

Bibliographic Software Evaluation

Project Outline

The project aims to:

- Discover who in the University uses bibliographic software, which, and for what
- Talk to a selected number of users, and to library staff, regarding the software they use, and what they require in a bibliographic software package
- Search for bibliographic software packages, select a number for evaluation, and obtain copies.
- Evaluate the software and write a short report for each. This will include Papyrus with regard to comparison of features, even though it is not Windows based
- Provide facilities for those who are interested in bibliographic software to evaluate the packages
- Select an appropriate package, negotiate licences for it (if possible) and install the package by the beginning of the next academic year

Personnel involved

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Criteria for Evaluation

These are still being developed, but major criteria include ease of use, ease of transferral from current bibliographic packages to the one chosen, ease of importation from on-line databases, the number of formatted styles available and/or the ease of creating new styles, search facilities, and ease of use within word-processing packages (both WordPerfect and Word).

Timescale

June	July	August	September
Talk to users and the library regarding features required in a bibliographic package, and create evaluation criteria	Select a number of packages for evaluation, and obtain and install evaluation copies. Start writing evaluation reports	Complete writing of evaluation reports, provide evaluation facilities for users, select software and negotiate licences	Install Software