

Personalization of Digital Information Services

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Outline

- Industrial Society vs. Information Society
- Collection management
- Disintermediation
- Personalization of digital information services
- Issues
- Conclusion



Production Factors

- ❖ Labor
- ❖ Capital
- ❖ Knowledge
- ❖ Labor + material = **economic success**
- ❖ Material and service management is most important in the Industrial Society



Industrial Society

❖ Mass production

- Standardized goods and services
- “Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants, as long as it’s black” (Henry Ford)

❖ Mass distribution

- Newspapers, radio-TV, etc.

❖ Competition

- In US: 260 different brands of cars, 87 colas, 3000 beers, 340 cereals, 50 bottled water, etc.

❖ “Make, store, sell” (Mitchell M. Tsang)

❖ “The Age of the Terrific Deal”: “as you want them”, “from anywhere”, “at the best price and highest quality” (Robert R. Reich)



Organization in Industrial Society

- Based on mass production and mass distribution
- “Mechanistical organization”
- “Continuous development”
- Traditional education and training
- Rigid / hierarchical administration
- Economic models based on centralization



Knowledge . . .

- ❖ “None of the sources that are used to create wealth is as important as knowledge.”
- ❖ Knowledge → “lifeblood of development”
- ❖ Knowledge → the *sine qua non* of competition



Information Society

- “. . . pre-automation technology yields standardization, while advanced technology permits diversity.”
- “Unstandardized” goods and services (Toffler, 1970s)
- Cheaper to produce personalized goods and services using advanced IT: “. . . as technology becomes more sophisticated, the costs of introducing variations declines” (Toffler 1970, p. 236)
- “Sell, make, deliver” (Mitchell M. Tsang)



Organization in Information Society

- Based on mass customization and personalization
- Mass customization is an indication of a rich and complex society.
- “Dynamic organization”
- Customer focused education / continuous education
- Loose / horizontal administration
- Economic models based on customization



Customization / Personalization

❖ Customization

- Changing or customizing goods and services according to customers' needs

❖ Personalization

- “. . .selecting and filtering information objects or products for an individual by using information about the individual.” (Koch, Möslin, Schubert, 2002):

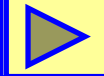
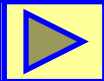


Information Services & Internet

- ❖ Removal of temporal and spatial barriers
- ❖ Provision of information services to remote users (24X7)
- ❖ “Instant gratification”



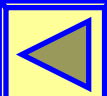
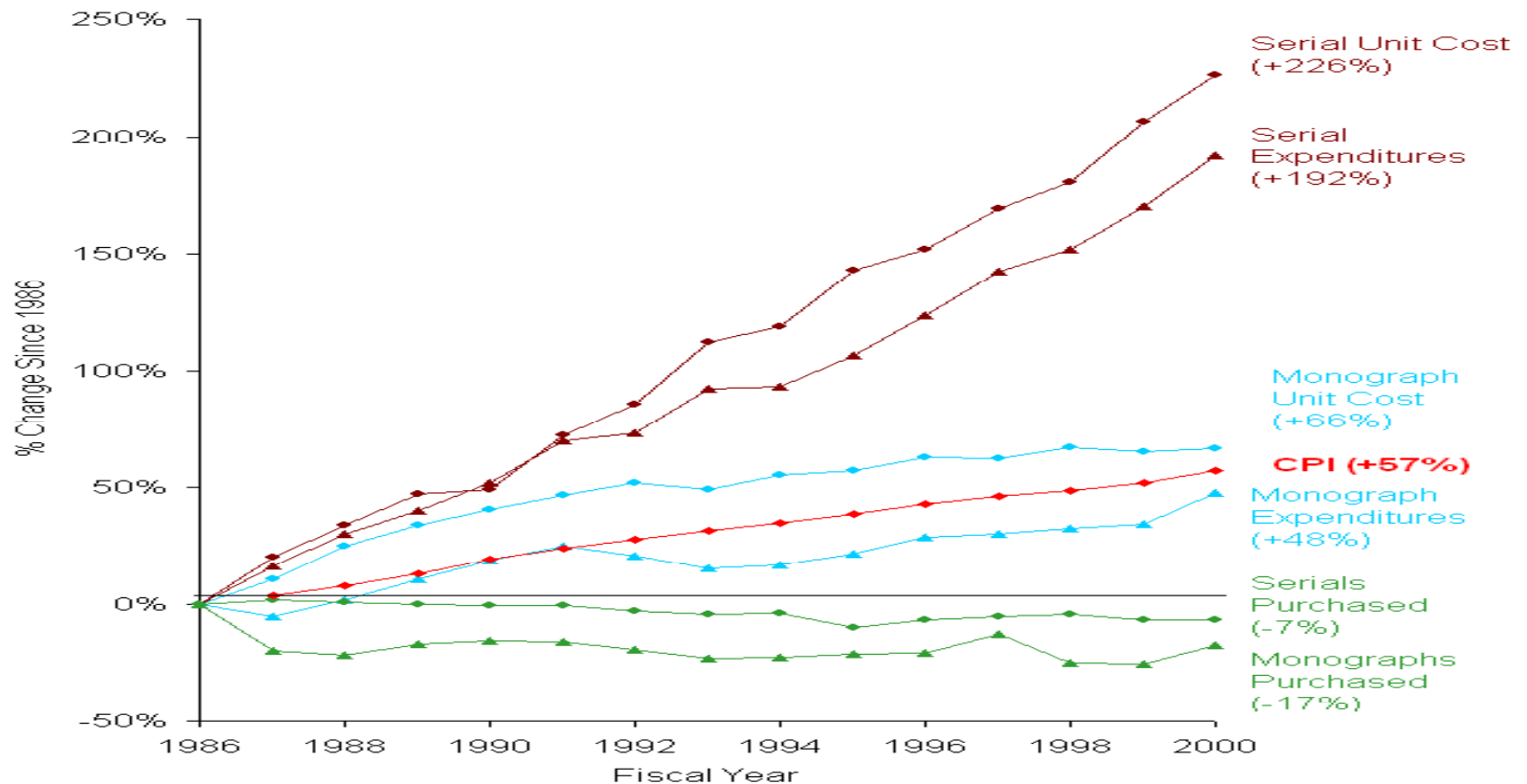
Collection Management

