

DALNET PROJECT MANAGERS' MEETING

September 11, 1991, 9:30 a.m.
WSU Purdy Library, Dean's Conference Room

Agenda

- I. NOTIS Enhancement Ballots (due September 16)
 - A. Library Management System
 - B. GTO
- II. Printing Charges for 1990/91
- III. MDAS Options for DALNET
 - A. Libraries license individually or jointly
 - B. HEA Title IID
- IV. Progress Reports
 - A. New central Site Hardware and Software
 - B. NOTIS Release Installation
 - (1) GTO 3.0 (and OCLC's PRISM deadline)
 - (2) LMS 5.01 (with NOTISearch)
 - (3) MDAS 1.2
 - C. File Merger Analysis
 - D. Macomb University Center
 - E. Oakland University's Email Book Request Project
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Minutes

Present: D. Adams, A. Bondar (for K. Gauri), L. Bugg, I. David, J. Flaherty, W. Kane, M. Klein, C. Liner, J. Murray, A. Sargent, J. Smith, C. Wecker.

Absent: H. Ma, S. Martin.

I. NOTIS Enhancement Ballots

The Group reviewed the LMS Enhancement Ballot to assign the 50 possible points to the 56 items listed. Even though Release 5.2 may address the Circulation Module, the Group agreed to assign 23 points - almost half the DALNET votes - to the Circulation enhancements to indicate our strong interest. Most of the 13 chosen items received 4 - 5 points each to indicate they were DALNET's high priority enhancements. Since DALNET libraries have had little experience with the GTO Release 3.0, C. Wecker will fill out the GTO Enhancement Ballot. Copies of the final LMS and GTO ballots submitted will be sent to the Project Managers.

II. Printing Charges for 1990/1991

L. Bugg is calculating DALNET libraries' costs for printing done at the WSU University Computing Center (UCC) from October 1, 1990 - September 30, 1991. The September 1991 figures should arrive from the UCC by mid-October. Many libraries are now receiving almost everything via distributed printing and will have very low annual costs. L. Bugg has identified additional output that libraries may want to print via distributed printing. L. Bugg will inform libraries of their annual costs as soon as they are finalized; the invoices should be mailed to libraries later in October.

III. MDAS Option for DALNET

Since we have not been informed that the Title IID grant proposal was funded, we assume that it was not. The detailed critique will indicate why it was not funded and might include recommendations to strengthen the proposal for resubmission. If we are not advised to resubmit, we need to consider submission to a different granting agency.

At the last Board meeting, P. Spyers-Duran explained the NOTIS pricing structure for MDAS licenses for DALNET. Wayne State, as the host site, purchased a license for MDAS. One additional MDAS license for all other libraries in the consortium must also be purchased. Individual members of DALNET may license MDAS for their own use at a reduced fee. When the total expenditure of the individual libraries reaches the full license fee, the license will

extend to all DALNET members. In addition to the MDAS license, libraries need to license each database they access.

IV. Progress Reports

A. New Central Site Hardware

The new IBM 9121 Model 210 has been delivered to the UCC. NOTIS software will be installed Saturday night, September 14. The System will go down early (6:00 p.m.) Saturday night for the installation and is expected to be up Sunday morning at 11:00. The IBM 4381 will remain at the UCC for about a month as our emergency backup.

The new mainframe processor has about four times the capacity of the IBM 4381. In order to use this additional capacity, the operating system software needs to be upgraded from MVS/SP to MVS/ESA and from CICS 1.7 to CICS 3.1. The conversion to ESA is targeted for early December. ESA will give us access to capacity to install GTO 3.0, but we are still determining if MDAS can also be re-installed into the LMS production region at that time.

Our interim solution for MDAS is to create a second production region in October that will be completely separate from LUIS. Our new, faster machine will be able to handle two production regions. Since MDAS will be in a separate region, however, the "hook-to-holdings" feature will not be available and some of the WSU OPAC terminals will have to be "dedicated" to MDAS.

The CICS upgrade is targeted for April 1992 completion. CICS 3.1 will give us access to the capacity we need to restore MDAS to the NOTIS LMS production region.

B. NOTIS Release Installation

1. GTO 3.0

The deadline for OCLC libraries to switch to PRISM is April 30, 1992. Our plans are to put GTO 3.0 in production in December, which should allow ample time for testing, training, and implementation of 3.0 for all OCLC libraries by April 30. The Systems Office will continue to test 3.0 in the interim.

2. LMS 5.0.1

NOTIS will distribute the LMS 5.0.1 software to libraries in October. It will include some fixes to reported 5.0 problems (notably some

improvements in the LUIS guidescreens) and the new keyword search engine (NOTISearch). When the software arrives, we will install it in a test region. Current plans are to be operational with 5.0.1 the Summer of 1992.

3. MDAS 1.2

MDAS 1.2 must be implemented simultaneously with LMS Release 5.0.1.

C. File Merger Analysis

This project was postponed when we figured out how to implement keyword searching for all DALNET libraries last winter. We are now resuming work with NOTIS on this project. L. Bugg and Ana Fidler will be working with David Dempsey of NOTIS to determine the feasibility of the file merger and to analyze the gains and losses before a decision is made to proceed. Our files will need to be merged to be compatible with location based searching to be delivered in LMS Release 5.1 (targeted for mid-1992).

