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SirsiDynix Enterprise Unveiled As New Faceted Search Product

New add-on solution for current OPACs capitalizes on industry-leading fuzzy search

ANAHEIM, Calif., June 25, 2008 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, today announced SirsiDynix Enterprise,[™] a new faceted search product that becomes the foundation for a range of user experience solutions, featuring industry-first fuzzy search technology, highly efficient search index updating, intuitive user interfaces, powerful finding aids, consortia support, deep integration with SirsiDynix integrated library systems and next-generation OPAC functionality. SirsiDynix Enterprise also provides the groundwork that will support community/social networking capabilities such as user reviews, rankings and tagging and more in future releases. Because the new product is an easy add-on to current SirsiDynix OPACs, SirsiDynix Enterprise offers libraries an easy, cost-effective way to build on existing user experience investments to deliver next-generation user experience solutions. SirsiDynix Enterprise will be available to users of SirsiDynix OPACs, including SirsiDynix Symphony e-Library, Horizon Information Portal, iBistro, iLink, Ecole and Web2, in the third quarter of 2008.

Specific features of the upcoming summer release of SirsiDynix Enterprise include:

- **Fuzzy search logic:** Ensures relevant search results even in cases of simple misspelling or variations in suffixes and prefixes.
- **Faceted finding aids:** Enterprise allows narrowing of search results by categories, such as author, subject, publication date, and language, so users can easily find specific records within a result set. Facets can be stacked on top of each other, narrowing by subject, and then again by publication date, for example. Faceted finding aids take the guesswork out of refining search results and eliminate “dead-ends”.
- **Consortia support:** Configuration options for specific library profiles (branches, groups of libraries or different patron groups like kids, teens, Spanish speaking, for example). Each profile can support multiple languages, a unique look and feel, library or location-based search limits, and be reached through a unique URL configured by the library.
- **Diacritic accommodation:** Enterprise is able to correctly identify and match characters with or without diacritical markings.
- **Easy-to-use interface:** The new SirsiDynix Enterprise interface delivers correct results without requiring seekers to know which “field” or index to search in. Returns results for all or part of a query, with exact matches given highest ratings. Supports a range of languages, including both Roman and non-Roman character sets.
- **Efficient search index updating:** Search index updating is based on “deltas”, or differences, rather than a complete catalog dump on a nightly basis, resulting in indexing updates that require less time and bandwidth to complete.

- **Enriched content support:** Incorporation of a full set of subscription-based enriched content, cover art, reviews, author notes, chapters etc.
- **Integration with SirsiDynix integrated library systems and OPACs:** Direct interface to SirsiDynix Symphony, Horizon, and Unicorn for high-performance indexing of relevant SirsiDynix MARC data and item information.
- **Easy add-on to SirsiDynix OPACs:** Easy to add SirsiDynix Enterprise onto current SirsiDynix OPAC products, including SirsiDynix Symphony e-Library, Horizon Information Portal, iBistro, iLink and Web 2; cost-effective approach to building on existing user experience investments, without starting from scratch.
- **Search widget:** Provides a code snippet that can easily be cut and pasted in order to present an Enterprise search box within existing web pages.
- **Stateful, URL-based searching:** Supports use of Back button on Web browsers as part of search process and building “saved searches” that can be saved as browser “Favorites” or sent or saved as links in other documents.
- **Look and feel flexibility:** Cascading style sheet (CSS) templates offer the look and feel of existing OPACs; features administrative interface for customized templates.
- **Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)/ASP hosted solution:** SaaS offers lower total cost of ownership, as SirsiDynix manages all hardware and software support, maintenance, and upgrades.

“In a world of information that is so deep and so broad, nothing is more challenging to information seekers than searching and retrieving the information they need,” said Gary Rautenstrauch, SirsiDynix chief executive officer. “At the same time, one of libraries’ greatest challenges is making their resources discoverable to those information seekers. That’s why we are so excited about SirsiDynix Enterprise and the powerful new search capabilities the product brings to libraries seeking to serve demanding information consumers more effectively than ever before.”

According to Talin Bingham, SirsiDynix chief technology officer, “What we are so pleased about with SirsiDynix Enterprise are the unique and industry-leading capabilities this new product brings to libraries: fuzzy search logic, deepest integration with ILS and OPAC systems, intuitive interfaces, multi-language support and much more.”

“And all this is just in the first release of SirsiDynix Enterprise,” adds Bingham. “Stay tuned for more great capabilities in coming months.”

SirsiDynix is making this announcement at the 2008 Annual Conference of the American Library Association. Demonstrations of SirsiDynix Enterprise were available in the SirsiDynix booth (#1678) and post-conference. Contact your SirsiDynix sales consultant or email sales@sirsidynix.com for more information.

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