A New Library Management System (LMS) for Oxford

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What is OLIS

- An integrated library management system for a consortium of ~100 libraries with common IT infrastructure and some centralised support.
- Where are these libraries
 - OULS
 - Deparments
 - Colleges
 - Hospitals
 - Externals (e.g Centre for Oxfordshire Studies)

Who uses OLIS and from where

Who

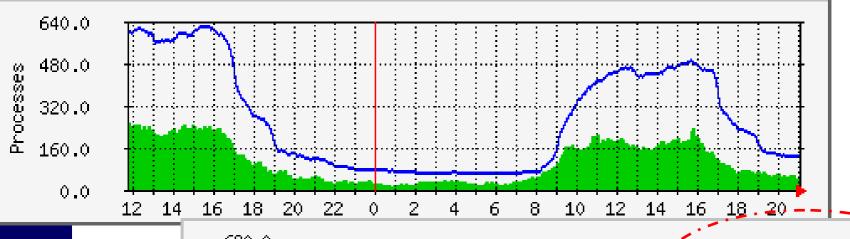
- General public
- Library members (students / staff / alumni / external etc)
- Library staff

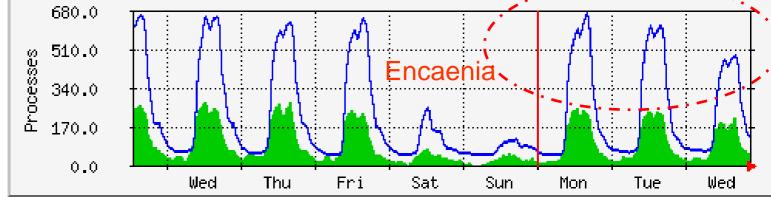
Where

- Oxford Libraries
- Oxford
- UK
- World

How busy is OLIS – last 24hrs







So what is changing

- The system itself
- The clients
- The DOS OPAC interfaces
- The backend DB
- The hardware

System / Database

- Currently:
 - Geac Advance running on IBM UniVerse Database
- Replacement:
 - VTLS Virtua running on Oracle Database

Clients

- Currently:
 - Telnet
 - Java Telnet
 - Web
 - Staff side clients
- New system:
 - Web for readers
 - PC Client for library staff

DOS OPACS

 Existing PC technology running DOS and a telnet client for OPAC access will be replaced across OULS and possibly further* with Sun Ray Terminals

Existing hardware

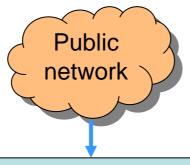
- Front End
 - Sun Fire 280R
- Back End
 - Sun Fire V890
 - 8 processors
 - 12 disks
- 3rd party DR support