D. Macomb University Center

C. Wecker described the program, whereby undergraduate students registered at three DALNET institutions (Oakland University, University of Detroit Mercy, and Wayne State University), as well as at Central Michigan and Walsh College, can take upper division classes to receive a 4 year degree at Macomb Community College's Center Campus. Classes are held at a new building -- the Macomb University Center.

DALNET library privileges for these students enable them to charge out Macomb Community College's materials, including reserve items, as well as materials from the student's home institution. The latter can be obtained at the home institution's library or the student can request that materials be sent from the home institution to Macomb. Professors from the home institutions are also establishing reserve collections at Macomb's Library. Extensive changes needed to be made to the NOTIS tables to enable this courtesy borrowing scenario.

Discussion turned to the broader topic of courtesy borrowing among DALNET libraries, a topic that was discussed at the last DALNET Board meeting. At the meeting, it was approved "in principle" that DALNET libraries could extend borrowing privileges for their

collections to patrons from other DALNET institutions. DALNET libraries that wished to do this would set their own borrowing policies. One possibility discussed was a "pilot" between two libraries that could be put in place next Spring.

E. Oakland University's E-Mail Book Request Project

Oakland University has received campus grant money to develop software that will enable their patrons to make electronic interlibrary loan requests from Wayne State. At first, the requests will be reviewed by Oakland's ILL staff prior to their being sent to WSU. The software developed by Oakland will be given to Wayne State for customization to enable use at other DALNET libraries.

F. SAS Report Development

There are two SAS reports currently in development. The first is a serials list, which the Systems Office is testing with Oakland University. The second is a report of circulation statistics by call number range, for which specifications are being written.

G. NUGM 1991 Coverage

Project Managers reported that the following people are attending NUGM October 1 - 3: Helen Ma (DPL), Eric Condic and Ann Pogany (Oakland University), and Ann Sargent (University of Detroit Mercy). Two people are going from Wayne State in addition to four people from the Systems Office. To provide DALNET coverage for all relevant meetings, we may need to solicit attendees for specific sessions.

H. News from DALNET Libraries

University of Detroit Mercy: During the past six weeks, 30,000 items have been linked at Outer Drive (using the "Helen Ma" method). So far, 80% of the titles were already in NOTIS (half in the University of Detroit Mercy database).

Wayne County Community College: WCCC is in the midst of a major "budget-driven" reorganization. G. Hicks was laid off from the Library but has another position in the College. J. Flaherty is currently Acting Director of the Library. J. Flaherty reported that his "DALNET baby" (like DALNET itself) is now 7 years and 9 months old.

Oakland University: Oakland received funding to convert records for its Children's Collection on OCLC (via Microcon) and to purchase OCLC records for 4 Major Microform Collections. These tapes need to be loaded into their DALNET database. I. David invited people to the Library's open house which will be held from 10 - 2 on September 19 and 20. Testing of VITLS will begin this Fall; OU will be the test library using Faxon invoices.

Oakland Community College: Three of the four campuses have completed smartbarcoding their collections. IBM controllers have been ordered for two campuses. Datapath circuits are being installed at the two northern campuses. OCC is replacing Telexes with Harris terminals. They have donated 7 Telexes and printers to DPL; 14 more will be available when they order replacements using funds to be received in October. Keytronics keyboards with programmable function keys have been ordered for their pc's.

J. Murray explained that the LRC Processing Center has been moved into an industrial warehouse with its own security system. OCC has a new Chancellor as of March. There is also a new Dean of Libraries at OCC. Three new library positions have been approved, including a librarian, and they will be posted soon. Once GTO CD-ROM has been implemented, OCC plans to transfer into NOTIS both LC authority records and Gaylord MARC bibliographic records from CD's.

Macomb Community College: Macomb's holdings will be loaded into OCLC as part of the Macomb Region of Cooperation's GAC. Macomb's bibliographic records in NOTIS will be exported to tape for loading their holdings into OCLC.

The topic of OCLC tapeloading for other DALNET libraries arose. Wayne State definitely plans to shift to tapeloading, since it is no longer producing OCLC shelflist cards. Other DALNET libraries might also wish to do this in the future.

Wayne State University/DALNET Office: W. Kane reminded people about upcoming PROFS and network training sessions for DALNET libraries. If project managers want to send more than two people, they should contact W. Kane to see if there are openings. The Systems Office Training Room has been moved to Room 250 of the Purdy/Kresge Library.

B. Lessin (WSUL Technical Services) has begun testing a micro computer equipped to toggle between NOTIS and OCLC, using "Attachmate's Extra!" 3270 emulation software. It

will also be tested for transferring records using GTO 3.0.

V. Announcements

OCLC Technical Bulletin #194 lists the MARC format changes which became effective Monday, September 9. C. Wecker will determine how best to update the NOTIS tag tables to accommodate these changes.

L. Bugg distributed copies of the questions compiled by Diane Paldan and Barbara Heath after the demo of the new NOTIS serials checkin screens. DALNET's input has been forwarded to the Chair of the NOTIS Serials SIG.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will not be held on November 4. L. Bugg will poll Project Managers via PROFS to determine whether October 28 or November 11 would be better.

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