The Summon Discovery Tool
Its Implementation and Impact on Usage Statistics at Maynooth University

The Implementation Process

Implementation
Tender for Link Resolver and Discovery Tool
Awarded to Proquest November 2013: Summon and 360 Link
Change of Link Resolver from SFX to 360 Link
Fully implemented Summer 2014

Impact
Data and Configuration
Automated routines to export LMS data to Summon
Harvest content of Maynooth University ePrints (IR) into Summon
Link to subscribed resources only
Information Literacy and Training Preparation

Customisation
New Website
National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) rebranded as Maynooth University
Summon named locally as "LibrarySearch"

LibrarySearch portal on MU Library homepage

Usage Statistics

Total Databases: 321
Total Unique Titles:
Books - 502,304
Journals - 82,517

User Feedback
Bless you for doing this!
You find stuff you didn’t know to look for
Everything is in one place, great not having to search in different places

Don’t like it linking to Wikipedia
Need to always clear filters from previous search
Couldn’t figure out the list
It wasn’t obvious how to save an article

Library Staff Feedback
Know item searching difficult
Fantastic overview of collections
How did we ever manage without it?
Information overload
Usability needs work!

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