



### *Searching the UK's leading bibliographic databases*

#### **Benefits for Customers:**

- Enhances your catalogue with quality bibliographic records - helping borrowers to find resources they need
- Minimises the need for local record creation, ensuring materials reach shelves quicker
- Staff spend less time cataloguing, and can focus on delivering frontline services
- Lowers the overall cost of procurement, allowing resources to be directed towards improving stock

#### **Benefits for your library:**

- Access to nearly 30 million records, the largest database of bibliographic records with a UK orientation
- Contribute and share records with other libraries and prestigious sources
- Upgrade your existing 'thin' records with the richest record available
- Fast, standards-based sharing allows any LMS (with Z39.50 capabilities) to search all data through a single query

#### **Overview**

Quality bibliographic records are essential to deliver a consistent catalogue to users, helping them to find the resources they need. Today's modern libraries require a vast breadth of coverage including supporting multi-media material. Until recently, the process of enriching your catalogue by sourcing metadata required multiple searches across a variety of databases - a time-consuming and costly activity.

#### **The value of aggregation**

Base is a collection of high quality bibliographic databases that can be accessed quickly from a single search, allowing you to select the best record from your preferred source. Combining an exceptionally high hit rate with efficient workflows, Base can provide access to nearly 30 million records available from 20 databases, minimising the need for local record creation. Your stock reaches shelves quicker, so your staff can focus more on user services and less on cataloguing, lowering the cost of procurement across your institution.

## Integrates with your existing LMS

All the data is available through a single Z39.50 target, allowing any LMS to search records from prestigious sources with a single query. These include the British Library, the Library of Congress, and other contributing libraries through Capita's Union Catalogue database – a shared catalogue created over the last 30 years by public and academic libraries, and containing over 5 million bibliographic records. Base delivers services that are easily integrated into your existing workflows. Through its standards-based interface, Base is already working alongside Horizon, Galaxy and Voyager systems.

**"Base is a vital component of our bibliographic services. We are able to use it seamlessly with our Innovative Library Management System."**

Anthony Edwards, Senior Executive Librarian,  
Clare County Library

## Discover historic records

In addition to delivering quality records for real-time download into your system, Base encourages libraries to supply their own records to Capita's Union Catalogue, enriching the

information available to the cataloguing community. Through this combination of co-operative cataloguing, commercial data sources and major databases, Base is a treasure trove of rare, old and out of print materials without licensing restrictions.

## Fast, unlimited, standards-based searching

Base integrates with your existing cataloguing workflow, with full support for MARC 21 and ISBN-13 standards. Base supports both Bath and US National Profiles with average searches (querying millions of records) taking just a few seconds. Staff can upgrade 'thinner' records (perhaps from early versions used for ordering) with the best record available - increasing the size and richness of the catalogue. And since Base is accessed through an annual charge, you can run repeated searches at no extra cost.

**"Base is an invaluable resource as it provides us with good bibliographic records for the vast majority of the titles we buy and so saves a huge amount of work both in Acquisitions and Cataloguing."**

Janet Hollins, Bibliographic Services Librarian,  
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