# Re-Thinking the ILS



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# Agenda:

Re-thinking the ILS

Importance of choice in the library ecosystem

 Discovery Services Platform and the postmodern ILS

## Re-thinking the ILS: Changing Needs

The academic library collection is evolving and the traditional ILS represents a smaller part of the overall library workflow

#### The Changing Library Collection



Then

1.0 million volumes

15K print serials

250K circ

OPAC and Databases
Via native interface or
federated search

Now



No growth. Increased offsite storage



Declining in favor of full text article content



No growth, Increasingly automated (e.g. OCLC, YBP)



50,000 titles via subscription, DDA and purchase



Largely replacing print serials
Available via EBSCOnet



100s of millions of articles searched via discovery (EDS)

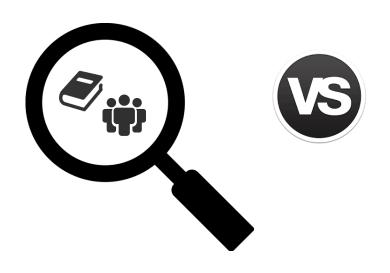
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New
collection
means
changes to
the physical
space, new
workflows
and increased
technology
focus

## **New Paradigm**



"Digital native" users with modern expectations, different needs, across disciplines





<u>Diverse</u> selection of content that is accessed on a myriad of devices



<u>Unique</u> technology mix within the library ecosystem

# Re-thinking the ILS: Changing Needs

Shouldn't our ILS strategy be focused more on user success and outcomes?

# Aligning Technology Choice with your mission



# **Supporting the Library Mission**

 The mission statement of your library is probably focused on <u>serving your users</u>

 The value of the library is tied directly to the end user's experience with the library and its resources

Library Success = User Success

#### Strategic Goals of One Academic Library

#### GOAL #1

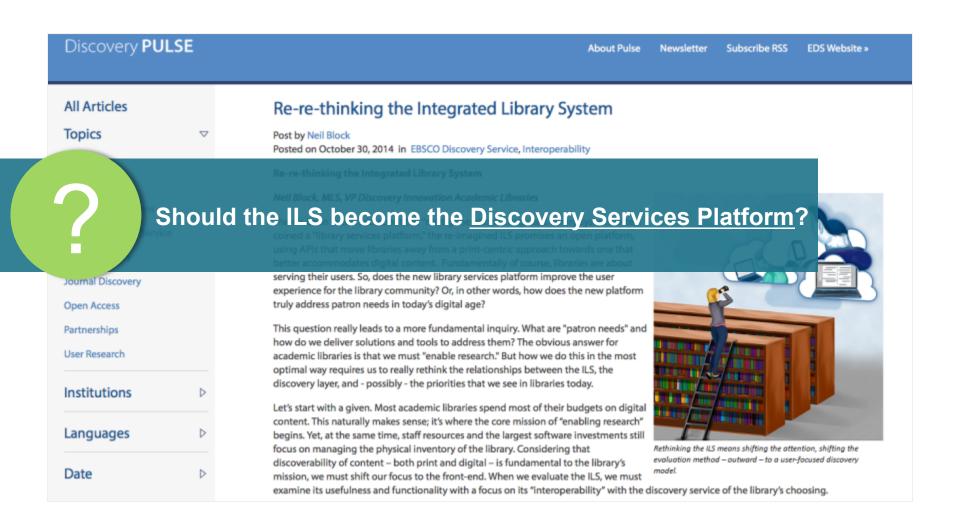
Promote a superior user experience through the development of innovative services that support the educational, cultural, and research needs of the university and its community partners.





Source: presentation by Don Gilstrap, Dean of Libraries, Wichita State University @ NISO ODI Jan. 28, 2015

