

MetaLib/SFX at UCL

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Overview

- ☐ Background at UCL
- ☐ SFX implementation, feedback and use
- □ MetaLib implementation, feedback and use



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Background



- □ UCL (University College London) research university 18,000 students and 6,000 staff.
- ☐ UCL Library Services 17 sites, 200 staff.
- ☐ Library organisation:
 - ☐ Central services: reader services, subject librarians, bibliographic services (acquisitions/cataloguing/serials), IT Services Group, etc.
 - ☐ Site library teams



Electronic library resources at UCL

- ☐ 7,000 electronic journals
- ☐ 150 subscription databases
- ☐ Growing e-books collection
- ☐ Aleph library management system & OPAC
- ☐ Online reading lists
- ☐ Digitised exam papers
- ☐ E-prints institutional repository
- ☐ Digitised images from special collections

Originally presented through Library Services website

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SFX at UCL

- □ Purchased to enhance library users' experience, through context-sensitive linking
- ☐ Implementation April September 2004
- □ Basic menu services chosen (full text and library catalogue searches)
- ☐ Kept the name "SFX"
- ☐ Activated in as many databases as possible
- □ Not using A-Z list of ejournals (keep our own)







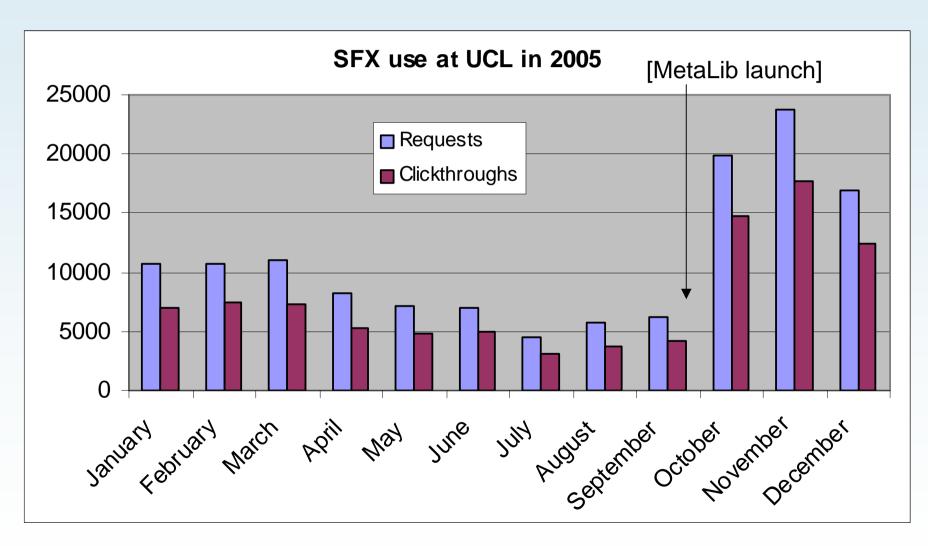
SFX: promotion & training

- □ Promotion and training for Library staff during summer vacation
 □ Problems:
 □ Staff on holiday
 □ SFX button not "live" on databases limited practice
 □ Promotion and training for users at start of new academic year
 □ Webpages (Link)
 □ Leaflet
 - □ Newsletter
 - □ Academic department briefings

☐ Subject librarian training



SFX: feedback & use





SFX: feedback and use

- □ Successes
 - ☐ More seamless access in general, but particularly:
 - ☐ Linking from library catalogue to full-text
 - ☐ Links in GoogleScholar
- ☐ Challenges
 - ☐ What does "SFX" mean?
 - ☐ SFX is not available in all sources (eg PubMed)
 - ☐ Cultural change (A-Z ejournals list from in-house to SFX?)



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MetaLib at UCL

- ☐ Purchased to provide a single search gateway to electronic resources
- ☐ Implemented January September 2005
- ☐ Kept the name MetaLib
- ☐ Initially offered as a <u>parallel</u> access route with Webpages

Login to MetaLib



MetaLib: promotion & training



- ☐ Training of Library staff throughout summer vacation
- ☐ Free pens!
- ☐ Webpages (Link)
- ☐ Leaflet
- □ Newsletter
- ☐ Academic department briefings (email / committees)
- ☐ Subject librarian training



MetaLib end-user training

How will you promote it? How does MetaLib fit in?

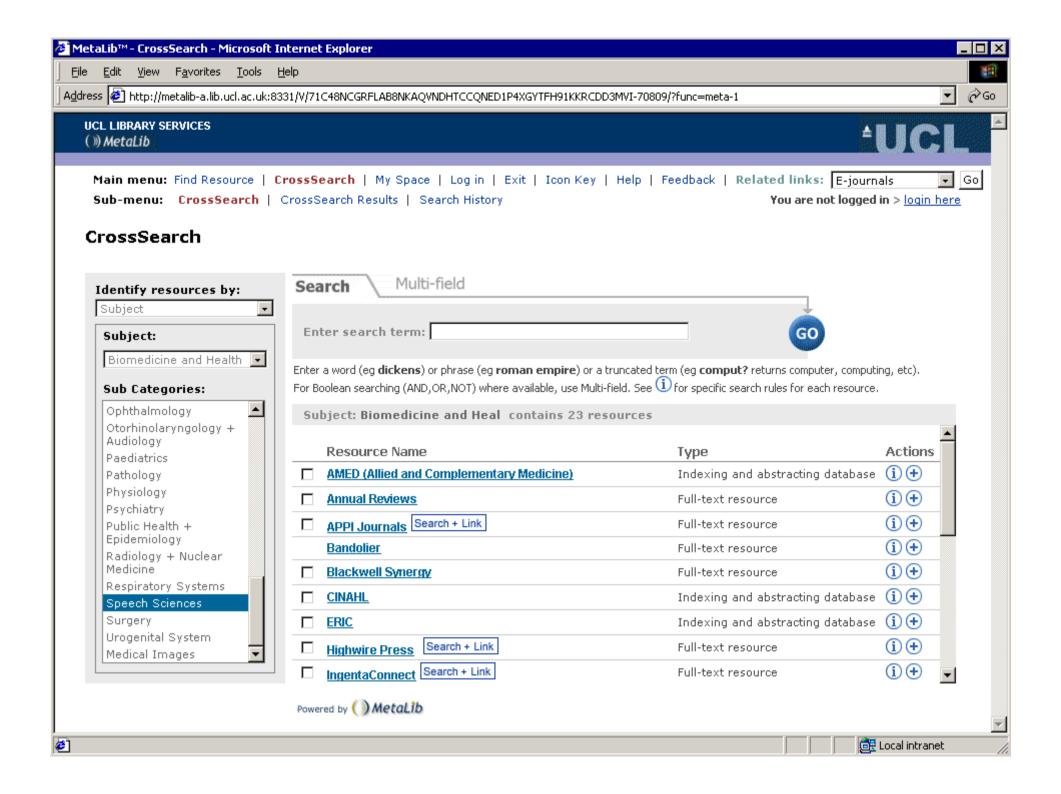
- ☐ Subject-specific approaches
- MetaLib: Radical shift or after-thought?
- ☐ MetaLib: Tool for novice or expert users?
- ☐ How much help documentation is required?

Some examples...



1. Speech Sciences

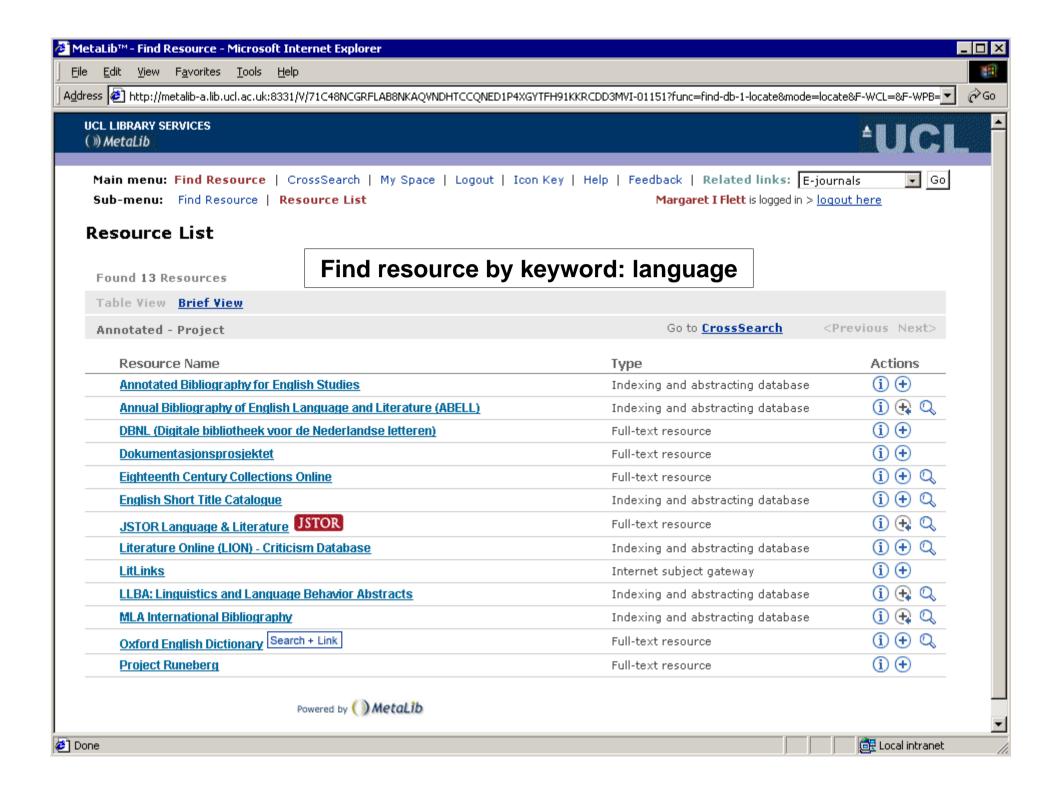
- ☐ Inter-disciplinary eg medicine, psychology, linguistics, education
- ☐ UCL Department of Human Communication Science
- ☐ "Speech Sciences" defined as a sub-category of "Biomedicine and Health" in MetaLib
- ☐ Librarian is presenting MetaLib as the <u>starting point</u>

