



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 Flanders-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 Flanders-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 catalographers ‘work’ with AAT (assign the subject headings)

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'the real users'

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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)

Vesper

(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)



Vesper

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

Vesper

Currently sharing:

- Anet data:

124324 titles with AAT concepts

- Contributor data:

48488 titles with AAT concepts

(RKD – Nederlands Instituut voor Kunstgeschiedenis)

Vesper

How:

- Manually: copy-paste web form

<https://anet.be/vesper>

- API & documentation:

<https://anet.be/doc/anet/cata/html/vesper.html>

Vesper: demo

Web form

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ISBN/OCLC
vb. ISBN 2-7427-3326-4, OCLC 901166149

JSON ?



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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



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