

## Minutes

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Please post any and all corrections and/or omissions to the list

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### A.LSO Update

#### 1.Pause in Create List

After not seeing any obvious impact from the initial setting of 50,000,  
it was agreed to set the system option for pause in create list searches  
to every 25,000 records.

#### 2.Autographics Load

As was reported via the listserv, Autographics sent bad tapes, i.e. tapes  
containing faulty MARC records. Those records that are loaded can be  
used.

#### 3.SCAT Tables

As Gary posted to the listserv, III has implemented a fix to the SCAT  
Tables that should make them usable for gathering circulation statistics  
and longer provide us with anomalous circulation totals. A cursory look  
would seem to concur, however a closer look should be made to determine  
if the SCAT Tables are usable for circulation statistics.

#### 4.Simultaneous Users

Since the maximum number of simultaneous users is never reached, we need  
to reassess the number we are paying for. The WebCat and Guicat sessions  
help lessen the need. George has downloaded statistics for the number of  
turnaways etc. but still needs to put the data into a useful format.

He does not yet want to make a decision until he gets a better handle on  
the statistics generated.

Robin reports a login with unusually high number of turnaways in the last  
week. Per George's recommendation, she will increment the login upward by  
one user at a time.

#### 5.ILL Module

The ILL chair has spoken to Ohio State and is still in the process of  
gathering information on the viability of the ILL Module.

#### 6.Common Library Platform (CLP) / MOBIUS

The plan for a Missouri integrated library system with patron initiated

borrowing is moving forward.

See: <http://www.state.mo.us/oa/bp/budget99/highed/> for the Governor's proposal. The plan is to include 50 college and university libraries with 9 shared systems. A potential result of the nine shared systems, could be a reconfiguration of MERLIN. While \$2.6 million per year x 5 years was recommended to the Governor, he has proposed \$10.2 million in one time money. In an effort to use the \$10.2, an effort will be made to bring the 50 libraries up in 3 years. The \$\$ for operational commitment is still need. No funding for the delivery of materials has been worked out either, although the State Library is looking into potential solutions. A projected annual cost of \$1.2 million will be needed to run MOBIUS. 50% is to come from state money with the remaining 50% to come the MOBIUS libraries. We should know by April whether the proposed \$10.2 million in funding survived both House and Senate.

The Consortium still has three decisions to make:

1. Procurement process to select the system...Do an RFP or expand MIRACL, i.e. use III. If it goes to an RFP and a non-III vendor is chosen, there is a good chance that MIRACL libraries would not be included in the initial implementation...given the \$\$ and commitment to III we would be hard pressed to drop III so soon. If III is chosen, fairly immediate results (in terms of libraries added) could be seen.

2. Location of servers

3. Staff Location/Host

With regards to #'s 2-3, MU will submit proposals contingent on III being the vendor.

MOREnet's Role in MOBIUS??

The MOREnet backbone is vital. They will be providing the bandwidth that will enable the servers to be located in one place. Libraries will either belong to MOREnet or will need to supply their own connection to MOREnet (such as SLU). Most of the potential 50 libraries already belong to MOREnet.

LSO's role with CLP/MOBIUS staff??

This has potentially complicated accounting (and political?) ramifications. It would have to be determined what/who needs to be dedicated to support MERLIN & MOBIUS.

7. INNReach

A task force made up of St. Louis area members will meet (met that is) 2/6 to identify difference in the MERLIN and WashU profiles. The cataloging profile is due in March and the Circulation profile is due in June.

Fixes promised to make INNReach workable by Fall '98 for our unique configuration are still not in writing from III:

- INNReach should randomly select items.

- If locally held (by MERLIN library) it will perform a G (request item) function on MERLIN.

- If WashU item selected, request will function as an INNReach function.

## 8.III at ALA Midwinter

III announced the following at Midwinter:

- 1.Load profiles would be moved to the user level.
- 2.Call tracking/check status would move to user level.
- 3.Will no longer charge for re-indexing.
- 4.Will allow root access and system monitoring.

LSO brought up adding locations as a user function, but perhaps thought better of it, given our problems with scoping.

Break for lunch...fine repast and witty repartee was enjoyed by all.

## 9.Enhancements

Suggestions for enhancements need to be in the coordinators hands by March. Only MRSC has delivered so far. Given the funding for next fiscal year, most of which is going to databases and e-journals, there should be some \$\$ available for enhancements.

## 10.Proxy Server

LSO can install (or is that, has installed?) on sequoia a proxy server software that interacts with patron database via API where with a properly configured web browser distance users/learners are given the ability to connect to databases as though they were at their home campus.

## 11.URL Checking

Gary has implemented a URL checker from LINKBOT. It extracts the 856 subfield u and record number data. See Gary's first stab at LINKBOT at: [http://merlin.missouri.edu/lso/856\\_links.htm](http://merlin.missouri.edu/lso/856_links.htm)

## B.Training

Initially III told us we could use our 4 unused training days for workshops. They now are offering us customized training.

Suggestions were made for training in the following areas:

statistics, including user statistics

advanced create list

advanced circulation/reserve

acq/serials

\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*\*\*

Janet Jackson will look into setting up training facility in the Locust Bldg.

A point was made to be as specific as possible in our requests for training.

It was suggested that all IUG attendees make a point to see/find out about III's Web-based Statistic Management program.

Ongoing training was discussed. Given the small number of training days left, how will ongoing training be handled and by whom. While all agreed it was a real issue, no consensus was reached.

\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*\*\*

Robin will ask respective committees to present a detailed list of training needs (including stats/user stats, advanced create list, advanced circ/reserve, & acq/serials) and how they envision continuing (basic & advanced) training will be handled. Members are to respond to their respective lists by the April Coordinators meeting.

C.MERLIN Users Group?

Gary suggested an annual MERLIN user's group, where MERLIN staff across departments could get together to discuss problems solutions.

D.Note 1 in Checkin Record

Per III, if there is no latest received message, Note 1 will display on the initial checkin record. In either case, Note 1 will appear above the checkin boxes.

\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEM\*\*\*\*

LSO to inform III to go ahead as planned on 7/1/98 with turning Note 1 on in the MERLIN system.

E.Laser Printer Driver

Laser Printer (HP5N) and driver on order for Ellis.  
Robin pointed out that special SER/ACQ forms would still be required for the laser printer. All other campuses will watch & learn from MU's experience.

F.RFP for Authority Vendor

Since authority and enrichment are being split, an RFP for authority control will need to take place. RFP needs to be ready by March. Section 5, the Mandatory Requirements, was reworked. An MQCC sub-committee will work on the details of desirable system capabilities.

\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEM??\*\*\*\*

Gary will scan a clean copy (if available) of the previous RFP to the Web (both Mandatory Requirements and Desirable System Capabilities), dated 4/3/1995, for Authority Control services.

The next scheduled meeting is 3/4/98

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