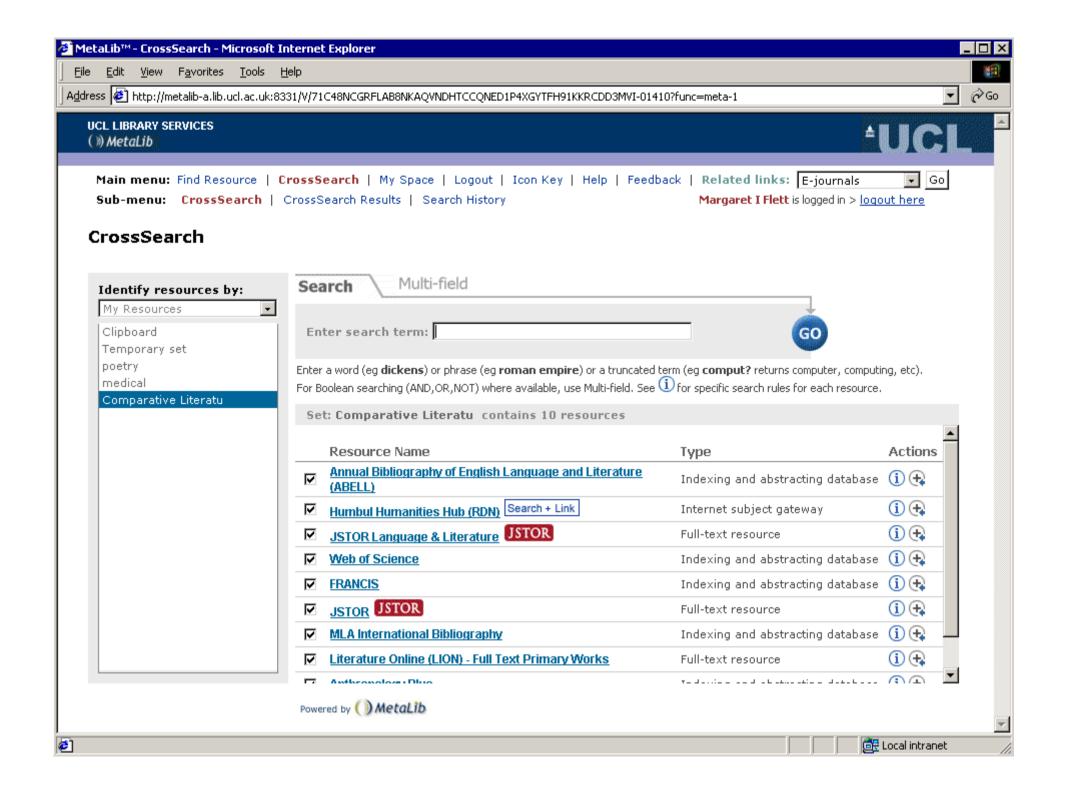




2. Comparative literature

- ☐ Study of literary works from different cultures/languages
- ☐ Small course 15-25 postgrad students per year at UCL
- ☐ No MetaLib category "Comparative Literature"
- ☐ Create MyResources sets by drawing on individual language sets, plus anthropology, general humanities, etc.
- ☐ Could search for resources by keyword "language"

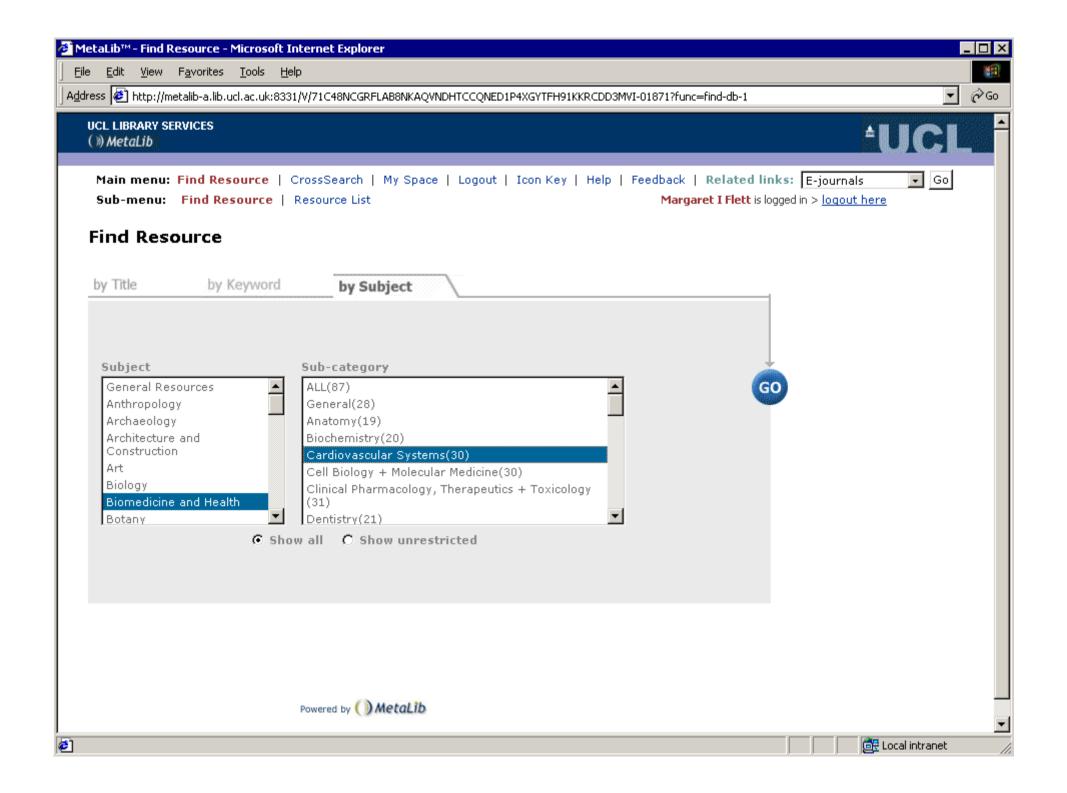


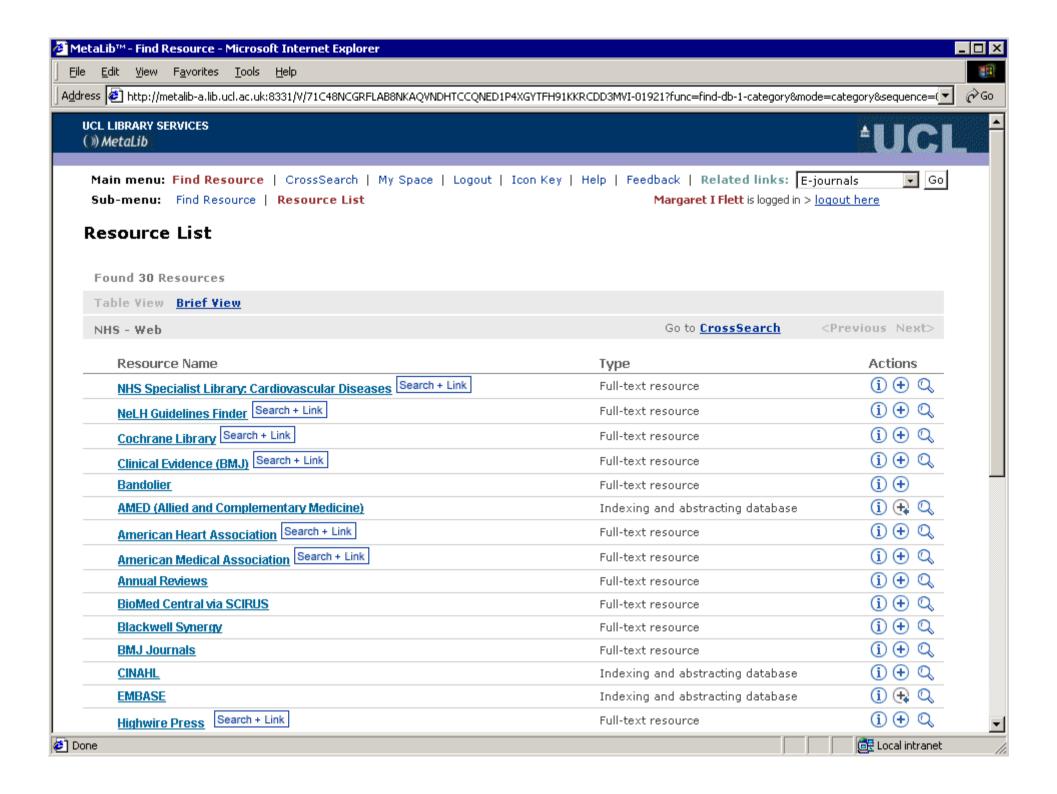




3. Biomedicine and Health

- ☐ Searches often must be exhaustive, for example for systematic reviews. Often complex Boolean searches.
- ☐ Librarians are promoting MetaLib as a <u>resource-finding</u> tool for these users, rather than for (limited) cross-searching
- ☐ However, biomedical users are using CrossSearch







MetaLib: feedback & use

1) Users

After first 4 months:

2392 people had logged in at least once

312 users had created personal resource lists

248 users had saved items to the eShelf

Average of 150 logins per weekday (60 at weekends), plus 100-200 on-campus guest logins (full access).



