Open Developer Platform

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Background: Ex Libris' Open Platform Strategy

announced by Ex Libris a year ago, see Newsletter July 2008:

- Goal: "[…] an environment in which the open interfaces of Ex Libris systems are well defined, well documented, and readily available to the customer community and in which collaboration is natural and easy to achieve. […]"

- One Activity: Setup of a platform for sharing code (= El Commons Developer Zone)
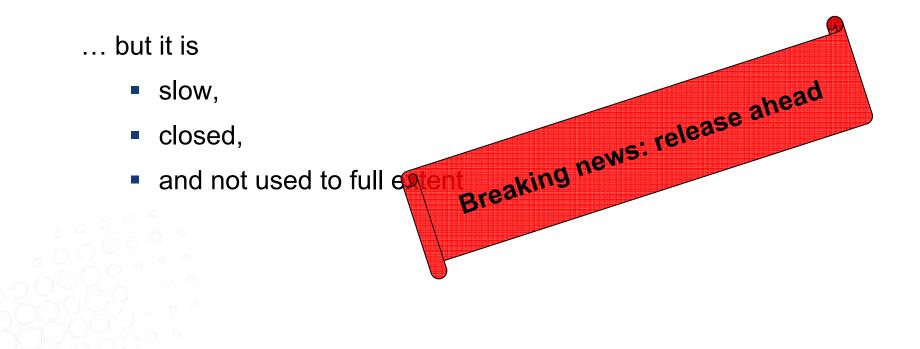
Experiences after the first year

- EI Commons is a functional environment…

Timm Siewert says: Apr 15

Hi Mark,

thanks a lot for this! What about the other nice features you´ve inplemented in ALEPH? 🙂

Best,

Timm

Reply

Anoop Atre says: Apr 17

Hi Mark,

Thanks! I was just looking into doing it on my own when I decided to check here first :) I like the JSON idea better than PHP, keeps things simpler.

I wonder if the 5000 Queries Per Day limit has been a problem? They say 5000/IP/Day…is it the server IP (OPAC) or the client since Javascript is running in the user's browser, I'd guess client but maybe it's based on the App Id.

One option I was considering was using the Yahoo! Search BOSS service but they plan on charging per query soon which might not work for us.

> http://developer.yahoo.com/search/boss/fees.html

> http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ysearchboss/message/1713

Reply

Experiences after the first year

- El Commons is a functional environment…

… but it is

- slow,
- closed,
- and not used to full extent

Breaking news: release ahead

Summary: Mixed feelings

+ Increasing number of contributions and collaboration

+ Upcoming release expected to improve functionality

– Are customers able to support & maintain their contributions continuously?

– Where/How to draw a line between core system functionalities and specialized enhancements?