1. Managing E-Resources: Overview

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Workshop Outline

1. **Overview of e-resources**
2. **Acquiring e-resources**
3. **Providing access within the library**
4. **Archiving**

Objectives of the workshop

1. **To distinguish different types of e-resources**
2. **To describe the e-resources purchased by the library**
3. **To comprehend the issues in acquiring e-resources**
4. **To be aware of the issues in providing access to e-resources by the users**

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the workshop you will be able to;

1. **To make a distinction between different types of e-resources currently available in the market.**
2. **To illustrate the databases purchased by the library to the users.**
3. **To address the issues in acquiring e-resources.**
4. **To develop better access to e-resources in the library.**
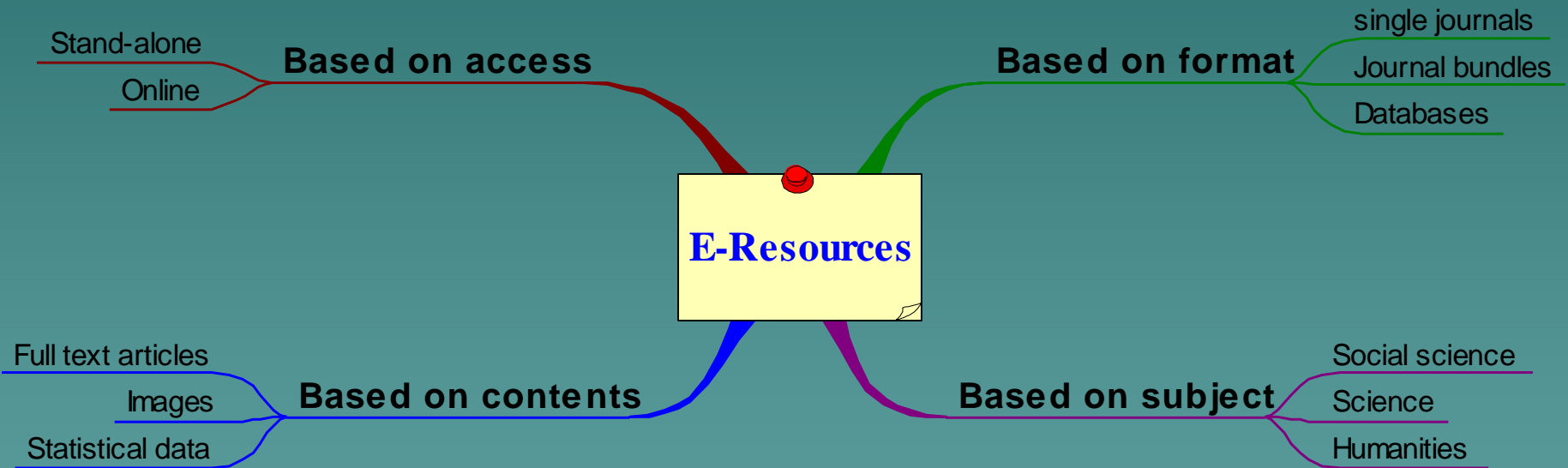
Overview

E-Resources

1. **How would you define E-Resources?**

2. **What are the different types of E-Resources that you know?**

E-Resources

E-Resources are information sources offered through a computer, sometimes standalone and sometimes through a network.

1. CD/ROMS
2. E-books
3. Government, professional and other cites
4. E-Journals

E-Journals & Databases

Stand-alone

Online

Based on access

Based on format

single journals

Journal bundles

Databases

E-Resources

Full text articles

Images

Statistical data

Based on contents

Based on subject

Social science

Science

Humanities

E-databases

1. **Full-text aggregation** **(EBSCOhost, LexisNexis)**

2. **Journal aggregation** **(Project Muse)**

3. **Backfile aggregation** **(JSTORE)**

4. **E-printer** **(OUP's Highwire)**

5. **Publisher interface** **(Sage) and**

6. **Consolidators** **(EBSCO's EJS, SwetsWise online content)**

Full-text aggregation
(EBSCOhost, LexisNexis)

A product that consolidates citations and fl txt from multiple periodical publishers in a common search environment

Advantages for the library-

1. Low cost than the total e-jl. Cost.
2. Single platform for access.

Disadvantages for the library –

1. Not a substitute for journals
2. Content embargos
3. No guarantee of contents

Advantages for the publisher –

1. A little extra income agreed with each publisher
2. Visibility
3. License can be terminated at any time

Journal aggregation

(Project Muse)

A product that consolidates jls from multiple publishers in a common interface and search environment

Advantages for the library-

1. **More stable content than fl txt aggregators.**

Disadvantages for the library-

1. **Not a substitute to the full journals**

Advantages for the publishers-

1. **Higher income because all publishers discuss the fee**

2. **More exposure without the burden of interface / subscription issues.**

Backfile aggregation (JSTORE)

A product that consolidates non-current contents of jls. From multiple publishers in a common interface and search environment.

Advantages for the library-

1. A quantity of old material with more stability.
2. Do not need infrastructure for conversion of old journals.

Disadvantages for the library-

1. Not substitute for jl. Subscriptions.

Advantages for the publishers-

1. Extra income
2. Exposure without a risk to the current subscription-base
3. Possibility of having an increase of subscription to current issues.

E-Printers
(Highwire, MetaPress)

- ◆ **Provides e-jl hosting services and functions to publishers**

- ◆ **Has nothing to do with the production of the content.**

- ◆ **Produces the final format that a reader encounters.**

- ◆ **Offers a range of services – data storage and management of jl. Content, web interface development, authentication control, usage statistics.**

- ◆ **Is not directly involved with subscription**

- ◆ **Library has to register with the publisher directly /through agent to obtain activation codes.**

- ◆ **Can provide cross-publisher searching**

Publisher interface (Sage)

A publisher controlled e-jl. Environment created primarily for its e-resources.

- Only large publishers can do this –Elsevier, Oxford, Wiley InterScience
- Only the e-jls./books of that publisher is included but sometimes smaller publishers are included. Eg Science Direct.
- Usually good customer service
- Library can purchase individual titles, subsets or in entirety.

Consolidators
(EBSCO's EJS, SwetsWise online content)

- Provides both e-printer services to the publishers and e-resources access services to the libraries.

- They host jls on their consolidator platform

- Provide access to contents which they do not host.

- Contents of all jls. can be searched at bibliographic level

Databases available in the University of Colombo Library

Please concentrate individually on the following databases;

1. **Emerald**
2. **JSTORE**
3. **Hein-online**
4. **HW Wilson**
5. **Project Muse**
6. **Science Direct**

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Pay special attention to the following;

1. Brief history of the database including the publisher and/or platform provider.
2. Details about its content – General overview, types of content, no. of jl. Titles covered, subject coverage period of coverage, embargos if any.
3. Subscription models available
4. Availability of online training for users

Activity : Prepare a poster to be presented in the class