MetaLib: feedback & use

2) Resources

350 resources in MetaLib (230 searchable):

173 full-text resources

96 indexing/abstracting databases

34 internet subject gateways

20 organisations

12 image databases

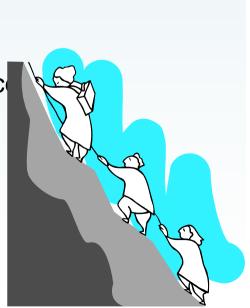
9 library catalogues

Average of 1000 resource-searches per weekday.



MetaLib: feedback & use

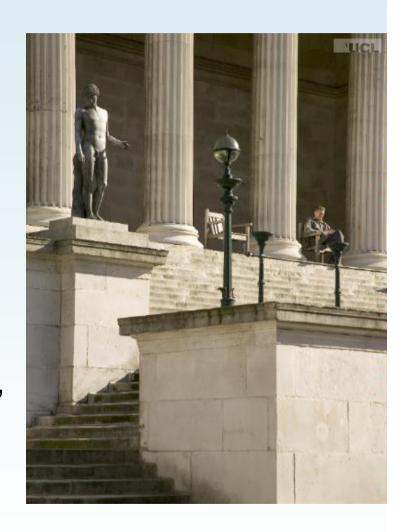
- Successes
 - ☐ Seamless off-site access (single login)
 - ☐ Cross-searching time-saving, good overview of a topic
 - □ e-Shelf (multiple sources in one place)
 - ☐ MyResources good for interdisciplinary users
- □ Challenges
 - ☐ Subject categories encourage use of MyResource
 - ☐ Searching different rules for different databases
 - ☐ Alerts great potential, but limited
 - Need to increase usage and understanding





Future plans

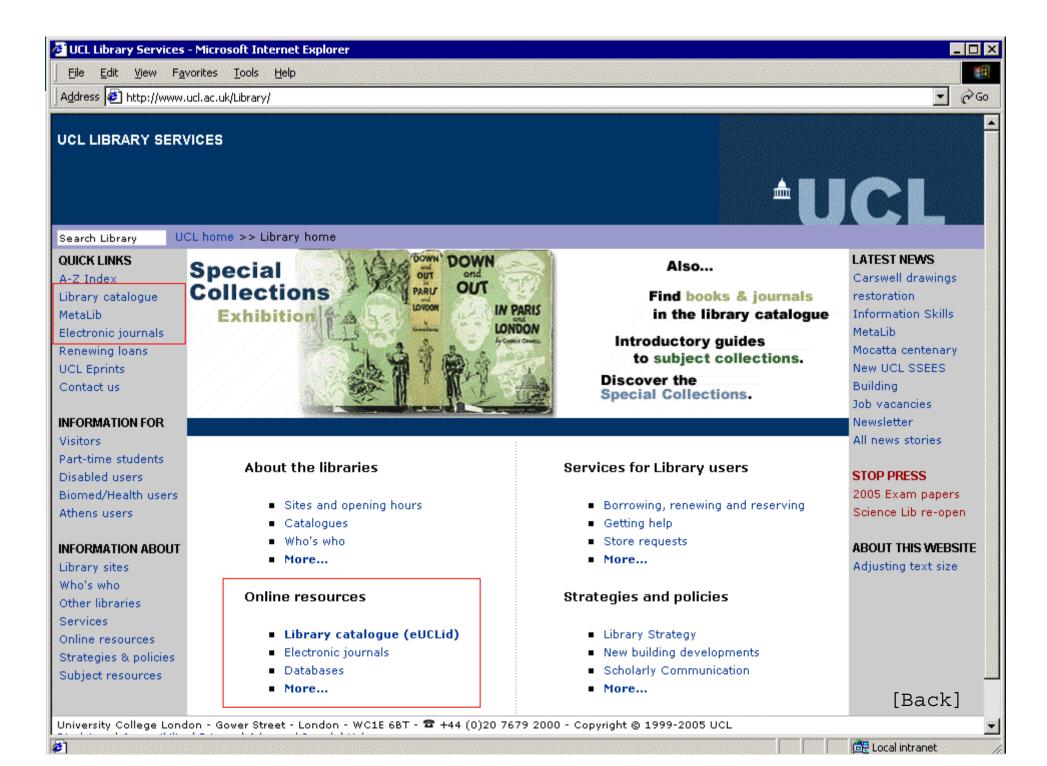
- □ SFX A-Z e-journal list, hopefully in MetaLib
- More promotion of MetaLib, specifically as first point of access to electronic resources for novices
- ☐ Target research staff help them save time
- ☐ Use MetaLib content in other areas, eg deep links in subject guides
- ☐ Further improvements in usability

