

An editorial and technical point of view





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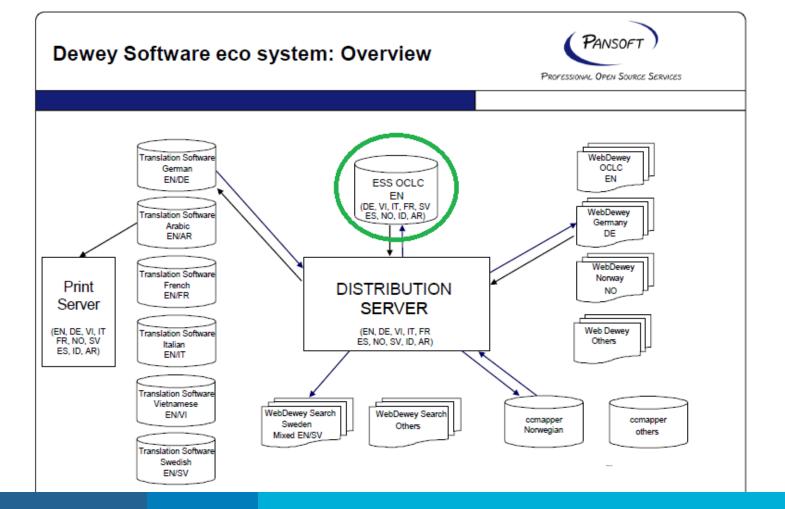
ESS: THE DDC SOURCE



Editorial Support System (ESS)

- Central database for English DDC data (MARC)
- Previous editions back to DDC 20 and Abridged 12
- "Source" in the worldwide Dewey ecosystem







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Basic ESS workflow

- Changes are drafted in projects
 - Class records in projects linked to DDC 23
 - Safe "sandboxes" for experimentation
 - One standing project that receives contributed built numbers
- Publication process pushes changes to DDC 23
 - Simultaneously, distribution server sends changes to English WebDewey and translations
- "Canned text" for common phrases, note types, etc.



Canned text example: History notes

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Other features

- Relative Index and external vocabularies
 - DDCRI records stored separately from projects, linked to class records in editions or projects
 - ESS can search MeSH and WorldCat authorities (LCSH, NAF) to be mapped—stored like DDCRIs
- Built-in WorldCat bibliographic searching
- Configured to be multilingual, though there's only English data now



Class, RI, external searching

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VOLUNTEERS IN ESS



Differing permissions levels

- Full editor
- Volunteer editor
- Volunteer restricted
- Read-only



Workflow for volunteers

- Currently informal
 - Resembles traditional editors' workflow
 - Stage codes to mark record status
- More eyes = less chance of mistakes
- Editor is responsible for final review and pushing the button to publish



Stage codes

- d Draft
- i Internal review
- e External review
- f Final/publication review
- s Scheduled for publication

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FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS



Potential ESS improvements

- Enhanced history information
 - Easier to compare previous versions of records
 - See who's doing what, better recognize contributions
 - Potentially useful for versioning
- Support for Glossary and Introduction
 - Better integration with English WebDewey and translations
 - Easier to produce print-on-demand versions



Thank you!

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