- ❖ Increasing costs of information sources 
- ❖ One source – one user → One source – multiple users
- ❖ “Ownership vs. access”
- ❖ Ownership dictates use of centralized information management models
- ❖ Budgets devoted to electronic information resources increasing (%15-%20)
- ❖ Cooperative/consortial collection management practices 



Increasing Costs

Graph 2
Monograph and Serial Costs
in ARL Libraries, 1986-2000





Collection Manager's Responsibilities

- Separate policies of licensing, processing, maintenance, storage and usage
- “Interdependence” on other information centers, library consortia, information producers/providers and aggregators



Disintermediation

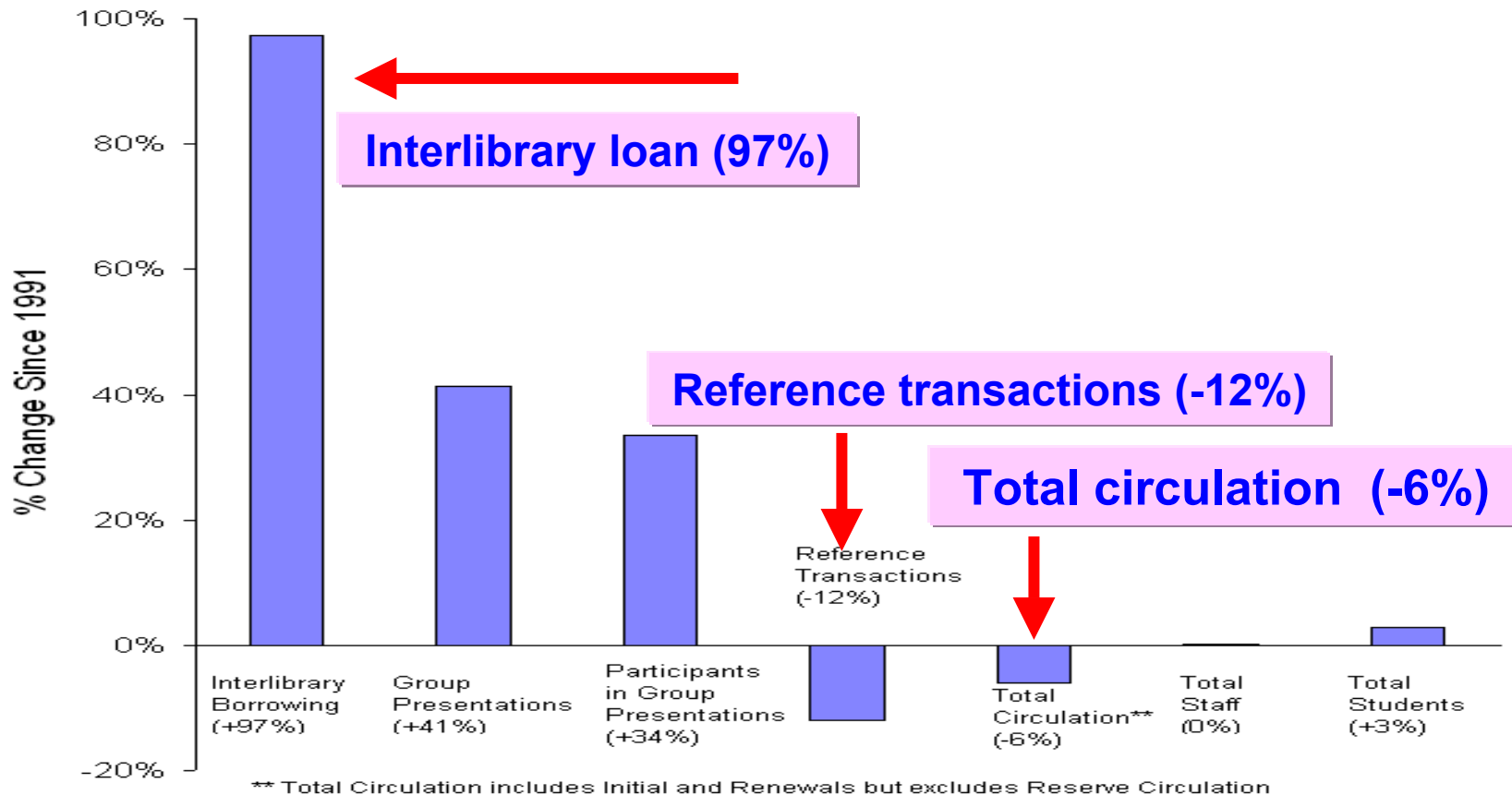
- Intermediation
 - requires centralization
 - is expensive
 - usually means long lines
 - doesn't serve remote users
- IT makes information management less centralized, more distributed
- Disintermediation
- Increase in interlibrary borrowing transactions
- Decrease in reference and circulation transactions



