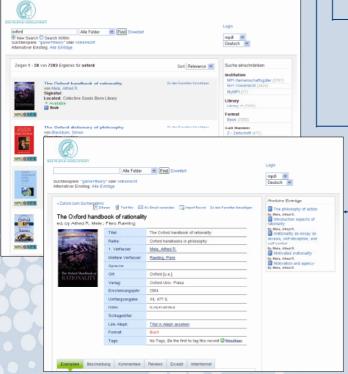
- · Is VuFind suitable for the consortial structure of the MPS?
- · How can we operate an Open Source product?
- → Detailed documentation of tests and results at http://alephwiki.gwdg.de/index.php/WebOPAC\_der\_Zukunft\_VuFind

### **Project Proposal**

- · Promising results
- · Intention to pursue a solution with VuFind



· Attempt to finance two temporary positions via a project proposal



[VuFind test results: http://gwda185.gwdg.de/vufind/]