

# Automation at your Fingertips

Metadata-based autocompletion  
for Primo (and possibly others)

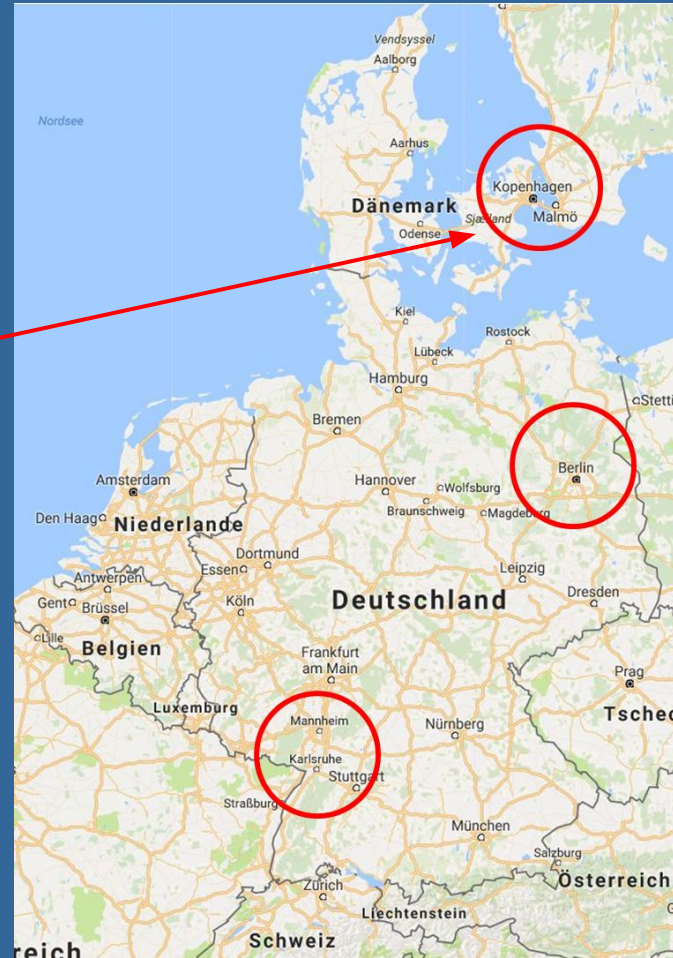
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# Introduction

- In the beginning there was EXIT !



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# Royal Library sunbeds - a project idea was born