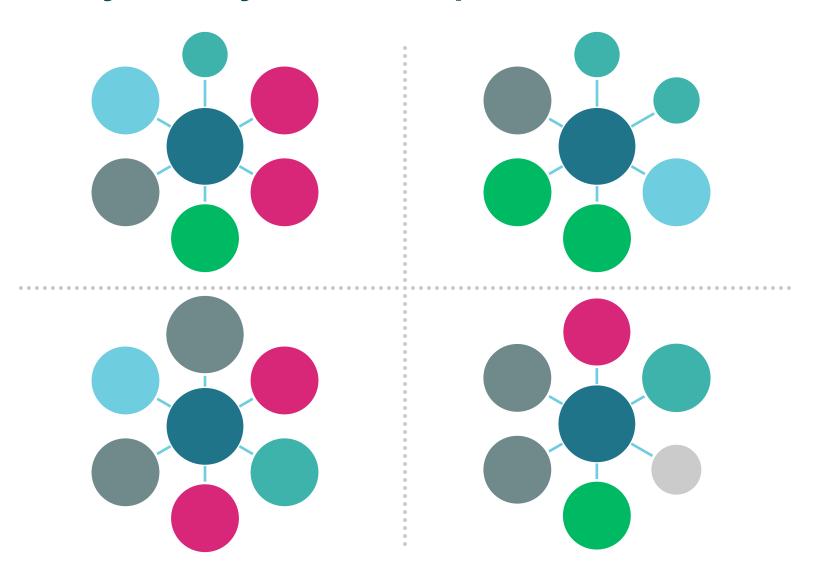
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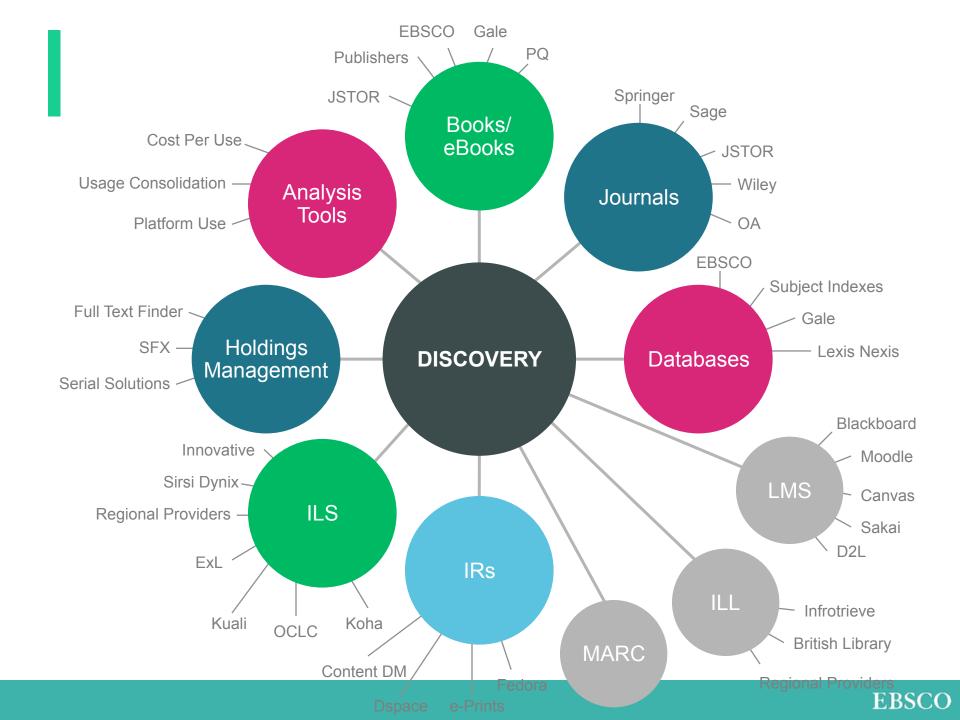


# The Importance of Choice



#### **Every Library Has a Unique Mix of Services**





"Libraries need the ability to set
Discovery and Resource
Management strategies
independently and expect these
systems to have mutual
interoperability."

Marshall Breeding February 2015





NISO White Paper, "The Future of Library Resource Discovery", Feb 2015, Marshall Breeding

http://www.niso.org/apps/group\_public/download.php/14487/ future library resource discovery.pdf

# We Agree!

- Discovery should be central to your automation strategy
- Libraries should pick the best discovery solution for their users, regardless of which ILS is used
- Libraries must expect their choice of Discovery to interoperate with ILS and all other technology platforms



