Anet & Vesper: AAT® subject indexing in libraries

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AAT &.....

- Libraries
- Subject Indexing = the *aboutness* of a book/publication
- Anet library network
- Vesper application for AAT data-exchange
anet

Network of scientific/academic libraries in Belgium (Dutch speaking)

- University of Antwerp
- Brocade = library System
- Shared software, servers and library practices
- Anet development team: software development, helpdesk & library training
- 2.200.000 records Worldcat
- 42 library ‘departments’
- Different subjects
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*Anet as AAT user*

- Since 2014
- Selection of libraries (scope art/heritage)
- AAT in library management system Brocade
- Getty updates
  - Yearly (xml)
  - ‘On the fly’ import Getty webservice (demo tomorrow?)
- Currently AAT for subject indexing publications
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Anet as AAT contributor

- Active in Dutch translation (cooperation Flandres-Netherlands)
- Active contributor to Getty dataset
  - changes/additions
  - new concepts
    - conversion (anet and RKD)
    - Anet libraries new usage
- working groups
  - general
  - specific: book history
  - editing team Flandres-Netherlands
anet involvement AAT®
“anet working group AAT” (2000105631)
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anet software development team
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‘Our user libraries’:

- 13 library departments with art/heritage scope with online catalogue (adjustable)

- 34 catalogographers ‘work’ with AAT (assign the subject headings)
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‘the real users’

= Online catalogue users (opac)

students, researchers, experts, those interested
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Findings

- Overall positive reception by user libraries
- High coverage
- Cataloguing habits - usage definement?
- Active contributor
  - changes/new concepts
  - workflow tools for AAT contribution?
    → serious bottleneck: results in lack of motivation, double shifts and delays, influences synchronisation processes in Brocade
    → cooperation?
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Realisations

- Maintenance of Getty dataset in software
  - Synchronisation
  - Up-to-dateness in between: webservice Getty
  - Flexibility in choice subject headings

- Contribution statistics? Maybe next time
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Realisations

- Adaptations online catalogue
  - AAT ‘search tree’ (demo tomorrow?)
  - Catalogue for authorities (demo tomorrow?)

- Prototype web system for data exchange Vesper (demo tomorrow)
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*Plans & opportunities*

- **System**
  - xml → LOD-format

- **Development**
  - Archives and objects in Brocade
  - Data enrichment (cataloguing metadata)
  - Improvement search results (discovery services)
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(demo 7th February)

= web system for sharing bibliographic references with AAT subject indexing
Vesper

**Idea**

- AAT is standard
- Subject indexing is expensive
- Cataloguers work with:
  - Specialized subjects
  - Specialized tool (=AAT)
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*Idea*

→ Support other libraries **BY** sharing the subject indexing results
→ Support other libraries **IN** sharing the subject indexing results

- Ideal = both way sharing:

→ Vesper user becomes data contributor
→ Easy data exchange format: csv
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Currently sharing:

- Anet data:
  124324 titles with AAT concepts

- Contributor data:
  48488 titles with AAT concepts

(RKD – Nederlands Instituut voor Kunstgeschiedenis)
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How:

- Manually: copy-paste web form
  https://anet.be/vesper

- API & documentation:
Vesper: demo

Web form
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Show cases:
Look up the publication ‘identifiers’ in Vesper:

978-0-914357-99-5
978-0-300-22570-9
978-1-63345-054-7
978-1-4422-7899-8
901213851
0774-8523
901132652
Vesper: data delivery

Make a file in Vesper template (see documentation)

- **Required fields**
  - Publication Identifier (ISBN, ISSN, OCLC-id, DOI)
  - AAT concept Identifier (e.g. 300056472)

- ‘Nice’ to have:
  - title publication
  - AAT preferred descriptor (English)

- Delivery in csv
More information/data delivery

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