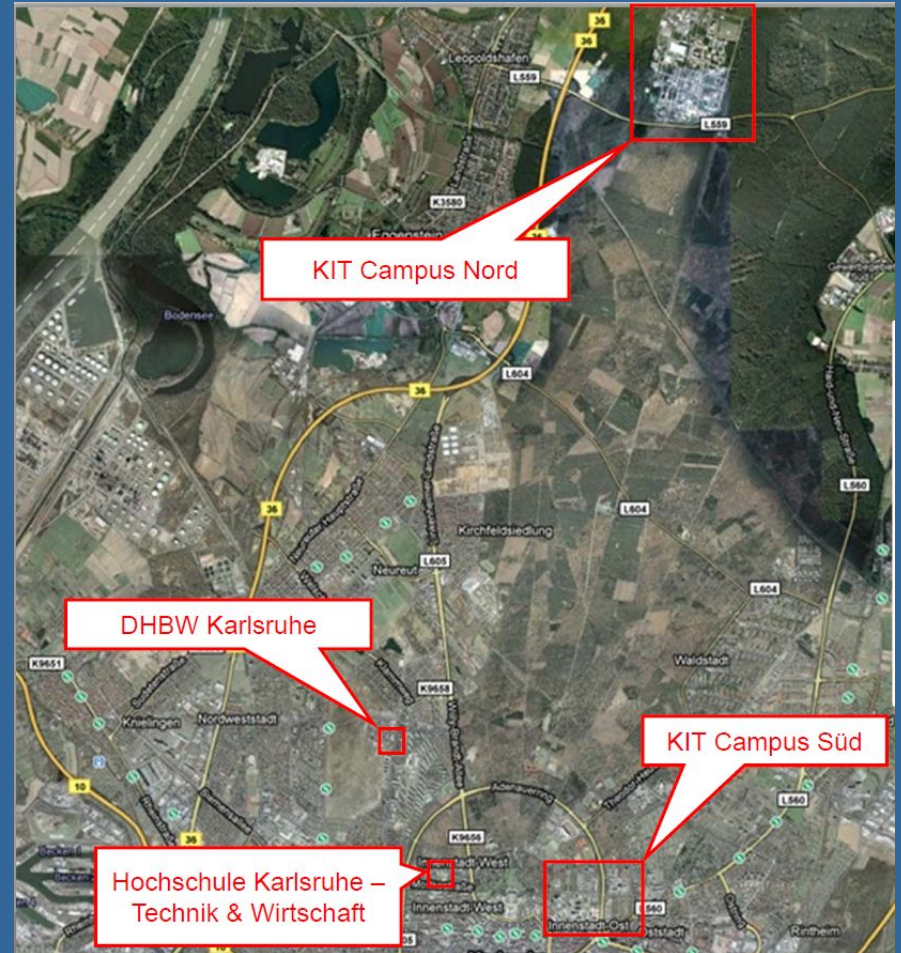
# KIT Library

- KIT = Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- 24/7 since April 2006
- 26.000 students
- 10.000 staff and researchers
- 5000 visitors per day



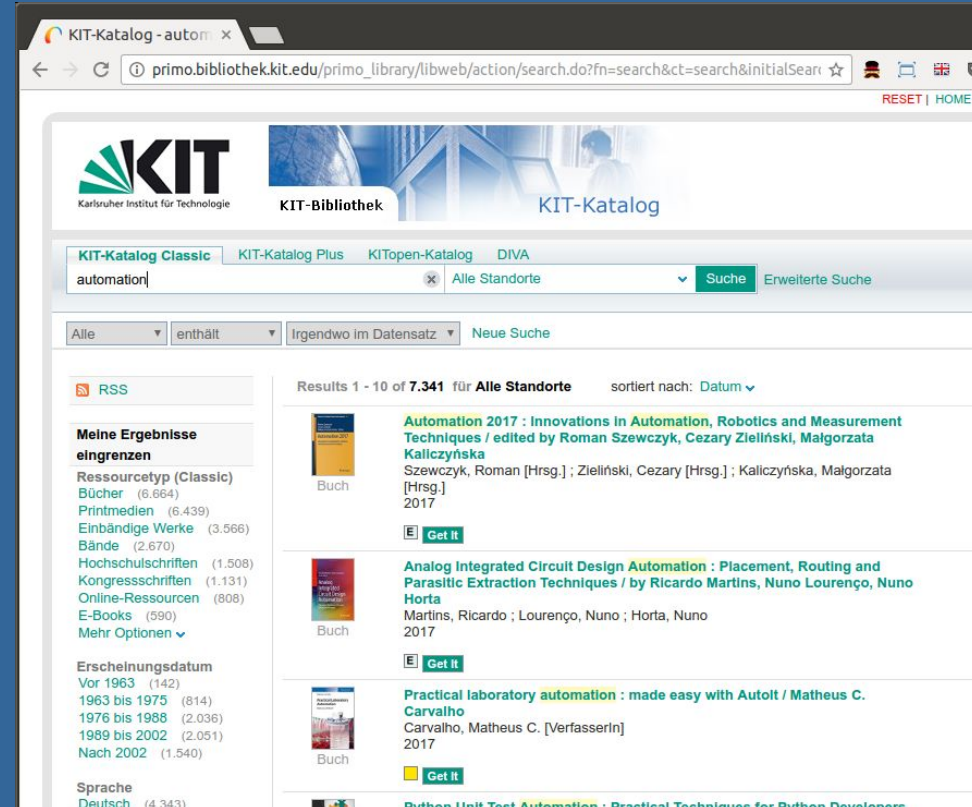
# KIT Library as a service provider

- Hochschule Karlsruhe
  - university of applied sciences
  - 8500 students
  - 1000 staff & researchers
- DHBW Karlsruhe
  - Baden-Württemberg Cooperative State University
  - 3500 students
  - 700 assistant professors
  - 80 full-time professors