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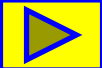
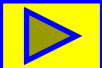

Graph 1

Service Trends in ARL Libraries, 1991-2000





Personalization of Information Services

- ❖ Explicit / implicit personalization
- ❖ Active / passive personalization
- ❖ Personalization of display environment 
- ❖ Personalization of collections / content 
- ❖ Personalization of services 



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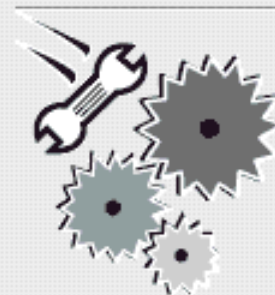


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





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


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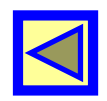
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Initially, the alerting enhancement will be made available through *ISI Current Contents Connect* and [ISI Web of Science](#)[®]—two pre-eminent resources within the *ISI Web of Knowledge* platform. Additional resources will be equipped with this powerful new alerting feature during 2003. The new alerting feature will allow users to receive results of a search via email. The alerts are delivered in a format preferred by the user, including HTML and ISI ResearchSoft tagged files. Each alert will include a link to the related bibliographic record and the full-text of the journal literature.

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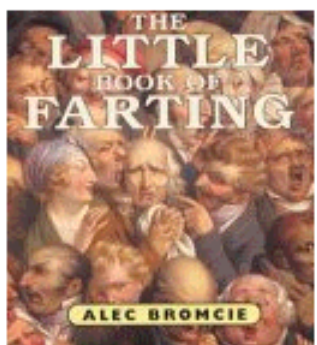
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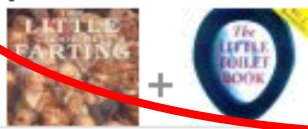
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Personalization Issues I

- ❖ Standard content is offered to all users
- ❖ Recognize users when they log on and personalize the content based on their rights and privileges
- ❖ Providing information services using “pull” and “push” technologies
- ❖ Personalized electronic books
- ❖ Need to move from “resource-centric” approach to “relationship-centric” approach



Personalization Issues II

- ❖ Difficult to implement in a distributed environment
- ❖ Network infrastructure
- ❖ Security & privacy concerns
- ❖ Interoperability
 - with library automation systems, student information systems, financial systems, etc.
 - With e-banking, e-commerce, e-health, e-government, e-(l)earning systems
- ❖ More sophisticated budgeting, pricing, use and training models



Conclusion

- ❖ Transform information services and make them available through distributed networks
- ❖ Abandon “one-size-fits-all” approach and emphasize “relationship-centric” approach
- ❖ Instant gratification is only possible with instant access to personalized information sources and services
- ❖ If not satisfied with remote and personalized information services, users may ignore information centers altogether and “take their business elsewhere”



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