Rediscover Discovery - PL Handout Edition

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An epic drama of adventure and exploration

2001: a space odyssey

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What is a discovery service?

A system that searches “seamlessly across a wide range of local and remote content ... [providing] relevance-ranked results”


Examples include:

Summon (ProQuest, branded at Yale as Articles+)
Primo (ExLibris)
EDS (EBSCO)
WorldCat (OCLC)
Blacklight (open source)

Comprised of 2 main pieces:

- discovery layer- (code) what you see on the front end
  - and
- the central index (metadata) what you are searching on the back end

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What is the central index?

- provides a centralized search across many of a library’s resources
- searches across multiple formats (journals, ebooks, images, etc)
- Over a billion items in the index and growing!

  - Articles, ebooks, images, HathiTrust; full text and citations

- YUL LibGuides also indexed
- The knowledge base acts as our rights layer
- Not all item descriptions in the index are equal!

  - quality of metadata varies (thick vs. thin metadata)
  - not all publishers and vendors provide their metadata

How does this work?

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• Articles+ recap

Rollout of the Summon service last year was part of a strategic plan to move towards a more expansive search and discovery service

• Summon 1.0 went live in August 2013
• Upgraded to 2.0 in May 2014

Features of Articles+

• Search API
• Search boxes and widgets
• Inclusion of LibGuide content
• Discipline facets*
• Topic explorer*
• Responsive design*
• Autocomplete text input*
• Recommended Guides*
• Suggested Subject Librarian*
• News items grouped together*
• Images grouped together*

* indicates a feature only available in Summon 2.0

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• Other YUL e-resource services

**Access points for e-resources:**

- Need to find out whether we have full text coverage to a specific journal title?
  - *Journal A-Z list*
  - *Orbis*
- Searching for a specific article?
  - *Citation Linker* (located on Journal page)
- Looking for a specific database?
  - *Database A-Z list*
- Want to search across lots of journal articles but not use Articles+?
  - *Google Scholar*

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• Resources and communication

Troubleshooting

• Can’t access a resource from the Yale links menu?
  Email e-resprob@mailman.yale.edu

• Articles+ acting crazy?
  Email jennifer.nolte@yale.edu

Toolkit

• The Reference and Instruction with Eresources LibGuide provides YUL staff with information and resources to help them teach with Articles+ and other eresource systems at the Library: http://guides.library.yale.edu/eresourcesystemsupport

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