# The KIT catalog

- is based on Ex Libris' resource discovery system Primo
- running at KIT since april 2012
- includes titles from different scopes
  - 3 universities
  - institutional repository KITopen
- offers features such as faceting
- but lacks an useable autocomplete feature



The screenshot shows the KIT-Katalog website interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: `primo.bibliothek.kit.edu/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?fn=search&ct=search&initialSearch`. The page header includes the KIT logo (Karlsruher Institut für Technologie) and the text 'KIT-Bibliothek' and 'KIT-Katalog'. Below the header, there are navigation tabs for 'KIT-Katalog Classic', 'KIT-Katalog Plus', 'KITopen-Katalog', and 'DIVA'. A search bar contains the text 'automation' and a 'Suche' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Alle Standorte' and 'Erweiterte Suche'. The main content area shows search results for 'automation' with 7,341 results. The results are sorted by 'Datum' (Date). The first three results are:

- Automation 2017 : Innovations In Automation, Robotics and Measurement Techniques / edited by Roman Szewczyk, Cezary Zieliński, Małgorzata Kaliczyńska**  
Szewczyk, Roman [Hrsg.] ; Zieliński, Cezary [Hrsg.] ; Kaliczyńska, Małgorzata [Hrsg.]  
2017  
[Get it](#)
- Analog Integrated Circuit Design Automation : Placement, Routing and Parasitic Extraction Techniques / by Ricardo Martins, Nuno Lourenço, Nuno Horta**  
Martins, Ricardo ; Lourenço, Nuno ; Horta, Nuno  
2017  
[Get it](#)
- Practical laboratory automation : made easy with Autolt / Matheus C. Carvalho**  
Carvalho, Matheus C. [VerfasserIn]  
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On the left side of the page, there is a sidebar with the following sections:

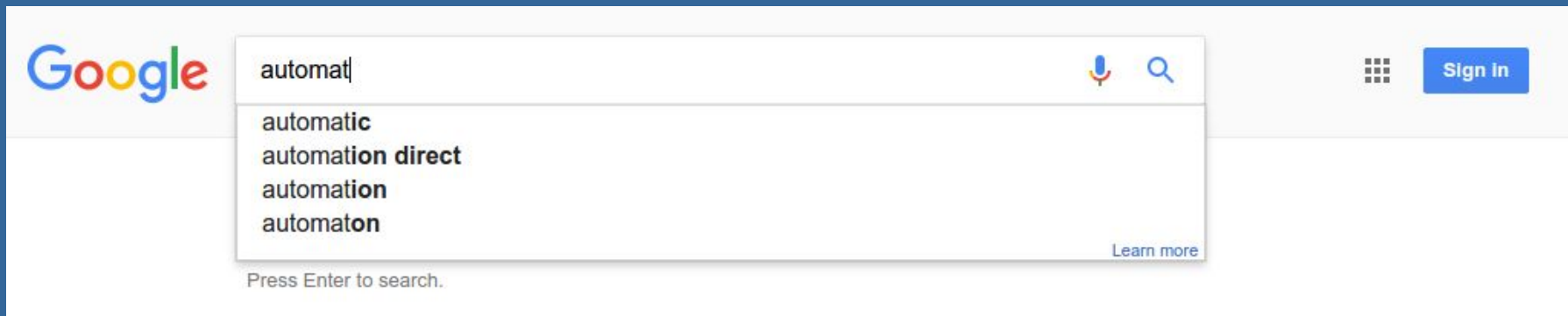
- Meine Ergebnisse eingrenzen**
- Ressourcotyp (Classic)**
  - Bücher (6.664)
  - Printmedien (6.439)
  - Einbändige Werke (3.566)
  - Bände (2.670)
  - Hochschulschriften (1.508)
  - Kongressschriften (1.131)
  - Online-Ressourcen (808)
  - E-Books (590)
  - Mehr Optionen ▾
- Erscheinungsdatum**
  - Vor 1963 (142)
  - 1963 bis 1975 (814)
  - 1976 bis 1988 (2.036)
  - 1989 bis 2002 (2.051)
  - Nach 2002 (1.540)
- Sprache**
  - Deutsch (4.343)

