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# The Max Planck Virtual Library

## Metalib & SFX in a Distributed and Heterogeneous Environment

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# Max Planck Society Settings

- 82 independent research institutes in Germany and abroad
- Budget : ~1.2 Billion Euro (= US-\$)
- Total Staff: 11,218
- Research Staff: 3,116 (plus guests)
- organized in 3 scientific sections:
  - bio-medical section
  - chemical, physical, technical section
  - humanities & social sciences section

# Sites

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Forschungsstelle  
*Institutes*
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einrichtung  
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# Max Planck Library Services

- 76 Max Planck Institute libraries
    - mostly one person special libraries
  - Different local or subject requirements
  - Centralized & decentralized services
  - Heterogenous library approaches
    - no common Max Planck library system
    - no common cataloging standards
    - no common Max Planck journal index
- Metalib/SFX @ MPS in a distributed and heterogeneous environment



# Metalib/SFX @ MPS: Goals

- Metalib
  - integrating library catalogs („virtual union catalog“)
  - integrating subscription databases
  - integrating free web resources
  - cross domain search capability
  - personalization
  - remote access
- SFX
  - linking according to Max Planck context
  - customized linking services
  - seamless navigation
  - more local control
  - less vendor dependency
  - more flexibility
  - better exploitation of web resources

**Metalib & SFX as a central approach to serve the entire Max Planck Society with one instance each**

# Metalib/SFX @ MPS:

## Current Status



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| Sept. 16 – Oct. 14 | <p>Testing Metalib &amp; SFX among Max Planck librarians</p> <p>Series of training sessions for librarians</p> <p>Current Metalib configurations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Max Planck and external catalogs</li> <li>▪ subscription databases (OVID &amp; CSA)</li> <li>▪ „link to“ resources (library catalogs, subscription databases, free web resources)</li> </ul> <p>Current configuration of SFX Services: links to full texts (CrossRef), journal holdings, additional databases and web resources</p> <p><b>Metalib &amp; SFX currently reflect only Max Planck wide licenses. The current version is a first starting point and expected to mature over time</b></p> |
| Oct. 17/18         | Presentation to Max Planck Directors   |
| Oct. 21            | Simultaneous roll-out of Metalib & SFX as „Max Planck Virtual Library“ to entire Society   |



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
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Users within the Max Planck Society may:

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- create a personal resources list (permanent only for registered users)
- link to and search resources individually under their original interfaces
- use the  button to locate the full text or additional relevant resources
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market<sup>ed</sup> as  
a useful  
tool?



# Metalib/SFX @ MPS:

## Next Steps

- Continue with configurations (catalogs & databases) and integration of free web-based resources (configuration if possible)
- Expand SFX Services and improve OpenURL implementation in the interfaces available in the MPS
- Evaluate usage and feedback
- Migrate to Metalib 2.0
- Incorporate local licenses in Metalib/SFX
- Solution for remote access to SFX Services

# Metalib/SFX @ MPS: Particular Challenges



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- Metalib 2.0:
  - need for test instance very obvious
- Authentication
  - difficult to synchronize our authentication systems with Metalib
  - as we want to modernize our authentication system, we anticipate further problems
  - passing on authentication?
- "Union Catalog"
  - announced by Ex Libris; interesting product but would require new configurations
- Web-based resources
  - desirable if other formats & protocols would be better supported (e.g. XML)



# Metalib/SFX @ MPS:

## First Lessons Learned

- We expect more than what we are able to deliver at the moment
  - for internal and external reasons
- Metalib obviously not yet a mature product
  - how about Metalib 2.0?
- Dependency on vendors (Ex Libris and third parties) not disappeared but shifted
- All parties need to learn and grow



# Potential Tasks for SMUG

- **Communication**: Exchange of ideas
- **Lobbying**: Formation & aggregation of user interest
- **Developing** particular issues:
  - distributed collection of freely available web repositories (*link to resources*)
  - raise awareness of ExL as to the need of making (some of) them *searchable*
  - share experiences with external authentication systems (e.g. LDAP)
  - extend and enhance SFX Services and OpenURL implementations



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