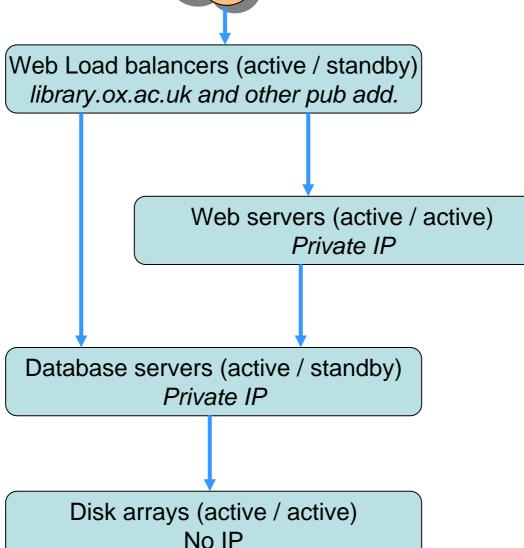


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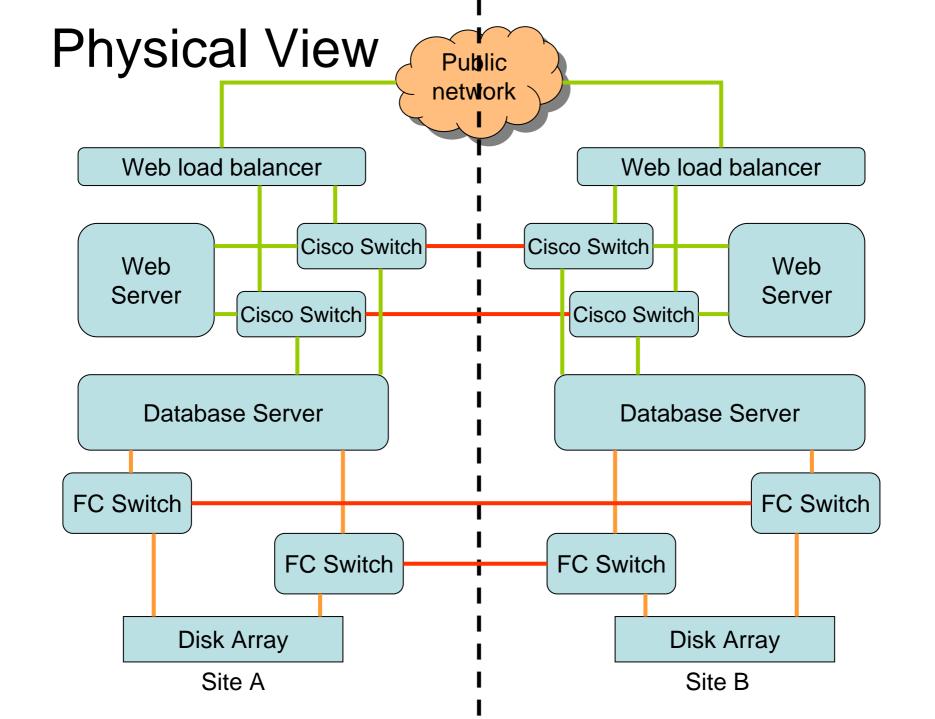
- Highly Available
- Redundant
- Scaleable