# Requirements for a self-made autocompletion

- Autocomplete current word
- Suggest next word
- Correct spelling errors
- Avoid zero-hit suggestions
- Consider Primo scopes and facets
- Offer advanced mode for librarians and power-users
- Integration of this service should be possible also in the libraries website

# Google-like Autocomplete

- Suggestions are based on previous queries
- This works well with large scale usage and index size
- Avoids zero hit queries





# Problems in Library Land

- Usage of systems like Primo typically experience much less usage
- Deriving sensible suggestions from user input is almost impossible
- Thus Ex Libris' autocompletion is based on global user input
- At least in case of KIT catalog the results are mediocre
  - far too many suggestions lead to zero hit queries
  - and many words present in the index are not suggested at all

# Metadata to the rescue!

While we don't have enough user input to generate sensible word suggestions,

But we do have another source: our beloved metadata!

If it contains enough textual information to be used for search, can't it be used for word completion and suggestion as well?

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# Main idea - deconstructing highly structured metadata

- In the end, we simply need a list of possible words
- So we throw all metadata fields that contain sensible words for suggestions into a single field
  - “autocomplete”
- And another field for internal usage such as faceting and scoping into another one
  - “property”

```
"autocomplete":[
  "Automation 2017",
  "Elektronische Ressource",
  "Innovations in Automation, Robotics and Measurement Techniques",
  "Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing ; 550",
  "SpringerLink : B\u00f6ccher",
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  "Springer",
  "Natur, Naturwissenschaft, Naturschutz"
],
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  "istEBook",
  "istEinbaendig",
  "istSWB",
  "istFachNat",
  "eng",
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  "KAUB",
  "KIT-Bibliothek",
  "KAUB",
  "KIT-Bibliothek",
  "CS",
  "HSKA",
  "..."
]
```

# Main idea - further details

- Extract all words from our metadata
- Create an index with only 2 fields
  - autocomplete & property
  - the transformation is configurable using XPath expressions
- “autocomplete”-field
  - correct typing mistakes
  - create auto-completion for the current word
  - create auto-suggestion for next word
- “property”-field as a helper
  - scopes - restrict the results in all 3 use cases to relevant parts of the whole index (like a view)
  - facets - contains all internally used facet values

# How to implement your own autocomplete feature?

- transform your data
  - use the language of your choice
- create an index using a search engine technology
  - Elasticsearch
- implement the autocompletion queries
  - JSON
- incept your user interface code
  - Javascript

# Transforming XML to JSON

- `xml2json.php`
- Xpath to extract data

```
$metadataXpaths = array(
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/titel',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/autor[not(@typ) or @typ!="idn"]',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/verlag',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/schlagwort[not(@typ) or @typ!="idn"]',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/fachgebiet'
);

$propertyXpaths = array(
    '/metadata/record/eigenschaften/eigenschaft',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/fachkuerzel',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/sprache',
    '/metadata/record/titelsatz/search/erfassungsquartal',
    '/metadata/record/lokalsatz/search/bibliothek',
    '/metadata/record/lokalsatz/search/zweigstelle',
    '/metadata/record/lokalsatz/search/standort',
);
```