**LMS** 

**ILS** 

**Content** 



Other

#### **ILS Partnerships**

















**ARCHIMED** 



























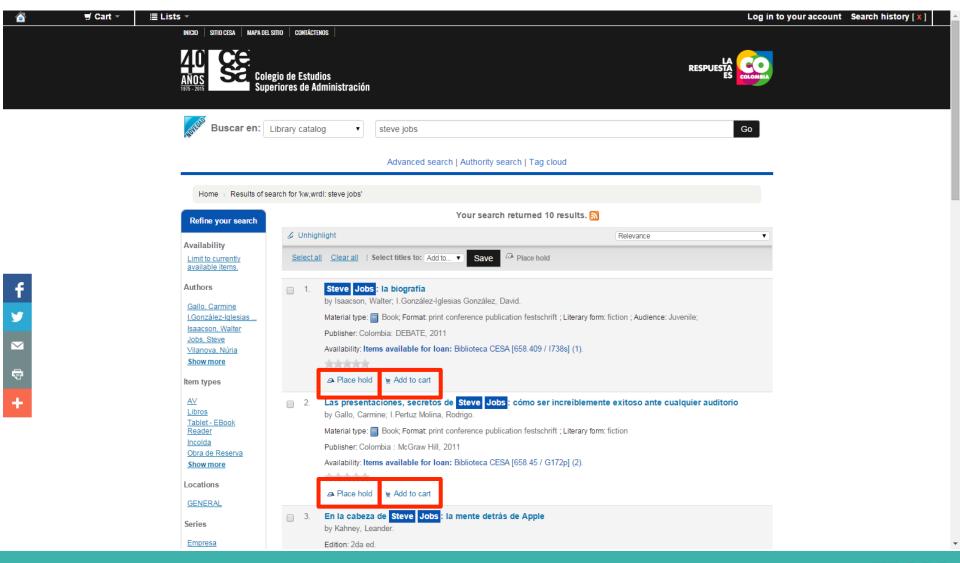






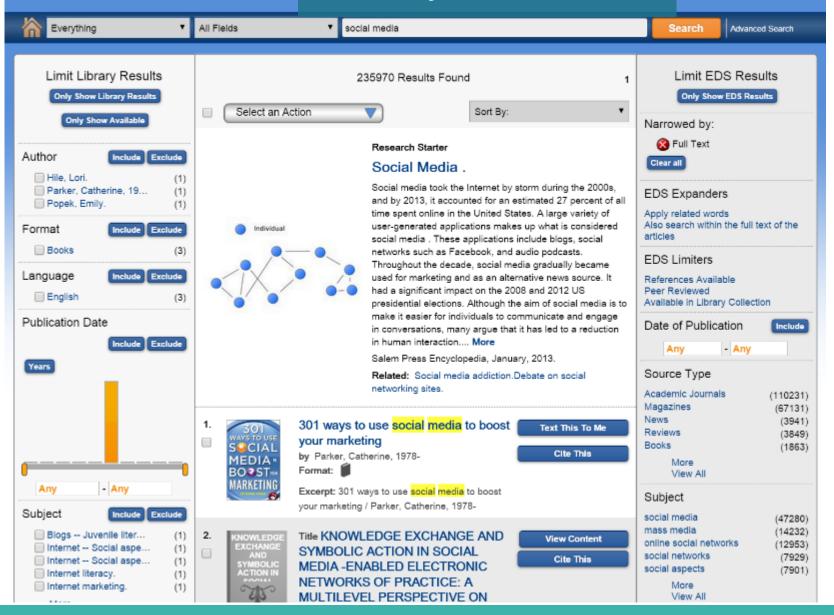
30 ILS partners worldwide, +Others via customer technical collaboration

