Historical Bibliography in the Digital World

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“Flat” Bibliographic Initiatives

• These examples convey bibliographic information via the web, but do not capitalise on the opportunities of the internet age:
  – English Book Owners in the 17th Century
  – London Book Trades Database
Evolution

• This has evolved from a printed source
  – Cathedral Libraries Catalogue
• to an online database
  – CLCi database
• which is also included in larger databases
  – CERL Heritage of the Printed Book (HPB)
  – COPAC
British Library Initiatives (selected)

• All these not only provide a starting point for research, but embody traditional bibliographic scholarship within digital “containers”:
  – Incunabula Short Title Catalogue
  – English Short Title Catalogue
  – British National Bibliography
    • BNB in RDF/XML (CC0 1.0 license)
  – British Library Bindings Database
Watermarks: a Case Study

• Wasserzeichen des Mittelalters (WZMA)
• Watermarks in Incunabula in the Low Countries (WILC)
• Piccard Online
• Bernstein: the Memory of Paper
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