Countdown to launch: 10 things for the new Primo UI

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We launched the new Primo UI at Bond University on the 3rd of May.

Bond University Library is a Primo Total Care customer, which means we:
• Only have Primo BO access to customisation package manager, reports and analytics

• Submit cases to make any configuration change in the Primo BO that we can't access

• Have no Primo Sandbox - every configuration change is made on our production environment
10. Roadmap and decisions
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The Primo Roadmap determined our Go Live date. Some important features were not available in the new UI until the May release:

- A-Z Journals
- Browse
- Citation Linker

We developed a checklist to ensure all necessary configuration changes and design updates were on our radar. The checklist included:

- Who was responsible for each task
- When tasks were to be completed
- How changes were to be made
9. Zero search result analysis
Primo Analytics on Zero Result Searches assisted with identifying configuration changes to implement in the new UI.

- Research findings:
  - Scopes and tabs needed culling
  - Zero result suggestions list needed updating and made available on the A-Z Journals list
  - Provide assistance to users at time of need
8. Design
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Key design requirements:
- Keep changes to a minimum
- Focus on colours and logos
- Update resource icons

Primo Development Environment (GitHub) was an asset.
7. Focus group
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Focus group consisted of 7 students from a variety of disciplines with a range of library experience and use.

We covered a range of topics, mostly focusing on:

- Terminology and labelling
- Ordering preferences

Good feedback on labels. Additional results included:

- Students expected a heart or star icon to add items to favourites
- We removed EasyBib from the Send to actions - Bond has no subscription
- We reduced pre-filter options in Advanced Search
6. Labels & terms
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- Students thought "Tweak my results" was speaking their language
- Key terminology recommendations:
  - Citation Linker to **Citation Search**
  - Save query to **Save search**
  - Citations to **Citation Explorer** ('cited by this' and 'citing this' in the full record display)
  - New records to **New to the Library** (in the facets) - yet to be implemented
5. Re-ordering sections & facets
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Full record view should focus on availability of item.

Discussion on Primo list assisted with the 'how to'.
5. Re-ordering sections & facets

Facets were re-ordered according to student feedback.

Top 3 facets were:
1. Availability
2. Creation date
3. Library

Bottom 3 facets were:
1. Journal title
2. New records
3. Language
4. Bells & Whistles
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- No access to this area of back office as a Total Care customer
- Students were quite enthusiastic to help avoid mistyping and spelling mistakes

Libchat

- Not previously available in Library Search
- Still have some work ahead to improve how it operates on mobile device screens

Citation Trails

- In the new UI this feature is more prominent and has improved functionality - as you follow the trail the navigation path through citations is clearer
4. Bells & Whistles

Virtual Browse

Connecting the print and digital collections - a more wholistic view for customers

• Hidden in the old UI - at time of initial migration there was no time to resolve display issues for Go Live.

• Troubleshooting in the new UI could be done prior to launch without interfering with user experience
  - Excluding games and DVDs to remove interfiling with a different classification scheme
  - Including eBooks - often had no LC classification in record; making their online status clear to users
3. Communication
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**IT Services**
- a very long lead time to ensure availability of resources
- fortnightly meetings to discuss, plan and monitor design changes and progress

**Ex Libris**
- Phone calls
  - URD team - discussed timing and reasons for moving to May rather than February
  - Australian team - on a different matter, but used this conversation to reconfirm the best method for managing the change over
3. Communication

**Library Staff**

- Added to agenda of various teams' meetings in the lead up to launch
- Emailed announcements and information when they needed to take action eg. testing
- Emailed reporting of issues found in testing

**Customers (students and staff)**

- Bond University Student Association (BUSA) - briefed in our annual meeting with the Committee members in January
- BUSA recruited the focus group participants
- Announcement in the Student portal and website news article following Go Live promoting the new features
2. Testing the new UI
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Testing was conducted pre and post go live.

Three staff groups were key testers:

1. Customer Services team
2. Library Academic Services team
3. Information Resources team

Positive experience. They had a responsibility to get to know the new UI.
1. Go Live
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- Timing - semester break
  - minimise impact on students and academic staff
  - allow time for academic services librarians to participate in testing and to prepare new materials for orientation week
- Delayed!
- Analysing what went wrong
  - Bond and Ex Libris views of a critical trigger were different
  - Difficulties of managing a series of interdependent tasks via cases
  - Public Holiday
What next?
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- Improving the login experience
- bX Recommender trial
- Mobile usability testing
Thanks for listening

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