

DALNET Cataloging/Authority Design Task Force

Minutes - 6/3/98

Present: K. Binkowski/DIA; R. Call/DPL (Chair); J. Emahiser/Beaumont;
A. Evans/WSU-DALNET; D. Kittendorf/MCC, A. Lim/WSU-DALNET;
D. Moody/UDM.

Minute-Taking Tasks

The Task Force decided that minute-taking tasks would be rotated among members.

Task Force Charge

The Task Force discussed its responsibilities, reviewed information received at the May 20, 1998 briefing, and began to draft its charge for submittal to the DALNET Steering Committee. So far, five tasks were identified:

1. Help Ameritech design union catalog and union authority/resource database.
2. Provide input to Ameritech's Sunrise Project.
3. Review and update DALNET database standards as they relate to the union catalog and authority/resource database.
4. Propose master record concepts, if master records are used in the union catalog.
5. Propose how data will move between individual members' catalogs and the union catalog.

Master Record Concept Vs. Multiple Records Concept

Advantages and disadvantages for both the "master record" concept and the "multiple records" concept were discussed at length. In this discussion, several important questions were raised regarding system architecture and the methods that will be used to import/export records to and from the union catalog and member databases.

R. Call will obtain answers from Ameritech regarding questions about: way in which resource file interacts with bib file in union catalog; transferring records; authority records attached to bib records when uploaded to union catalog; bib record deletion and suppression in the union catalog; and record consolidation vs. record replacement in the union catalog. The Task Force determined that these questions need to be answered before meaningful discussion about the union catalog design could continue.

Ameritech's "Matching Algorithm" Document

Review of Ameritech's memo regarding "Updated Algorithm Logic for Master Record," dated 5/16/98, led to several observations, including the fact that an algorithm for matching authority records was missing, and that the proposed master record algorithm seems to be too "skimpy," in that it does not take into account bib records with no numeric match points. R. Call will forward our concerns about these points to Ameritech. In the meantime, Task Force members should continue to scrutinize the algorithm and forward additional questions or comments to R. Call via email.

OhioLINK Policies Distributed

Copies of OhioLINK documents such as "Order Record Standards," "Minimal Record Input Standards" and the like, were distributed for review, so that the Task Force members could have

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examples of policies developed by another library network sharing an integrated, central catalog.

Miscellaneous Items

- In the discussion about authority records and their use in the union catalog, a question was raised about NACO-level vs. local creation of original authority records. The Task Force needs to consider this matter further when it addresses standards and policies for authority records in the shared resource file.
- Before DPL's migration is completed, a capture of authority records for DPL's GPO records should be performed to encompass all changes since the last capture was done.

Next meeting will be held: Tuesday, June 16, 1998, 2:00-4:30 p.m. at WSU, SEL Room #15.

Notes by

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