DALNET Project Managers Meeting
Dean's Conference Room, Purdy Library
Wayne State University
May 1, 1995, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Introductions

2. NOTIS Release 5.1.2 Project Charter draft (attached)

3. MDAS databases

    ►   Business and Company Profiles

    ►   PsycInfo

4. Items from DALNET Board Meeting

    ►   Circulation Standards Committee recommendations

    ►   Future Planning Committee (attachment)

5. Updates/Questions

    ►   PACLoan Progress

    ►   Patron Record Archive

    ►   FTP Patron Records

    ►   1995 Project List (mailed earlier)

    ►   Other

6. UMI Full-Text System Options--Jason Pearson, UMI
    (Note: See article on p.9 of Connected, Spring 1995 issue)

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DRAFT PROJECT CHARTER
April 24, 1995

Based on past practice, the WSUL/DALNET Systems Office will undertake a project to install and implement the latest NOTIS software release, version 5.1.2, which was received in early 1995. This release includes fixes and enhancements to the LMS software as well as to MDAS, Navigator, GTO, QuikReports, and PACLink/PACLoan. The new release will benefit not only WSU and DALNET library staff and their customers, but is also needed for the MRLT PACLink Title IIA grant project.

Primary Objective

To upgrade the WSUL/DALNET NOTIS installation to Release 5.1.2 for improved functionality and for system compatibility with other libraries, information providers, and future NOTIS releases.

Secondary Objectives

1. To implement U.S. MARC format integration;
2. To provide improved GTO functionality;
3. To enable security for logon to commercial databases via PACLink;
4. To enable use of the newest version of QuikReports;
5. To apply 18 fixes to the LMS modules;
6. To provide the capability for linking bibliographic records when DALNET decides to activate.

Assumptions

1. This software upgrade will be more complex than those done previously because PACLink is now in production.
2. The TAG version 1.3 software that came with Release 5.1.2 can be installed with Release 5.1.1.
3. The necessary disk space will be available for this project.
4. NOTIS Release 5.1.2 runs under both CICS 3.1 and 2.1.2 and with our other system software.
5. QuikReports can be installed and implemented independently.
6. Staff outside the Systems Office will be minimally impacted, i.e., they will need minimal training and will have only minor involvement in testing.
7. It is highly likely that we will encounter unforeseen problems during testing.

Constraints

1. The MRLT PACLink grant calls for PACLoan and MDAS database sharing to be in place by the end of August, at the latest.
2. Installation of Release 5.1.2 requires that PACLoan 1.0 be operational in both staff and user production regions.
3. More disk drives will need to be installed and files moved before Release 5.1.2 can move to production.
4. The outside time limit for Release 5.1.2 LMS functionality to be installed in production is Fall 1995.
5. Test regions and the TAG need to be available for testing.
6. Plans will need to accommodate staff vacation schedules over the summer.
7. Installation in production needs to be done with minimal disruption of service to users and needs to be coordinated carefully with the Computing Center.
8. Testing needs to be thoroughly done to ensure a high quality product for users.

Target Date

Installation in production the weekend of August 12-13, 1995.

Project Priority

Second most important overall Systems Office project after PACLink/PACLoan.

Key Project Team Members

Charlene Wecker will lead this project and report directly to Louise Bugg. Ana Fidler, Dody Fox, George Marck, and Rich Welch (C&IT) will serve on the project team. George Deponio, UCC, will assist Rich.

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DALNET Online System

Planning for the Future

I.   Assumption: DALNET should migrate to the next generation online library system before 2000.

II. Phases in migration

    A. Mainframe system on SNA network

    B. Bridge products on Ethernet network

        1. PACLink/PACLoan

        2. WinPAC or other OPAC client

        3. InfoShare

        4. Doc Direct

    C. Client/server

III. Initial Goals

    A. Educate ourselves about next generation systems

    B. Develop a shared vision of the next generation for DALNET

    C. Continue to implement bridge products

    D. Assure ourselves that we have several years to accomplish the migration while client/server systems mature

    E. Identify unique functional requirements we have for the new system

IV. Planning Process

    A. Develop a process to accomplish initial goals

    B. Create a small team to develop and carry out this initial planning

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