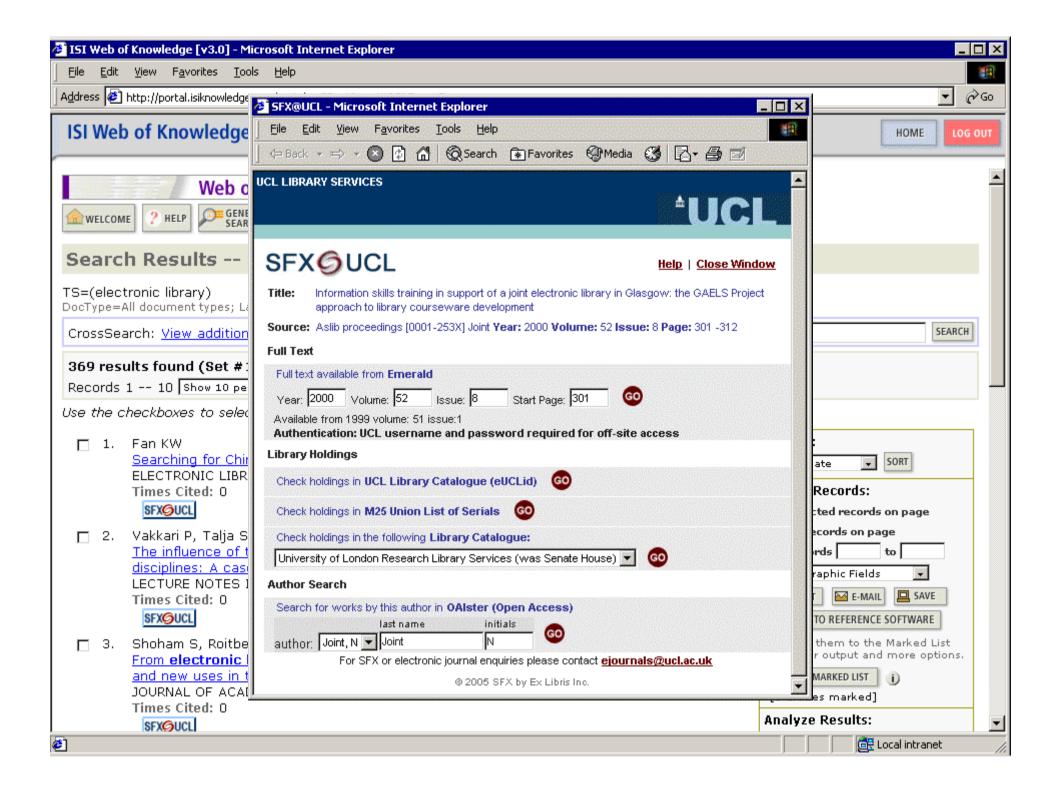




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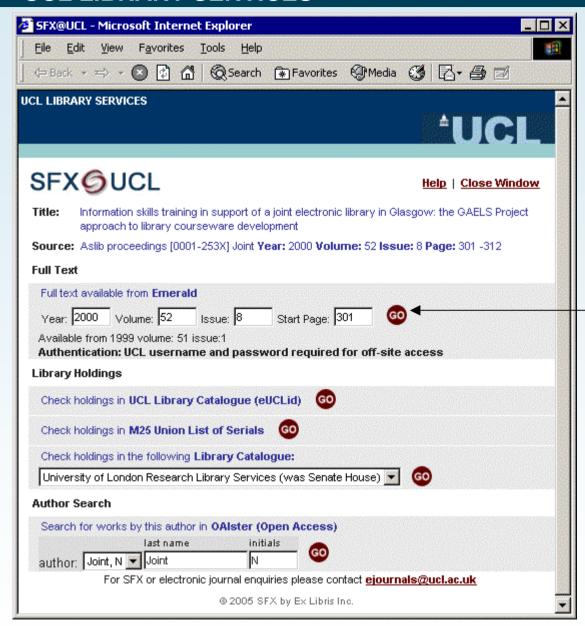
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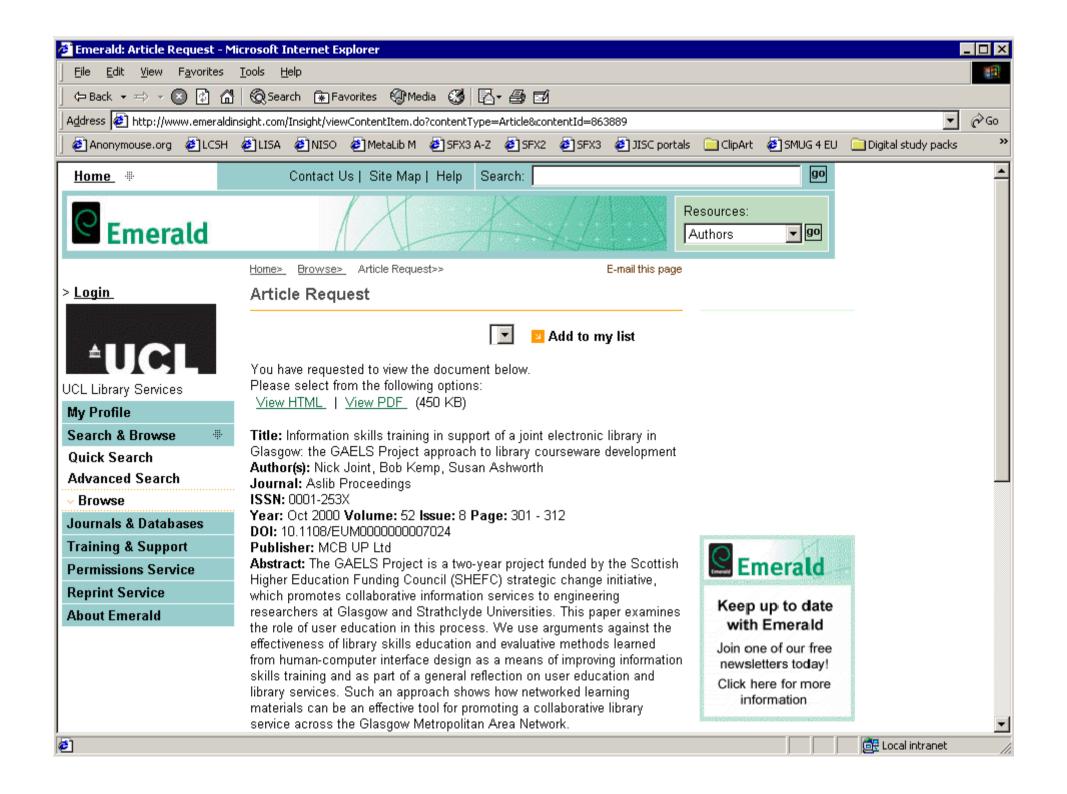


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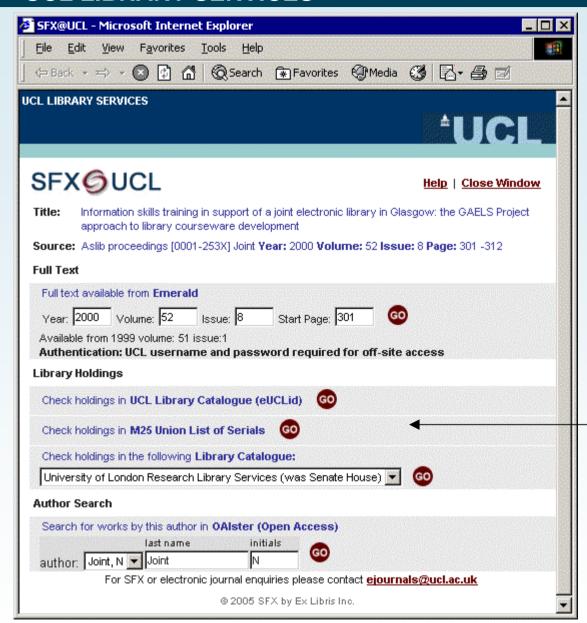


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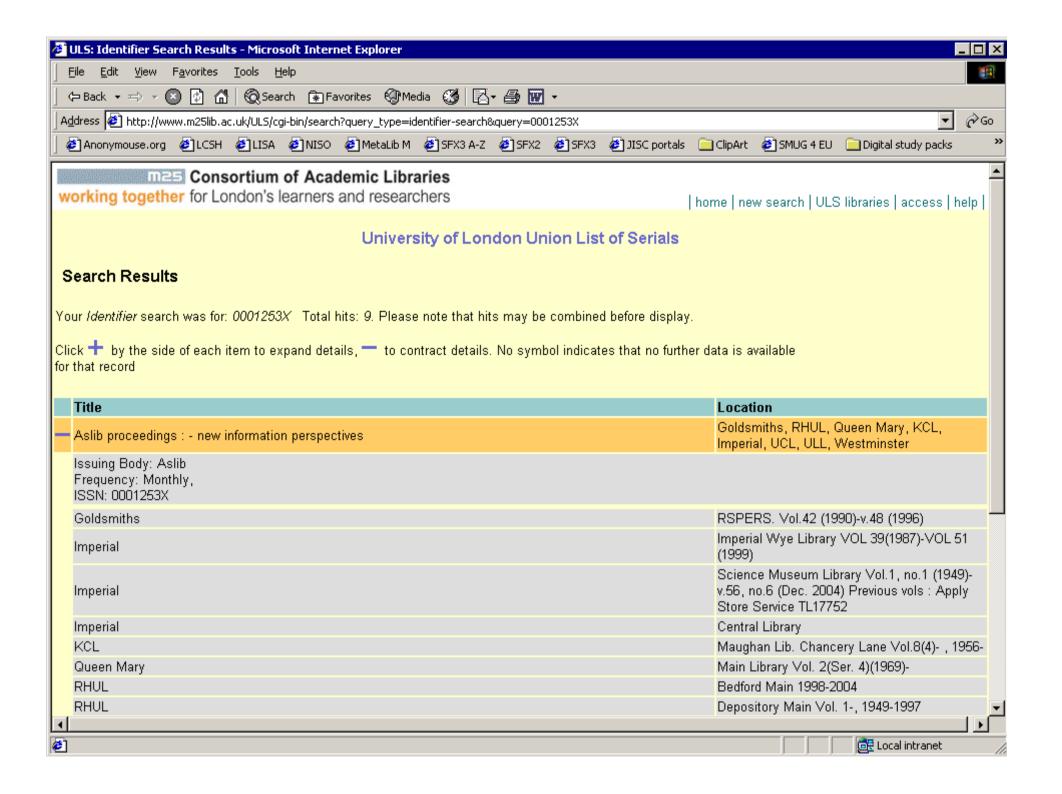


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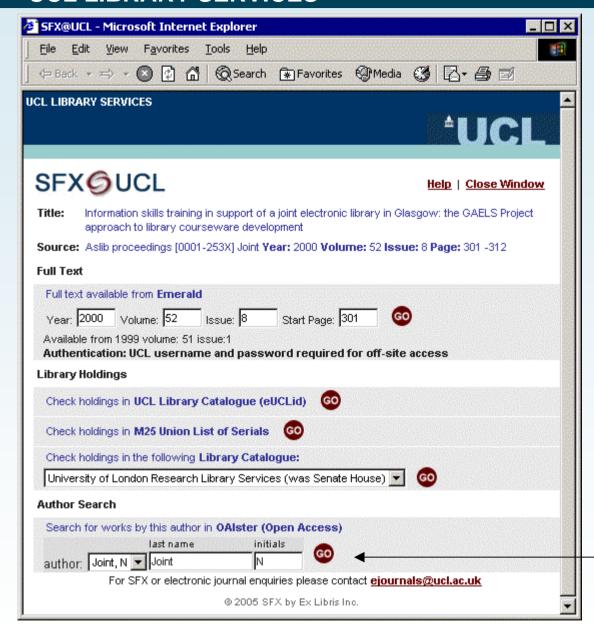


Library Holdings: Search UCL and other catalogues

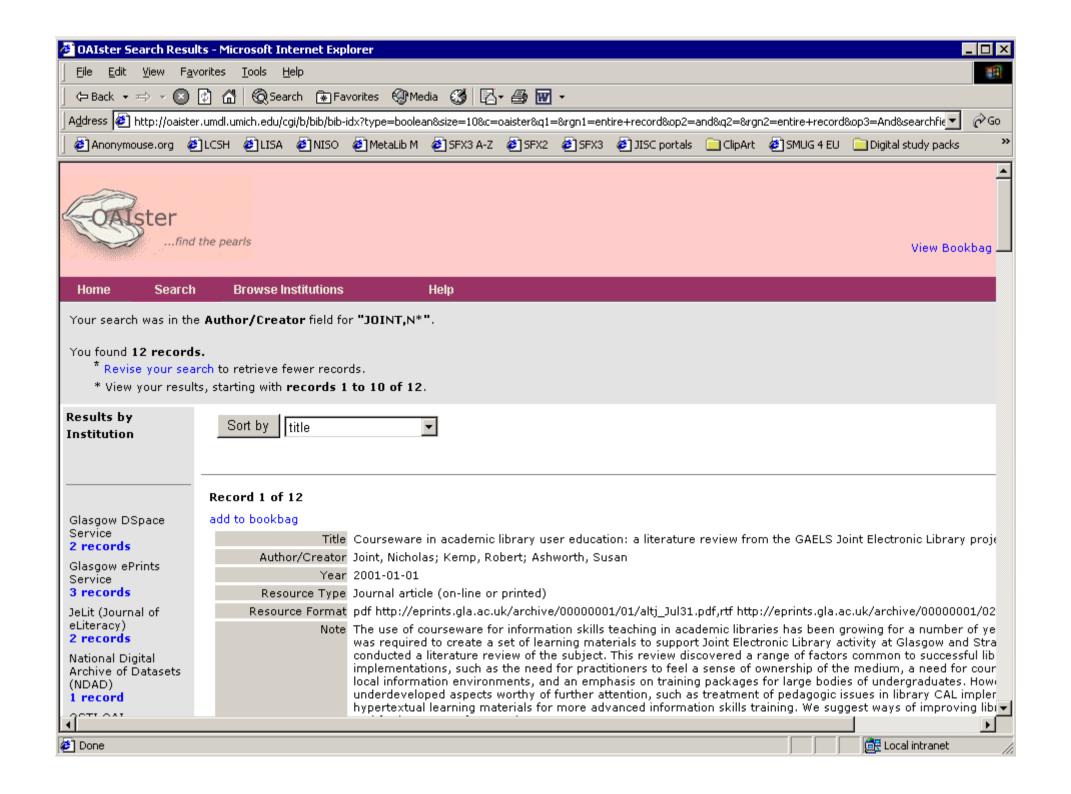


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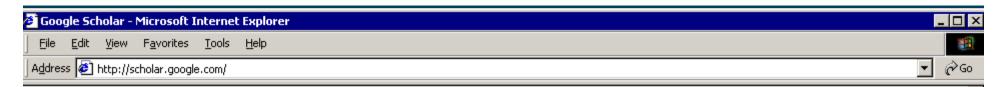