#### EDS and Koha Place Hold, add to 'cart'



### **Enterprise**

#### SirsiDynix and EDS

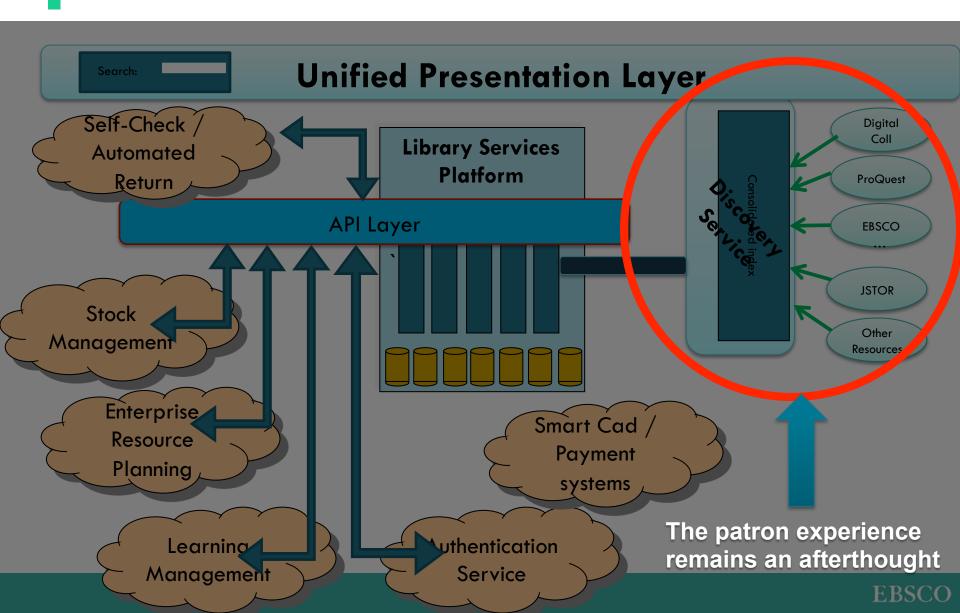


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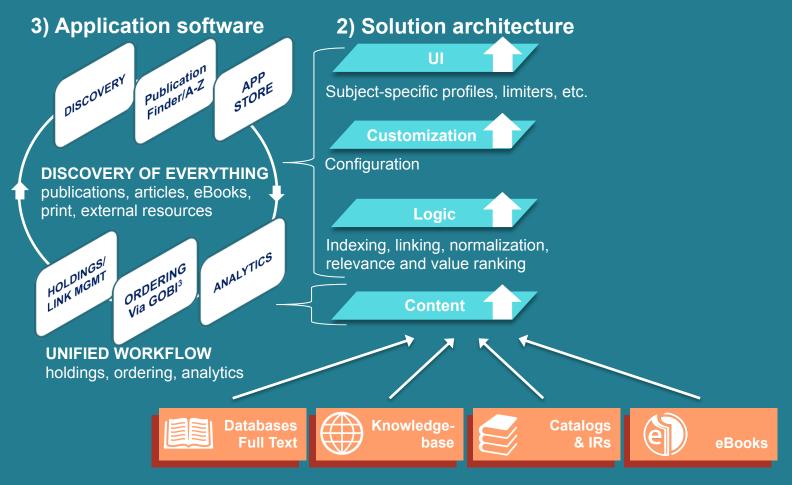
# Discovery Services Platform: The Post-Modern ILS