# Elasticsearch

- Lucene based full-text search
- Near real-time
- Schema-less
- Open source
- JSON over HTTP



elasticsearch



# Index configuration

- Use the Elasticsearch analyzer
  - Tokenize
  - Lowercase & more normalization
  - Remove stopwords
- analyze “autocomplete” field
- do not analyze “property” field

```
$ curl -s -XGET 'localhost:9200/autocomplete/_analyze' -d '{
  "analyzer" : "autocomplete",
  "text" : "Innovations in Automation, Robotics and
Measurement Techniques"
}' | json_pp
{
  "tokens" : [
    {
      "token" : "innovations"
    },
    {
      "token" : "automation"
    },
    {
      "token" : "robotics"
    },
    {
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    {
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  ]
}
```

# Implement the autocomplete queries with elasticsearch

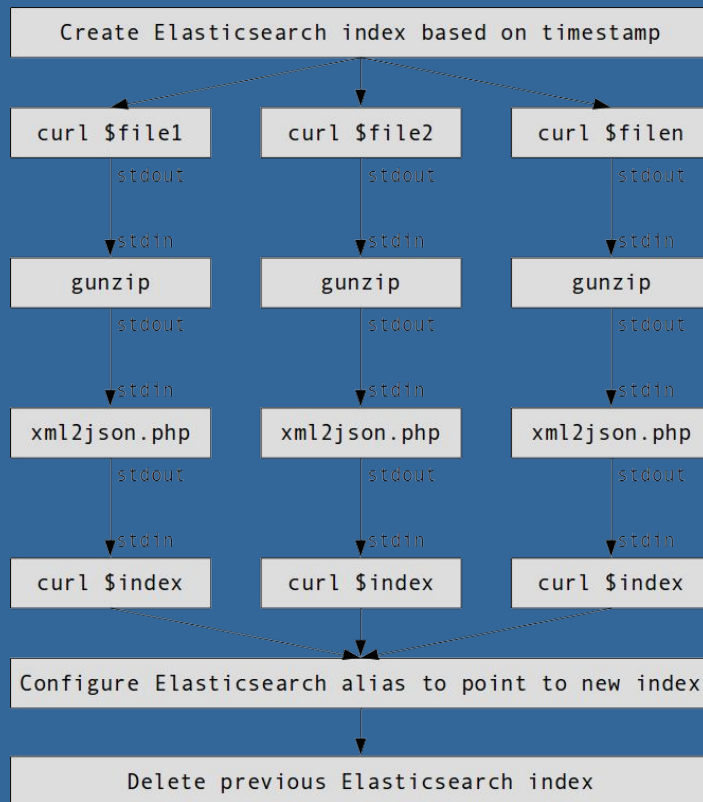
- Term suggester for spelling corrections
- Term aggregations to autocomplete current
- Term aggregations to suggest next word
- Filter aggregations queries to avoid zero-hit suggestions
- Exact match queries to limit to scopes and facets
- All tied together in [a single query](#) issued by a simple Javascript plugin