Author search (open access database)









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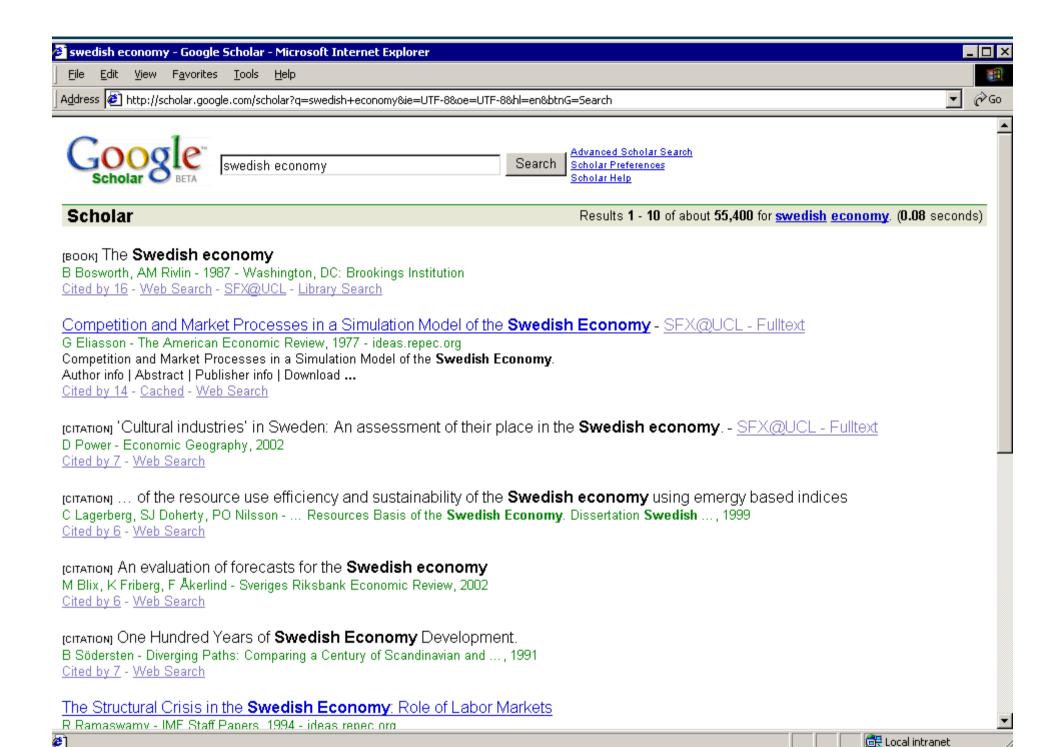
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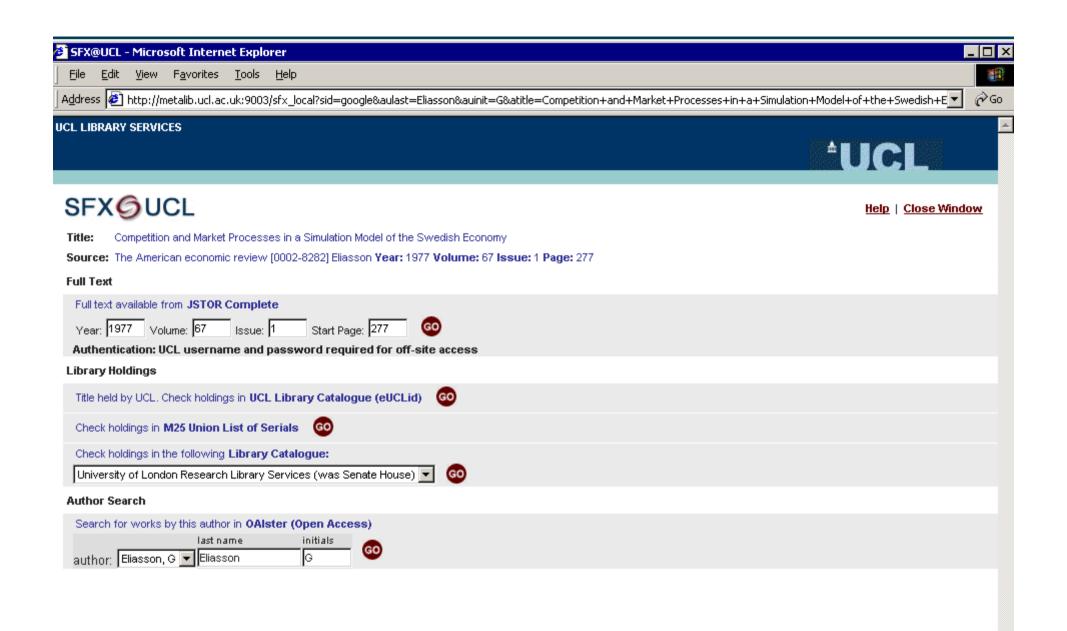
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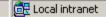