Logical View

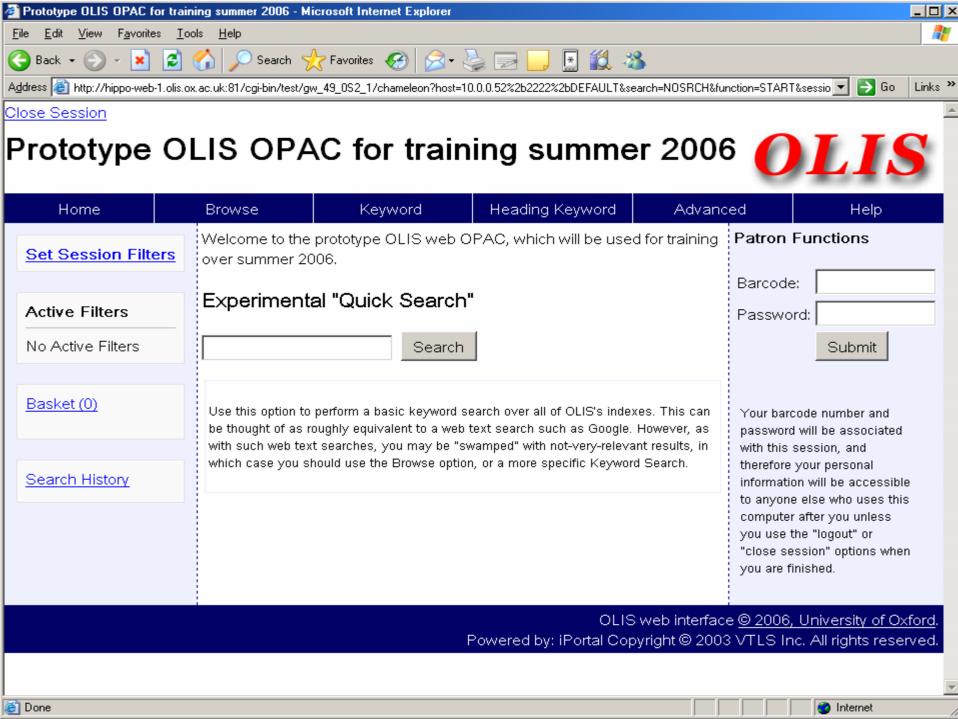




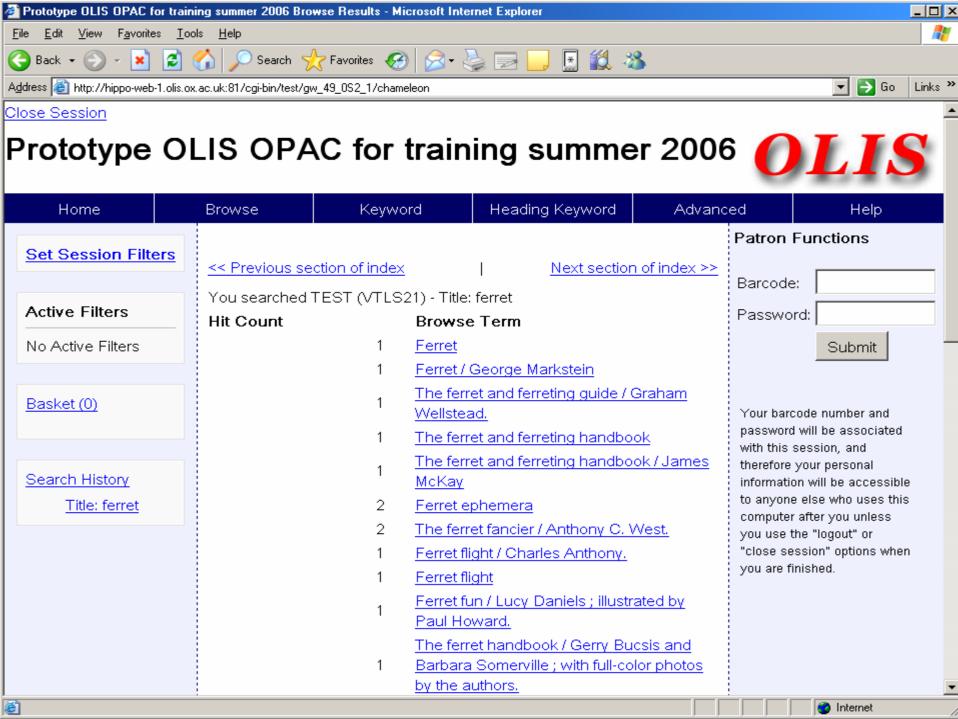
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Web Interface







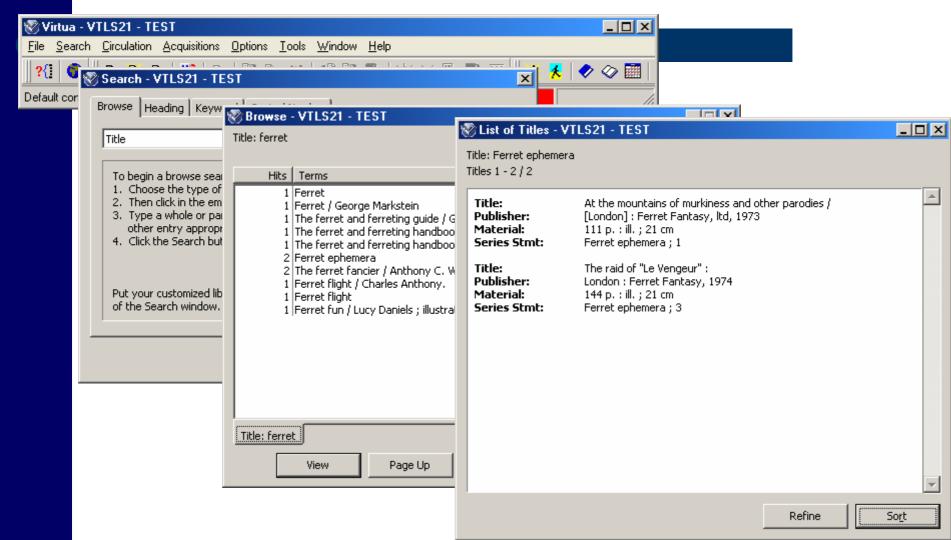




Staff Client

- Windows based
- Requires 2000 or XP
- 128MBytes RAM
- 150MBytes Hard Disk Space

What does it look like



What it means to IT Support Staff

- Lower number of interfaces
- One client for library staff with simple install routine
- Long term will have a simple update routine
- Less complexity with required network ports and firewall setting

Further Information

http://www2.ouls.ox.ac.uk/lms/