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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

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., July 31, 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 is available now to users of SirsiDynix OPACs, including SirsiDynix Symphony e-Library, Horizon Information Portal, iBistro, iLink, Ecole and Web2.

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

- **Fuzzy search logic:** Ensures relevant search results even in cases of simple misspellings or variations in suffixes, or 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 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.

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- **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 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 be easily cut and pasted in order to present an Enterprise search box within existing web pages.
- **Stateless, 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

“Libraries provide access to a world of information and entertainment resources that are not accessible through general purpose Internet searching,” said Gary Rautenstrauch, SirsiDynix Chief Executive Officer. “At SirsiDynix we want to give libraries the tools they need to make those resources easy to discover and use. Enterprise is an important milestone in reaching that goal.”

According to Talin Bingham, SirsiDynix Chief Technology Officer, “Enterprise represents a new level of usability research, rigorous testing, and innovation. For us, Enterprise is concrete evidence of our commitment to provide the best library user experience worldwide. We are tightly focused on delivering the things that matter most to library patrons. Stay tuned for more great capabilities in coming months.”

For more information about SirsiDynix Enterprise, contact your SirsiDynix sales consultant or email sales@sirsidynix.com for more information.

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About SirsiDynix

SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see www.sirsidynix.com.

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