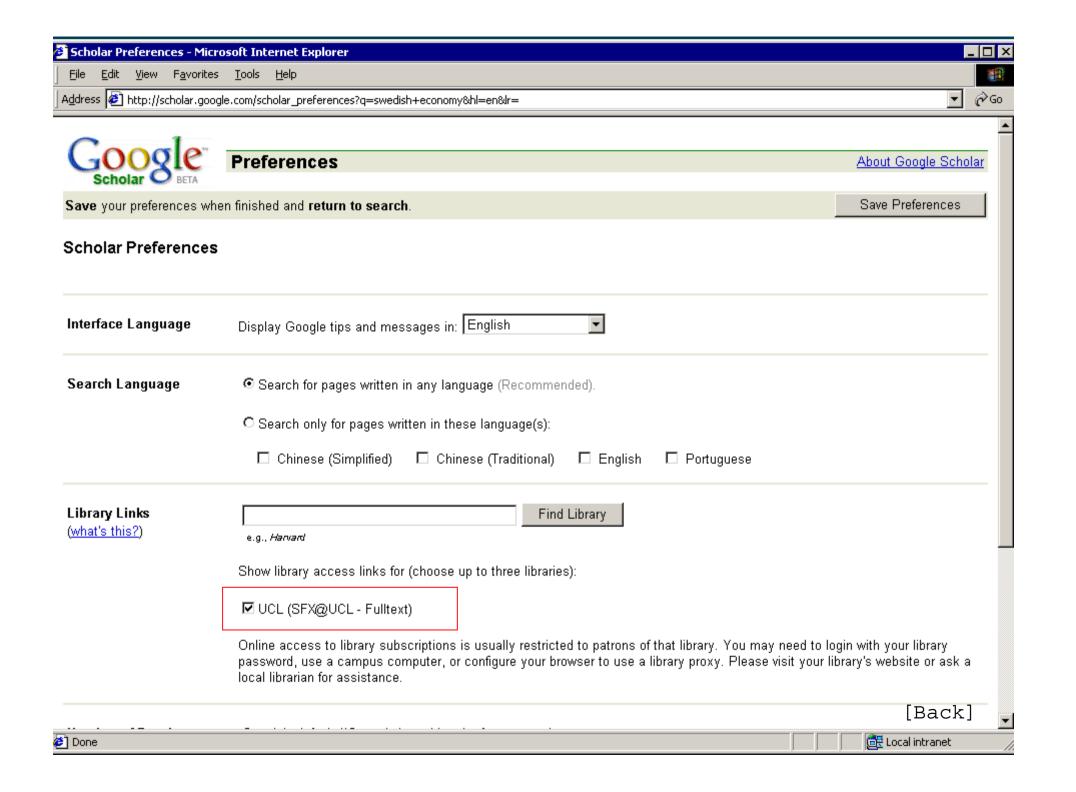


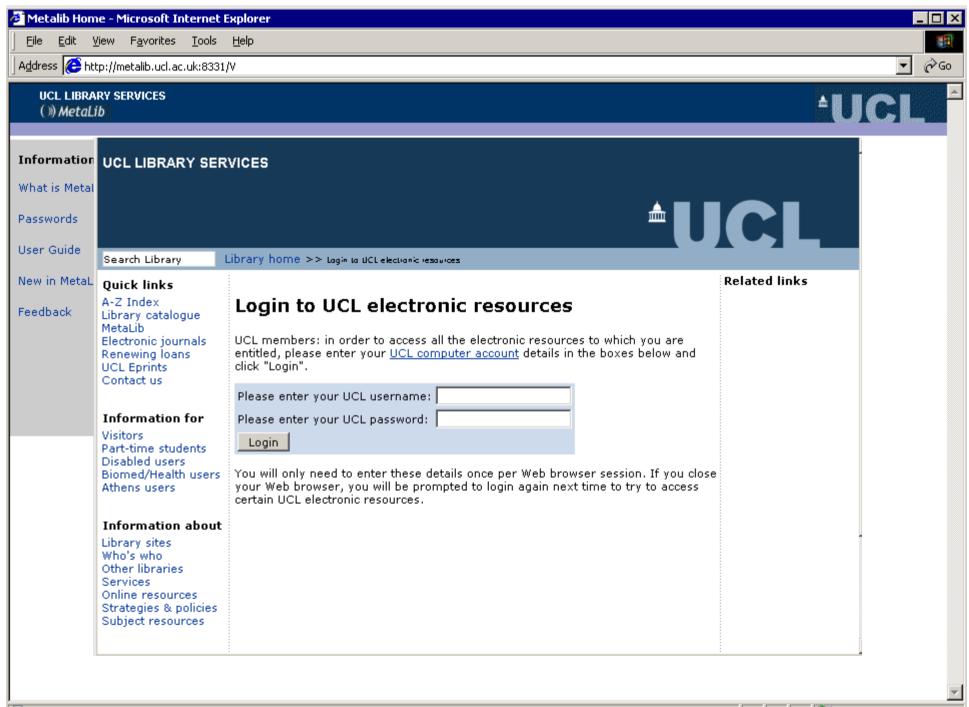
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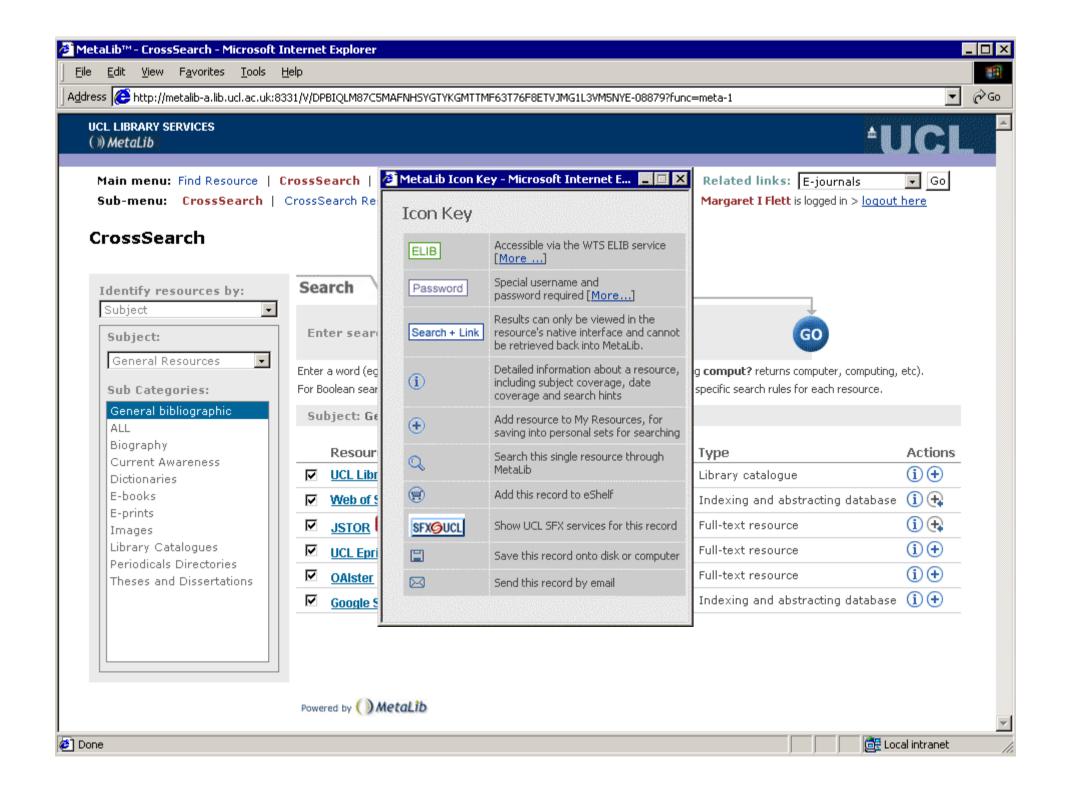
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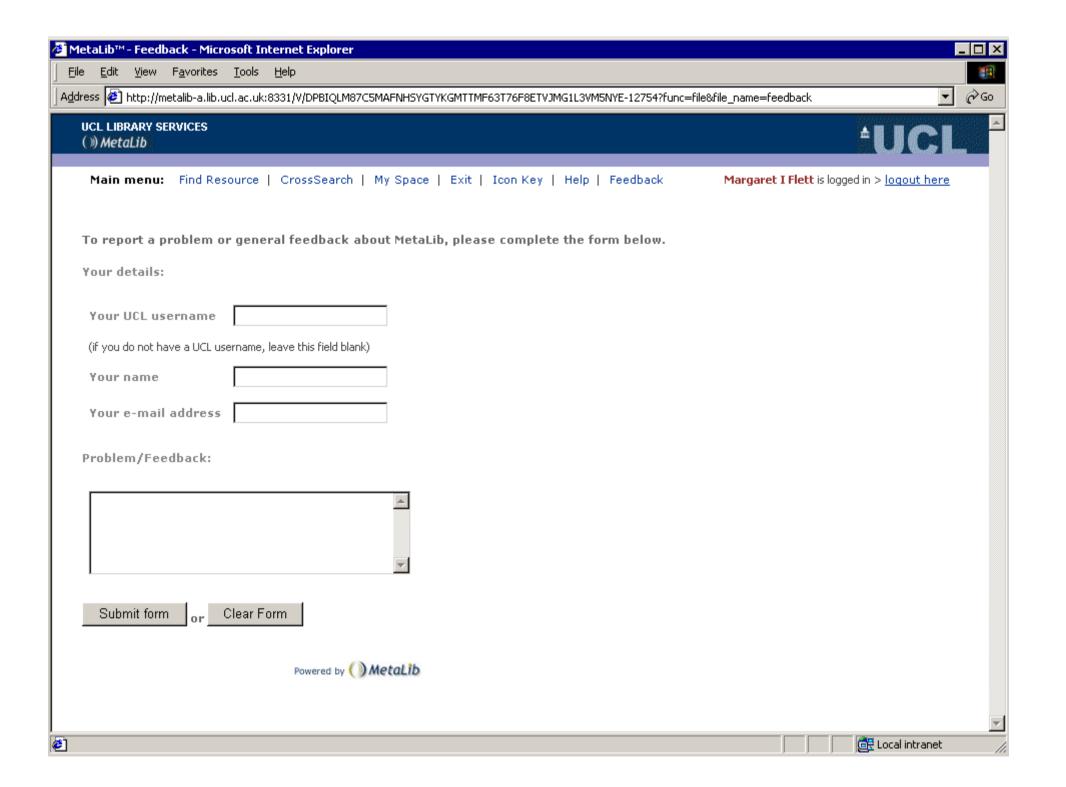


