

Title:

Understanding discovery platform usage

Purpose:

1. To assess what discovery platforms are being used by potential VuFind and existing VuFind users
2. To assess what features users like, dislike, and wish they had in their existing discovery platforms.
3. To inform future marketing of the VuFind platform, potential directions for future feature development, and inform future discussions with potential funders.

Target audience:

1. VuFind stakeholder groups as identified by PMC in the It Takes A Village exercise on stakeholders.

Plans for survey dissemination:

- Survey instrument to be tested by Mohan's training group
- PMC to post to list serves
- Results of survey to be posted on VuFind wiki

Survey questions:

What discovery platforms do you currently use? (Multi-select)

- VuFind
- Blacklight
- Primo
- EBSCO Discovery Service
- Summon
- WorldCat Discovery
- List of other answer options
- Other, please specify

What is the approximate size of the discovery platforms do you currently use? (Multi-select)

1 to 1,000 records
1,000 to 10,000 records
10,000 to 50,000 records
50,000 to 200,000 records

200,000 to 500,000 records
500,000 to 2 million records
2 million to 5 million records
5 million to 20 million records
20 million to 50 million records
More than 50 million records

What types of information do you search for on the discovery platforms you use? (Multi-select)

Online / downloadable documents
Printed / physical materials (i.e. documents to loan)
Bibliographic information
Map or georeferenced data
Audiovisual materials
List of other answer options
Other, please specify

What types of users are the discovery platforms you currently use designed for? (Multi-select)

- General public
- Academics (faculty, students, staff)
- Government staff
- Internal database designed for staff of the hosting organization

What technical preferences and/or requirements do you have about the discovery platforms you use? (Multi-select array)

	Preference	Requirement
Locally managed platform		
Hosted platform		
Ability to choose between different discovery platforms		
Other		

Sub-question: Please elaborate on your choice of "Other" above:

What features do you like about the discovery platforms you use? (Multi-select)

Ability to define/customize search types/fields
Faceted navigation
Alphabetical heading browse

Authority record integration
Bento box searching across multiple sources
Real-time integration with an ILS
Support for integration with third-party search APIs
Social features (tags, favorites, etc.)
Notification functionality (SDI)
Internationalization
Standards-based export support (e.g. OAI-PMH, Z39.50, etc.)

- List of answer options
- Other, please specify

What features do you wish you had in the discovery platforms you use? (Multi-select)

- Ability to define/customize search types/fields
- Faceted navigation
- Alphabetical heading browse
- Authority record integration
- Bento box searching across multiple sources
- Real-time integration with an ILS
- Support for integration with third-party search APIs
- Social features (tags, favorites, etc.)
- Notification functionality (SDI)
- Internationalization
- Standards-based export support (e.g. OAI-PMH, Z39.50, etc.)
- List of answer options
- Other, please specify

What features are not important / not used in the discovery platforms you use? (Multi-select)

- Ability to define/customize search types/fields
- Faceted navigation
- Alphabetical heading browse
- Authority record integration
- Bento box searching across multiple sources
- Real-time integration with an ILS
- Support for integration with third-party search APIs
- Social features (tags, favorites, etc.)
- Notification functionality (SDI)
- Internationalization
- Standards-based export support (e.g. OAI-PMH, Z39.50, etc.)
- List of answer options
- Other, please specify

What type of institution do you work for? (Single select)

- Academic library
- Public library
- Special library
- National library
- Private (for-profit) company / Commercial entity
- Non-profit institution
- Museum
- Research institute
- Government agency
- Other, please specify

Which of the following best describes your occupation? (Single select)

- Educator
- Researcher
- Software developer
- Library staff
- IT specialist
- Other, please specify

What is your country of residence? (Single select)

- List of countries (or we can allow this as an open text format).
- Other, please specify