DALNET Screens Committee
Minutes
February 1, 1996
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Attending: Paul Beavers, WSU (Chair); James Green, DALNET Liaison; JoAnn Chalmers,
University of Detroit/Mercy--Outer Drive Campus; Jim Doyle, Macomb Community College;
Anne Forte, Walsh College; Linda Hildebrand, Oakland University; Margaret Thomann, Oakland
County Law Library; Robert Wicke, Highland Park Public Library

I   DALNET Listserve
     A.   Discussion of distributing notices of DALNET Committee meetings and minutes
           revealed that several Screens Committee members were not subscribers to the
           DALNET Listserve. Those who wish to subscribe should send the following
           message to listserv@waynest1 (listserv@cms.cc.wayne.edu):
                 subscribe DALNET [your first name][your last name]
           This message should be sent with nothing in the subject field.

II   Membership List
     A.   The information on members present was reviewed and corrected.
     B.   The membership list will be mailed out with the minutes from this meeting with a
           request for corrections.
     C.   This review lead to a general discussion of the expanding list of libraries that are
           DALNET members. James Green pointed out the Beaumont Hospital Troy had
           been contributing records to DCAT since October 1995. In the Spring of 1996,
           additional Detroit Medical Center hospitals will add their records to DCAT:
           Detroit Receiving Hospital, Grace Hospital, Hutzel Hospital, and the Rehabilitation
           Institute.

III Review of menu screens revisions
     A.   The revisions of screens purposed at the last meeting were not ready by January 1,
           1996 as proposed. These changes are currently considered low priority items that
           James Green will do as his time permits. The first phase of changes, however, has
           been completed.
     B.   Banner line for each member library
           1.   The first revision to the opening screen has already been made. An
                 explanatory text has been added above or below the line that reads "DCAT
                 DALNET Library Catalog". This line serves as a local explanation of the
                 DALNET Catalog. At WSU, for example, the line reads "including the
                 Wayne State Libraries." At the DPL, on the other hand, such a banner
                 might read "Detroit Public Library/Other DALNET Libraries."
           2.   This explanatory text is linked to specific terminal I.D.s and IP addresses
                 allowing an appropriate message to be displayed at the computers in each of
                 the DALNET Libraries. There is no such explanatory text displayed when
                 someone dials-in/telnets in to LUIS.

3. Libraries that would like to add such a heading to their displays should contact James Green. The heading must fit into a limited amount of space: 50 characters counting all spaces and punctuation. If they wish the line to be displayed in white, the limit is 48 characters.

4. The discussion revealed that patrons often have no idea what the DALNET Catalog contains. It was suggested that the LUIS Navigator Grouping Label (that is, the label "DALNET Library Catalog") could be changed to read "Books" or the "Books Catalog." The LUIS Navigator Grouping Label for INDEXES might then be changed to read "Articles" or "Indexes to Articles, Abstracts, and Other Materials." For some of the DALNET Libraries, these changes would be accurate because they maintain separate periodicals lists. For other libraries, DCAT contains the records for monograph and periodical holdings as well as a range of other materials.

5. James Green was unsure whether such Navigator Grouping Labels can be modified institution by institution; that is, modified for specific terminal I.D.s and IP addresses. He will look into it. Libraries interested in such change to their LUIS Navigator Grouping Labels should contact him.

C. There was discussion of how the anticipated changes to the screen displays will affect signage, flyers, training materials, and other documentation in the DALNET Libraries.

1. It is unclear what which changes will necessitate changing signs and documents in the DALNET Libraries.

2. The Screens Committee needs to establish how much notification of change James Green must give the libraries before making changes to the screens. **We will further discuss this policy at the next Screens Committee Meeting.**

3. Those present at the meeting agreed that it is best to make changes in the summer because our clients expect changes to take place during their summer absence.

4. **At the next meeting of the DALNET Screens Committee, we will discuss changes to be made over the summer.**
    a. Do we wish to change the order of databases on the opening LUIS Screen from DCAT/REMOTE/INDEXES to DCAT/INDEXES/REMOTE?
    b. Do we wish to change REMOTE to CATALOGS?
    c. Do we wish to subdivide INDEXES into LOCAL INDEXES and REMOTE INDEXES?
    d. Do we wish to arrange the indexes and remote catalogs in alphabetical order?
    e. What changes do we wish to make to the "explain k" screens in WILS and other MDAS databases?
    f. Is a thorough revision of the help screens required?
    g. Do we all agree that the default Boolean operator should remain "Same"?

IV   Review of fields that are indexed and fields that are displayed
      A.   James Green distributed copies of "NOTIS/MARC Fields Indexed for Keyword
            Boolean Searching" for the Screens Committee review. **The Committee
            members are encouraged to show the list to interested parties in their
            institutions.**
      B.   The Committee can increase the number of fields indexed for Keyword Boolean
            searching. Indexing more fields will, of course, increase the size of the index and
            slow the rate of keyword searching.
      C.   Discussion of changes to displayed fields
            1.   The brief view is judged to be adequate for most patrons. **Linda
                  Hildebrand suggested adding the description field to the brief view,
                  but only if such an addition would not push many call numbers to the
                  second screen of a record. How can this be determined?**
            2.   The fields displayed in the long view provoked no comment.
      D.   The Screens Committee opposes any suggestion of removing the field labels from
            the record display.

V   Review of new capability to download MDAS and LUIS bibliographic records
      A.   NOTIS Mark and Send commands will be implemented on DALNET's LUIS
            mainframe computer. This will allow downloading of LUIS bibliographic records
            from the mainframe to PCS connected via SNA, the campus ethernet, or
            dial-in/telnet connection.
      B.   The Mark/Send commands can be enabled on a terminal-by-terminal basis, so
            selected workstations in a library may be configured to allow or not allow
            downloading.
      C.   The file transfer protocol used is an IBM product called IND$FILE. For the
            process to work, it is necessary to have communications software that supports
            IND$FILE on the PC. IBM's PC3270 terminal emulation software (running under
            DOS) will be supported for SNA-connected PCS; McGill University's TCP3270
            (running under Windows 3.1 or above) will be supported for PCS connected via
            the campus Ethernet or via dial-in/telnet.
      E.   The limitation of such downloading is that only the bibliographic records are
            downloaded. No call numbers, holdings, or ownership information will be
            downloaded.
      F.   At present, NOTIS Mark and Send is enabled at only a few terminals. The
            DALNET Systems Office will distribute instructions for using this feature before it
            is generally enabled.

VI   DocsDirect is a joint project involving Wayne State University, Oakland University, and
      Wayne County Community College. DocsDirect will allow patrons at those three
      institutions to request that copies of selected WILS articles be printed at print-servers at
      their institutions. Full-page images of the articles as they appear in journals will be printed,
      not ASCII text. The articles are stored on UMI CDS which will be placed in a CD
      jukebox. To request an article, the LUIS system must validate the requester as having

faculty or student borrowing privileges at one of the three institutions. There will be a charge for the prints.

- A. This project will be active in at least one location by June and in five locations by August.
- B. A statement involving document availability will appear at the bottom of appropriate WILS records.
- C. The availability notice will appear at all libraries with WILS access regardless of whether they are participating in the DocsDirect project. The message will not make clear which institutions are participating.

VII   The next DALNET Screens Committee meeting will be on Thursday May 2, 1996 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Wayne State University Purdy/Kresge Library.

Submitted by

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