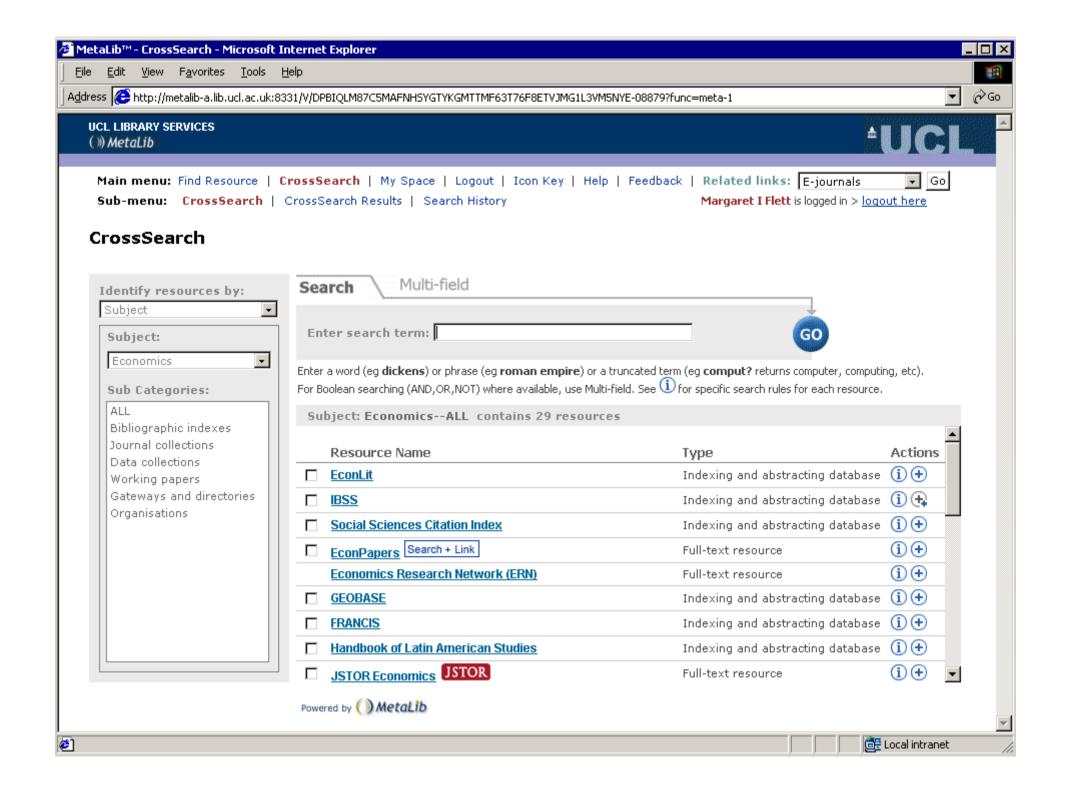


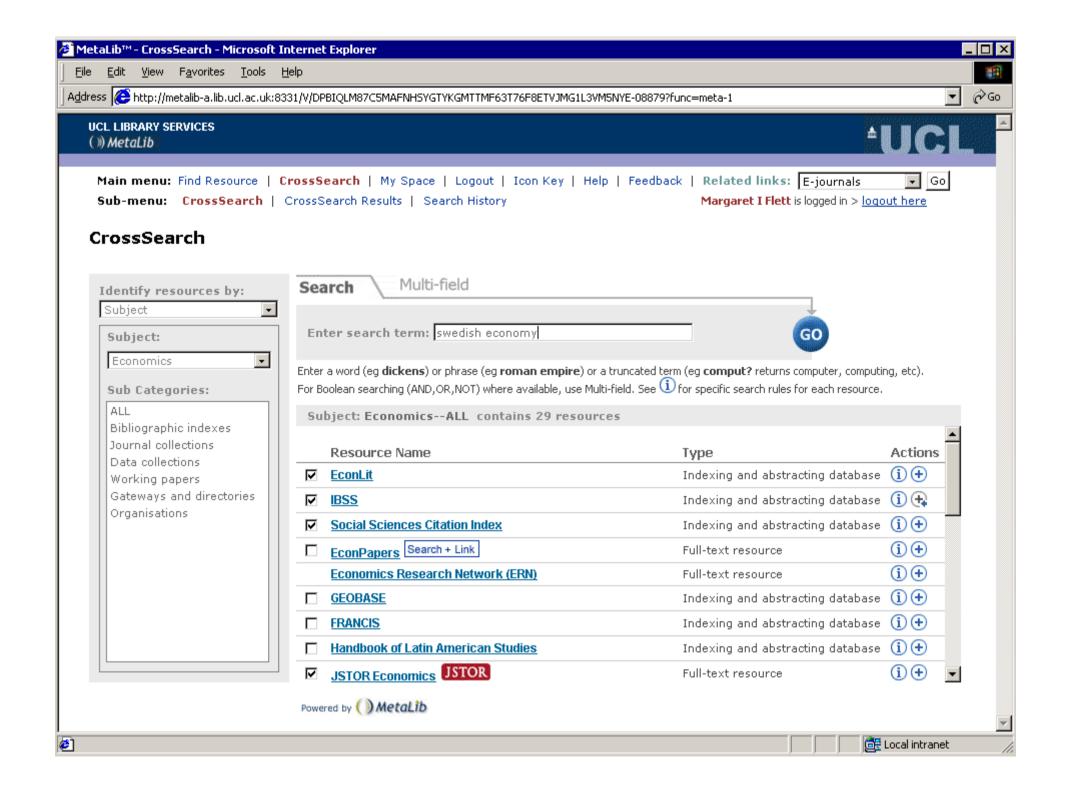














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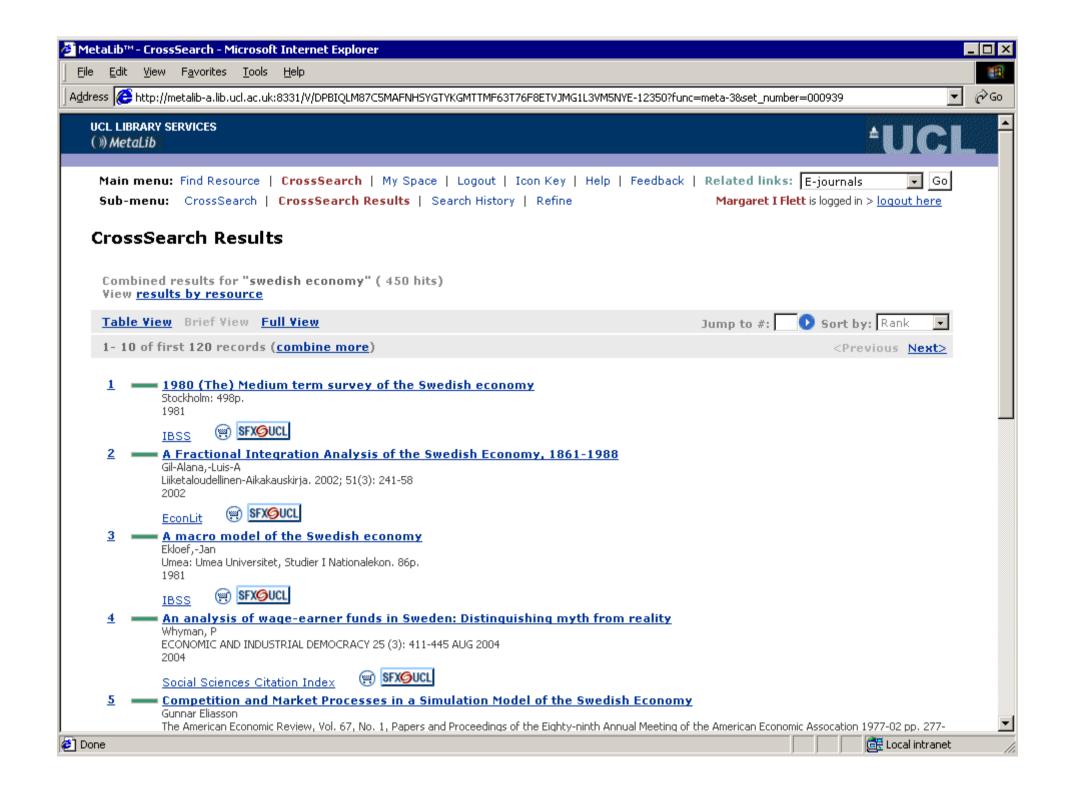