# Staying up-to-date - automated ingest process

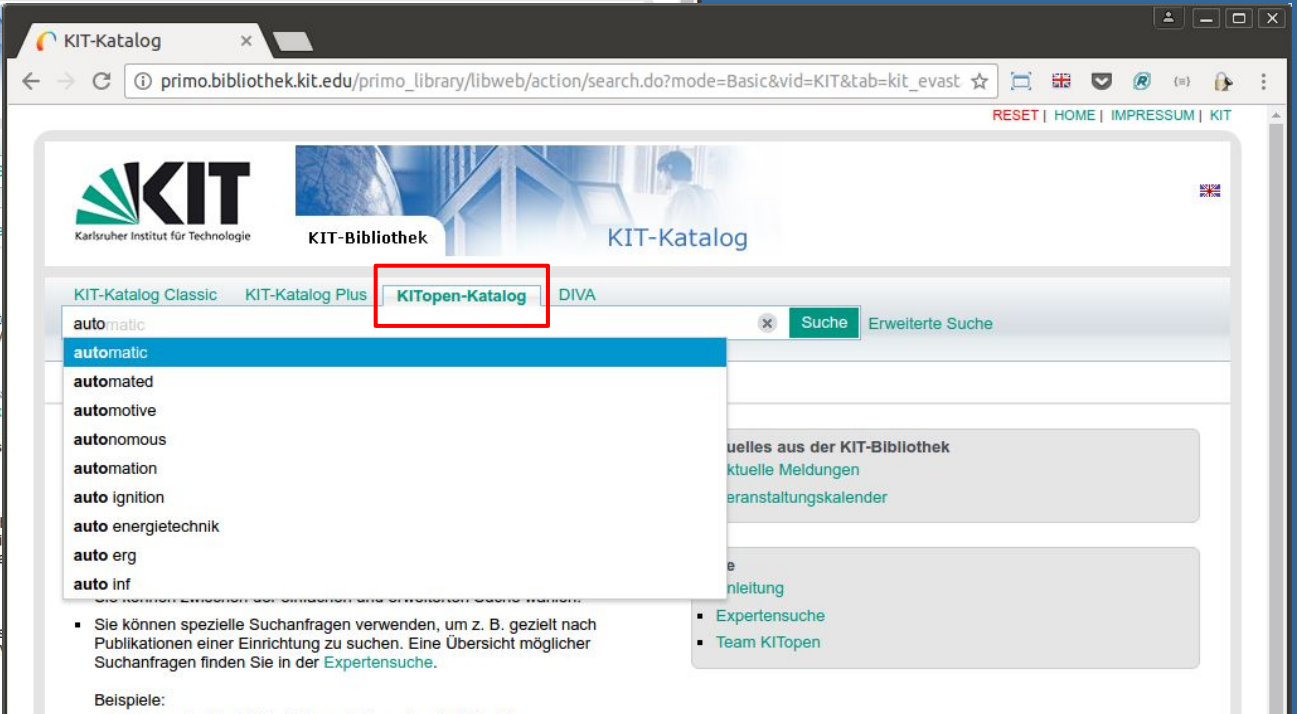
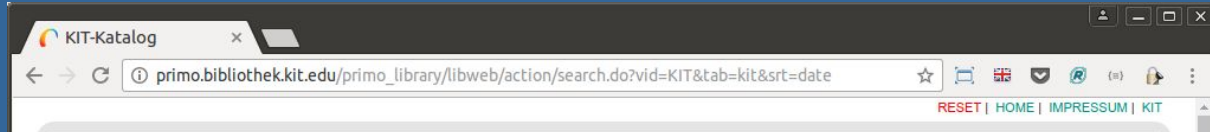
- RDS workflow has been adapted by IT team
- KIT XML for all records is built every weekend
- ingest script works on elasticsearch server
  - harvests the KIT XML from RDS server via HTTP
  - transforms XML into JSON
  - runs for both Primo servers (test & production)

# Stream processing pipeline

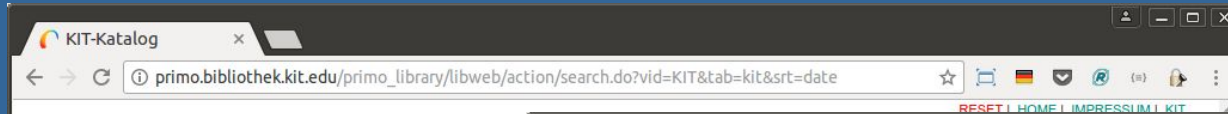
- Unzip compressed XML metadata to STDOUT
- Stream process XML from STDIN using XPath, map XML to two JSON fields in PHP:
  - autocomplete
  - property
- Output JSON format suitable for [Elasticsearch Bulk API](#) to STDOUT
- Pipe directly via cURL to Elasticsearch Index
- 1.5 Mio records indexed in ~8min on a virtual Dual Core with 8 GB RAM running both the conversion and Elasticsearch