### **Current Library Management Model**

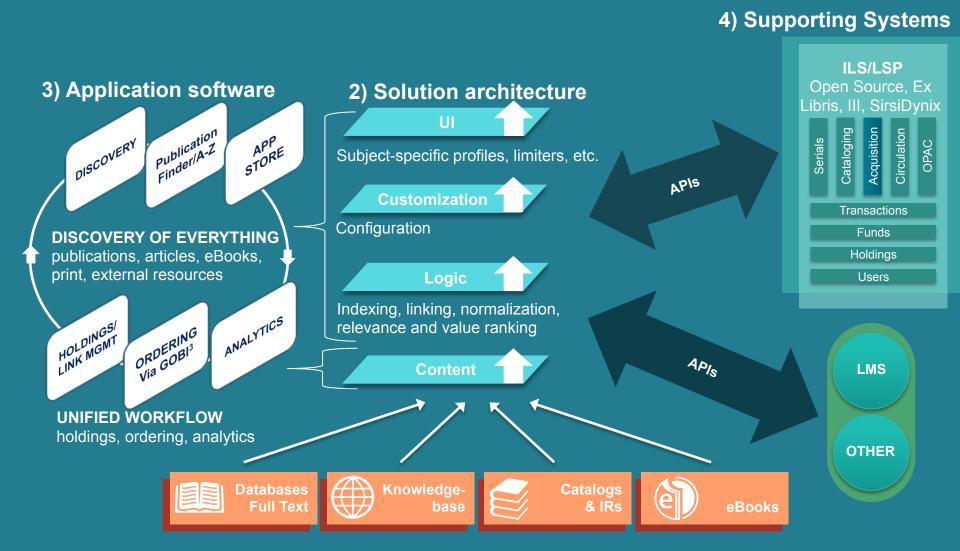


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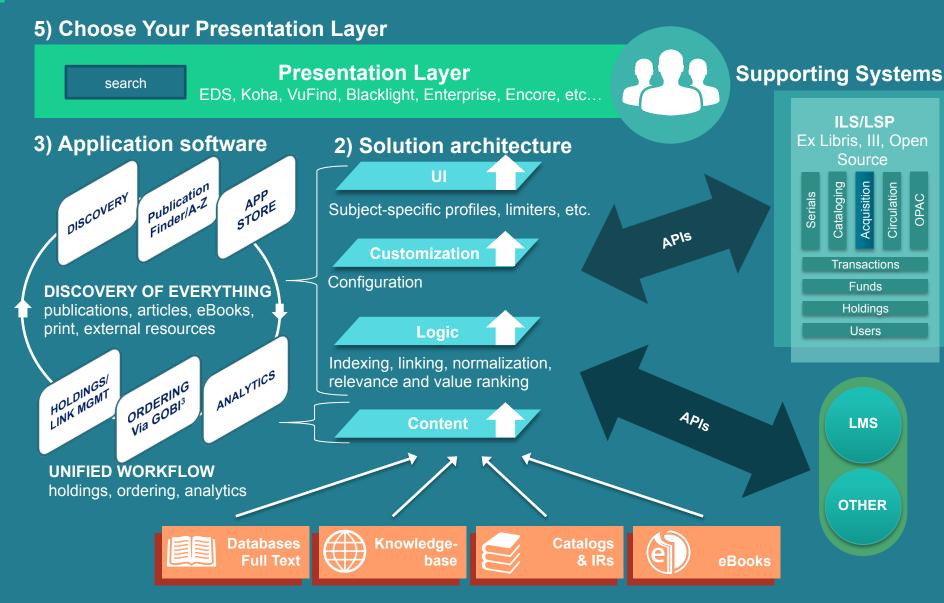
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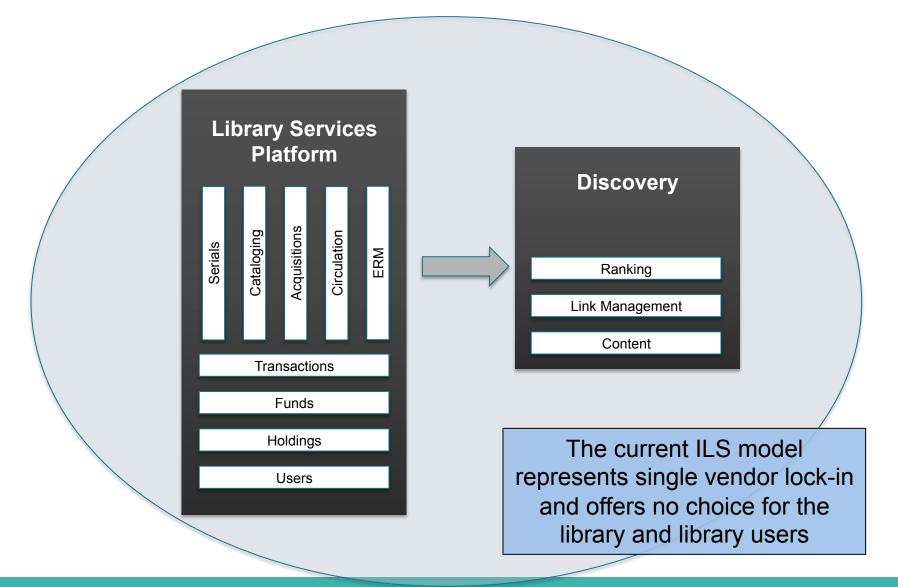


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# Do we still need an ILS?

Yes, but...

#### **Current ILS or Resource Management**



# Do we still need an ILS?

 Yes, but...the new ILS will be different from the ILS we have been using

## Do we still need an ILS?

- The new ILS will:
  - Be leaner, more lightweight, open and more modular
  - Allow selection of best-in-class modules since it will be built on a robust platform
  - Platform allows for interchangeable and extendable modules for flexibility - <u>not</u> a monolithic ILS megasuite
    - Similar to Wordpress (platform) + Plugins (modules)
  - Be the "post-modern ILS" that will introduce a truly open system for libraries

## Re-thinking the ILS

- We at EBSCO are <u>very</u> interested in the ILS
  - We actively support open source (Koha and Kuali OLE)
  - We all need the ILS market to be robust and open
  - User success should be at the center of our automation decisions
  - We integrate across all platforms via EDS and YBP
- Please join the conversation!



## Questions?

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## Gracias!

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