# Anet Library Automation

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# Anet, a library network

Academic and special libraries in Antwerp/ Limburg provinces ° medio '80

former UAntwerpen former City Library of Antwerp

former UHasselt

Idea of collective library automation

- Cost
- Catalogue and cataloguing rules

#### Anet role

- ICT support
- Delivery of software (as of 2000 Brocade)

# Anet, a library network

#### **Current partners**

#### Universities

- UAntwerpen
- UHasselt

#### Schools for Higher Education

- Artesis Plantijn Hogeschool Antwerpen
- Karel de Grote Hogeschool

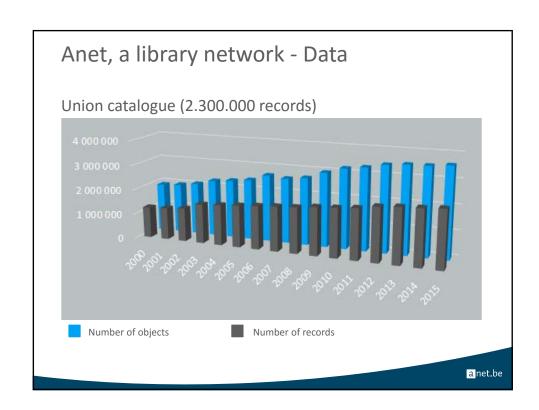
#### City of Antwerp

- Erfgoedbibliotheek Hendrik Conscience (heritage library)
- Museum Plantin Moretus
- Antwerp City Archives
- Letterenhuis (archive and Museum)
- Middelheim Museum
- Rubenianum
- MAS
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#### Others

- Royal Museum of Fine Arts
- Antwerp Port Authority
- Mechelen City Archives
- Tongerlo Abbey
- ...

- ightarrow Research, Education, Heritage, Documentation, Information and Leisure
- → Students, Professors, Researchers, Staff, General Public



## Anet, a team

Team leader: Technologic manager:

Jan Corthouts Richard Philips

Software developers (3) Coordinator IR (1+1)

System engineer (1) Coordinator Metadata (1+1)

Project managers (2)



## Anet, a team

Finances

Allowance from UAntwerpen (30%)

External revenue (70%)

- Contracts
- Projects

## Brocade, the library system

Brocade Library Services of Wikipedia

Wikipedia

WikiPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brocade\_Library\_Services

Brocade as library system

- Fully web based system
- In-house development (1998-)
- In use since 2000
- Current release: 4.10
- 1 to 2 releases per year

Automatic synchronization

New releases: automatically installed on all installations

Bug fixes: pushed automatically on all installations the next day

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## Cooperation

#### CIPAL

- Commercial partner
- ICT services to municipalities and provinces
- Cooperation since 2001
  - Distribution and implementation of Brocade
- Active in the market of public libraries
  - Provincial Library System Antwerpen (± 50 public libraries)
- Active in the market of gouvernmental libraries
  - Provinces
  - Federal institutions

## Cooperation

Brocade Library Services — CiBLiS [www.ciblis.be]

- Started August 2013 as spin-off company with 3 shareholders
  - UAntwerpen (14%)
  - CIPAL (64%)
  - LRM (Belgian Investment Company 22%)
- Focusses on the international market
  - South Africa: provincial networks for public libraries (± 800 public libraries in 9 provinces)
  - The Netherlands
    Public Libraries and Polytechnics



# Brocade, development

User-driven

Anet partners CiBLiS partners

... but requests have to serve all users, and must pursue sustainability!



# Brocade, development

#### Server

- Unix-based
  - Sun Solaris
  - RedHat Linux
- Database
  - Caché
  - GTM

#### Client PC

- Win XP
- Browser (IE, Mozilla)
- Localweb (ticketprinting, barcodeprinting, loan emergency system)



# Brocade, development

#### Software repository

- Qtech (in house development)
  - Simultaneous development by many developers on many locations
- Programming language
  - MUMPS or M
  - Python
- Version control
  - Old releases
  - Production release
  - Development release

## Brocade, services

#### Back office

- Cataloguing incl. authority control
- Acquisition incl. periodicals control
- Circulation
- Electronic Resource Management
- Interlibrary loan
- Archival descriptions
- Heritage collections
- Academic bibliography and Institutional repository



## Brocade, services

#### Front office

- Search and discover
  - Catalogue OPAC
  - Institutional repository
  - Integration with Discovery Service (EDS)
- SDI Alerting
- Selfservice (My Library)
  - Renewal
  - Holds
  - ILL
  - Stack requests
  - Selfcheck through SIP2

### Anet activities

**Development Brocade** 

Managing Brocade production environment

(Current release in use by all Anet partners)

Projects

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### **Projects**

Antilope [anet.be/opac/opacantilope]

- Union catalogue of periodicals
- Manual / Automatic updating
- ± 200 libraries, ± 335.000 journal titles

Impala [anet.be/desktop/impala/impalaintro]

- ILL and document delivery system in Belgium, since 1991
- ± 600 libraries, ± 140.000 requests each year

Unicat [www.unicat.be]

- Belgian union catalogue
- University libraries and Royal Library
- ± 13.000.000 records
- SemperTool

OCLC WorldCat [www.worldcat.org]

- Anet catalogue
- Since 2015
- Visibility
- Enrichment of our own data (WorldCat Works, VIAE)

### **Projects**

#### STCV [anet.be/desktop/stcv]

 Online bibliography of books printed in 17th and 18th century in Flanders

#### Abraham [www.vlaamse-erfgoedbibliotheek.be/abraham]

Catalogue of newspapers held in Flemish libraries

#### VABB-SHW [anet.be/desktop/vabb]

- Flemish academic bibliography for social sciences and humanities
- To be used by the government for the assignment of research grants
- Based on the number and quality of produced research papers by Flemish researchers in the Social Sciences and Humanities
- Complementary to Web of Science
- UA is coordinating this project



### **Projects**

#### Flandrica [www.frandrica.be]

Portal site / showcase for collections from heritage libraries

#### Depot projects

- Archiving paper journal collections
  - Biomedical sciences
  - Bio-engineering
  - Governmental publications
- Anet designed the software for managing depot-data, based on Antilope holdings.

### Future challenges for Anet

Discovery Service on Anet data

Monographs, Archives, Digitized materials, ...

Inclusive subscription management

Print

Online (ERM)

Not using a journal agent

Document delivery process

Stack requests

Reservations

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→ One stop shop for end users: I want that



# Questions?

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