# Automation at your fingertip - scopes



# Poweruser mode with ":" as prefix



The screenshot shows the search results for the query `:istHochschulschrift`. The results are displayed in a list format with a search bar and a dropdown menu. The search bar contains the text `:istHochschulschrift` and the dropdown menu shows the following options:

- `:istHochschulschrift` (selected)
- `:istHochschulschrift` wirtschaftswissenschaft
- `:istHochschulschrift` vorgelegt
- `:istHochschulschrift` reihe
- `:istHochschulschrift` untersuchungen
- `:istHochschulschrift` berichte
- `:istHochschulschrift`

Below the search results, there are sections for **KIT-Katalog Plus**, **KITTopen-Katalog**, and **DIVA**, each with a brief description of the service.

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- `:automation hatAusleihLink` (selected)
- `:automation hatAusleihLink` datenverarbeitung
- `:automation hatAusleihLink` adv
- `:automation hatAusleihLink` informatik
- `:automation hatAusleihLink` kybernetik
- `:automation hatAusleihLink`

Below the search results, there are sections for **KIT-Katalog Plus**, **KITTopen-Katalog**, and **DIVA**, each with a brief description of the service. Additionally, there are sections for **Aktuelles aus der KIT-Bibliothek**, **Hilfe**, and **Literaturwunsch**.

# Beyond Primo - autocompletion everywhere



KIT-Bibliothek | KIT

www.bibliothek.kit.edu/cms/index.php

HOME | ENGLISH | IMPRESSUM | SITEMAP | KIT-BIBLIOTHEK MOBIL | KIT

**KIT**  
Karlsruher Institut für Technologie

**KIT-Bibliothek**

**Suchen**

automation

- automation
- automationstechnik
- Wautomationsarbeit
- automationml
- automationsssysteme
- DIautomation datenverarbeitung
- Teautomation adv
- automation informatik
- Dautomation kybernetik

**Veranstungskalender**

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01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
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29	30	31				

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infodesk@bibliothek.kit.edu  
Öffnungszeiten, Lage und Anschrift aller Standorte

**Aktuelle Meldungen**

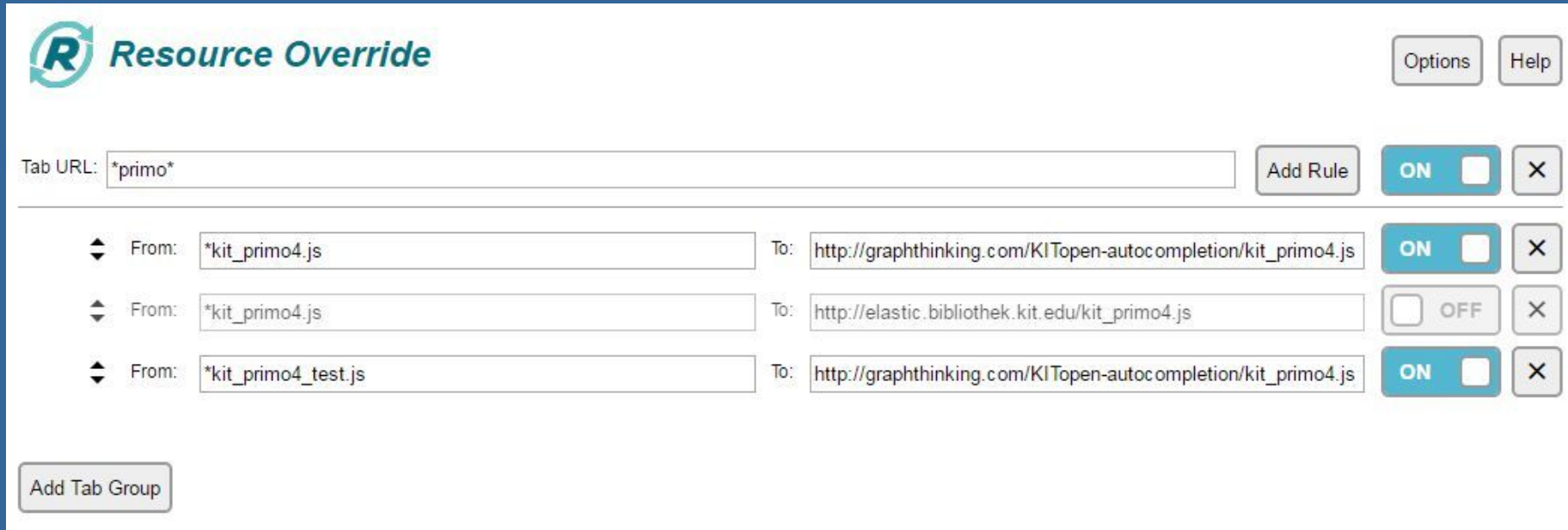
- Bauarbeiten in der Fachbibliothek HsKA ab 15.05.2017
- Recherche in Datenbanken – Schwerpunkt Architektur 18.05.2017