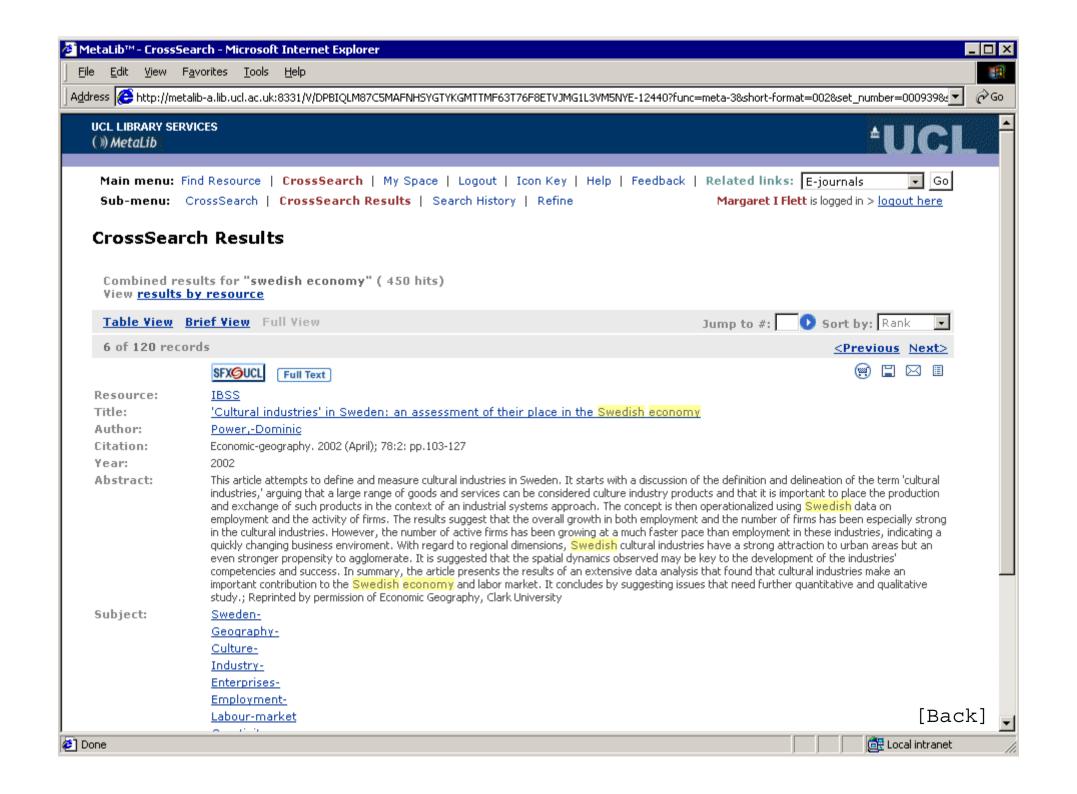
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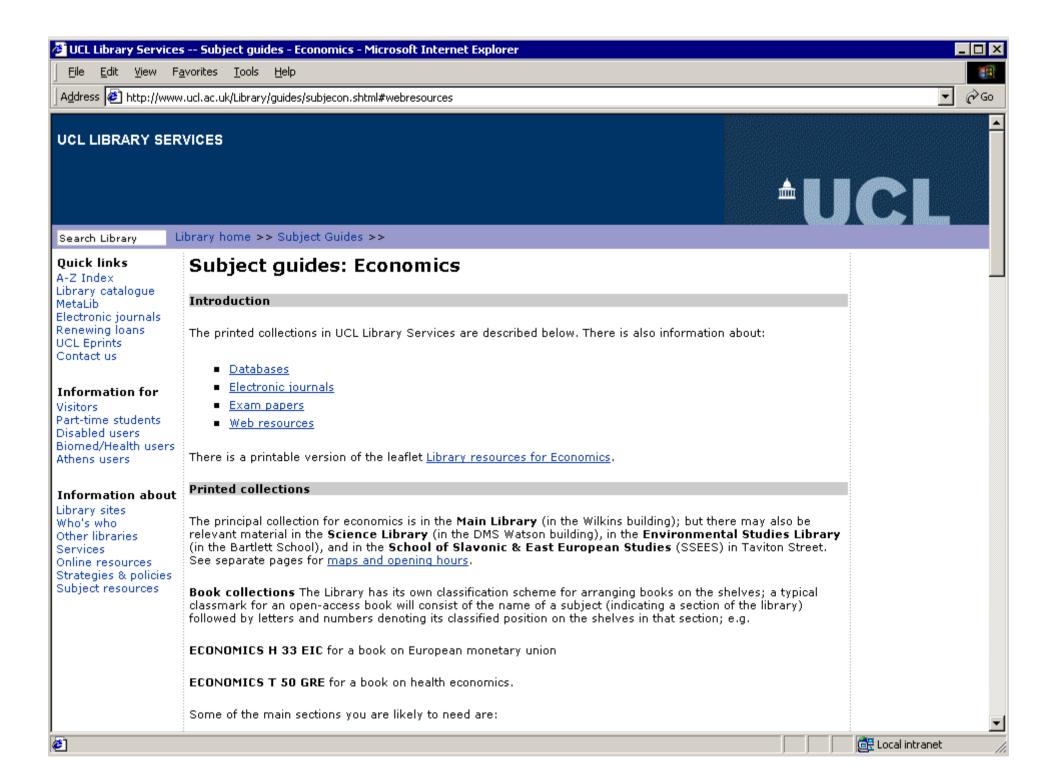
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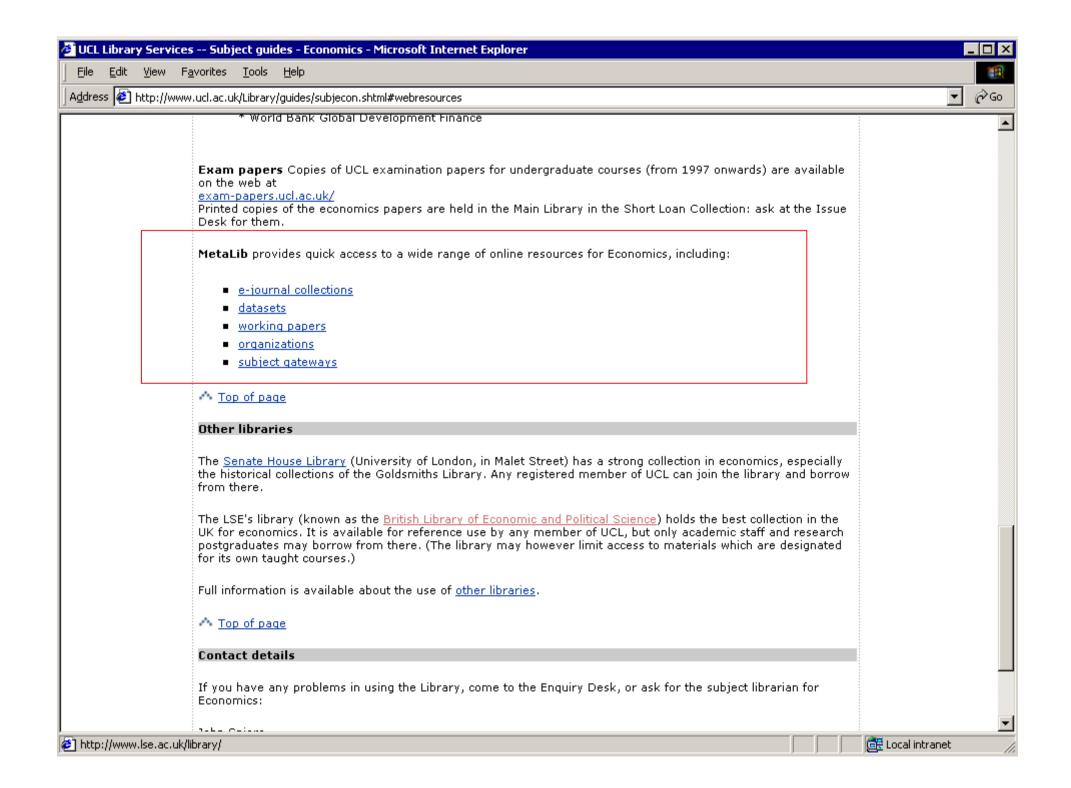
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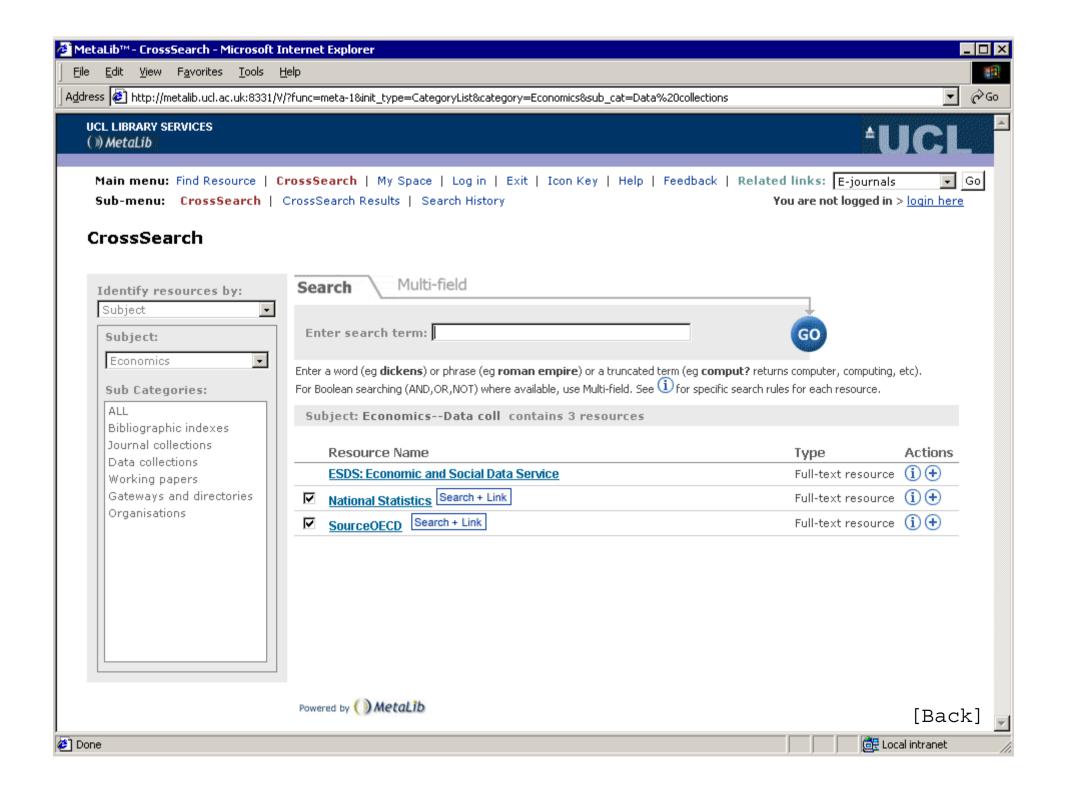
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SFX@UCL ------Enhanced searching with SFX.

Related links

Electronic books Using eUCLid

>>>New for 2005/6<<<

- SFX is now available as an integral part of MetaLib, so that you can get full text from your MetaLib search results.
- The SFX menu has a new look. See below.
- Off-site access: most electronic journals to which UCL subscribes can now be accessed through SFX with a one-off login using UCL username and password.

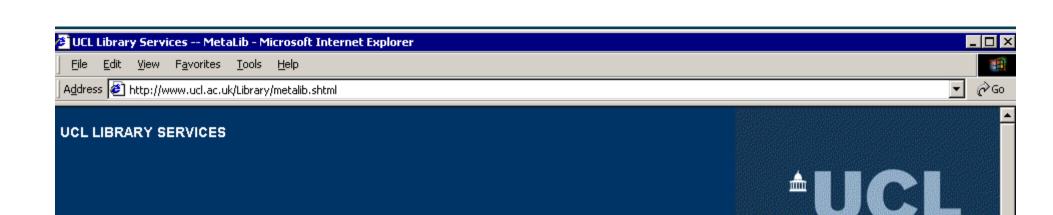
What is SFX?

SFX is an acronym for "special effects". It is also the name of a linking service which can speed up the use of electronic library resources.

SFX can give you direct access from a reference, in a database or catalogue, to the full text of an electronic journal

It can also provide other context-sensitive links to relevant electronic resources, such as a search of another library





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MetaLib - gateway to electronic resources



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Databases

What is MetaLib?

MetaLib is a gateway to a range of electronic resources relevant to users of UCL Library Services. It can be used to identify resources relevant to a particular area of research or study, and it can be used to "cross-search" groups of these resources. This can save you valuable time in the research process, especially if you need a quick overview of a topic.

- Click to Login to MetaLib
- Go to the MetaLib User Guide
- View answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Information about Resources accessible through MetaLib include:

- Abstracting and indexing databases
- Collections of electronic journals
- Library catalogues
- Image databases
- Guides to internet resources
- Reference resources such as encyclopaedia and dictionaries

MetaLib also offers personalisation features. You can save search results, save searches, set up alerts and create groups of "favourite" resources for cross-searching.

Passwords and logging in to MetaLib

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