Configuring Symphony for Music: Lessons Learned in Year One

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Background
- Horizon customer 1993-2009
- Migrated to Symphony, May 2009
- Initial migration to Symphony 3.2.1, now on Symphony 3.3.1
- I am not the system administrator!
- I was heavily involved as the music cataloger

Today’s Presentation
- Focus: changes and adjustments which specifically affected music searching
- Caveats:
  - Your configuration may differ from ours!
  - We brought our Horizon baggage with us

The “AND” Problem
- Caused many failed searches, library-wide.
- Delivered default operator for keyword searches was SAME
- Search for Brahms Requiem only looked for those words in the exact SAME MARC field.

The “AND” Problem, con’t.
- The default operator can be changed!
- Direct your SA to this PowerPoint (p. 20):
  - http://www.libraries.psu.edu/etc/medialib/snrg09/presentations/Pax0004.File.dat/PlOne_LookandFeel.ppt
- Changed default operator to AND. General Keyword search for Brahms Requiem now looks in all fields.

Record Format
- 7 delivered “record formats”,
  - MAP (cartographic materials)
  - MARC (monographic textual material)
  - MIXEDMAT (archival/manuscript collections)
  - MRDF (machine readable data format)
  - MUSIC (scores, musical sound recordings, nonmusical sound recordings)
  - SERIAL (serials)
  - VM (videos & kits)
- Assigned based on bib “Type” codes
Record Format, con't.

- We needed a way to search
  - ALL scores
  - ALL sound recordings
- Created new format SOUNDREC for recordings
  - Type i Nonmusical sound recording
  - Type j Musical sound recording
- Changed record format MUSIC to include only scores
  - Type c Notated music
  - Type d Manuscript notated music

Record Formats in OPAC

Item Categories

- Patrons seek specific formats such as CD, DVD, VHS, e-audio
- We couldn’t use item types for this
  - Multiple item types for each specific format (to indicate location, etc.)
  - No way to combine item types in e-library limiters
- Used item category 1

Item Categories, con’t.

- SOUND
  - Audiocassette
  - CD
  - LP Record
  - E-recording

- VIDEO
  - DVD
  - E-video
  - Videocassette
  - Laserdisc (does not display to public due to character limit for the entire list)

Also have item categories for Score, Book, Journal, and so forth

Item Categories in OPAC

Keyword Indexing

- Delivered indexing was not ideal
- Had to determine the delivered indexing ourselves
- Key problems include:
  - 240 in author kw; not in title kw
  - 245 $c not indexed anywhere
  - 508 in general kw only; not in title or author kw
  - 700 completely in author kw, including the title subfields; not in title kw
- We haven’t made the changes … yet
Clicking on linked text conducts a search on the text in the appropriate keyword index.

As delivered, did not include $d$ (dates)

Our SA added $d$

Enclosing keywords in double quotes doesn't conduct a phrase search.

You must use single quotes.

We haven't solved this one ... has anyone?