# How to manage a remote project?

- Distance between Karlsruhe and Berlin are in about 6 hours by train
- Which toolset did we use?
  - telephone and teamviewer
    - to communicate and see what you are talking about
  - github
    - to manage source code and issues
  - work in Berlin as if you were located in Karlsruhe
    - use tunneling ( SOCKS )
  - incept the live Primo service running in Karlsruhe from Berlin
    - "Resource Override" plugin for Google Chrome
  -



# Resource Override for Google Chrome



The screenshot shows the Resource Override extension interface. At the top left is the logo, a green 'R' with a circular arrow, followed by the text 'Resource Override'. In the top right corner are 'Options' and 'Help' buttons. Below the logo is a 'Tab URL' input field containing '\*primo\*' and an 'Add Rule' button. To the right of the 'Add Rule' button is a toggle switch labeled 'ON' with a checked box and a close button 'X'. Below this are three rows of rules, each with a dropdown arrow on the left, a 'From' field, a 'To' field, a toggle switch, and a close button 'X'. The first rule has 'From: \*kit\_primo4.js' and 'To: http://graphthinking.com/KITopen-autocompletion/kit\_primo4.js' with the toggle 'ON'. The second rule has 'From: \*kit\_primo4.js' and 'To: http://elastic.bibliothek.kit.edu/kit\_primo4.js' with the toggle 'OFF'. The third rule has 'From: \*kit\_primo4\_test.js' and 'To: http://graphthinking.com/KITopen-autocompletion/kit\_primo4.js' with the toggle 'ON'. At the bottom left is an 'Add Tab Group' button.

**Resource Override**

Options Help

Tab URL:  Add Rule **ON**  X

From:  To:  **ON**  X

From:  To:   OFF X

From:  To:  **ON**  X

Add Tab Group

# Results

- autocompletion within Primo
- autocompletion on every page of the KIT Library Website having a searchslot

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `primo.bibliothek.kit.edu/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=KIT&tab=kit&srt=date`. The page features the KIT logo and navigation links like 'HOME | ENGLISH | IMPRESSUM | SITE'. A search bar on the right contains the text 'phpmyadmin addison' and a 'Suchen' button. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu displays search results for 'phpmyadmin', including 'phpmyadmin addison', 'phpmyadmin alexander', 'phpmyadmin datenbanken', 'phpmyadmin delisle', and 'phpmyadmin dt'. The page also includes a sidebar with navigation options like 'Aktuelles', 'Suchen & Finden', and 'Medien ausleihen & nutzen'.

# More Results

- suggestions depend on the "context"
  - works within the live production system but also in the testing environment
  - Primo scopes are supported
    - location specific search restrictions (KIT, HSKA, DHBW)
    - data specific search restrictions (KITopen repository)
  - many Primo facets are supported
- advanced mode for power users offers more suggestions
- solution is adaptable to other environments
  - blogs, CMS, database

# Questions?

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