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## **Serials Solutions Releases Open-Source Code for SUSHI Client**

*Librarians and content providers can use code to build standards-based SUSHI utilities for enhanced COUNTER report processes*

**Seattle, WA – May 20, 2009** Serials Solutions, in cooperation with NISO, today announced the public release of the code to the new standards-based Serials Solutions Open-Source SUSHI client. This code, drafted for use with SUSHI servers at ProQuest, CSA, and Chadwyck-Healey, can be used by additional content providers to test SUSHI servers and by libraries to create SUSHI clients to harvest provider reports.

"Serials Solutions is taking the lead in creating the first testing tool for SUSHI servers," says Tae Kim, Software Developer and working group member of the SUSHI maintenance committee. "This is a big step toward making SUSHI more interoperable, so that librarians can seamlessly harvest the reports they need for cost-per-use and other usage reporting."

Supporting NISO's Standard Usage Statistics Harvesting Initiative Protocol (<http://www.niso.org/workrooms/sushi>), the Serials Solutions open source SUSHI client code will enable libraries to build consistent, stable, and standards-based tools. It is the first release of what the maintenance committee hopes will be many open source toolkits for libraries.

Todd Carpenter, Managing Director of NISO, says, "This action by Serials Solutions is another example of the company's deep commitment to promoting the adoption of open standards in our community. It is in every organization's interest to see SUSHI succeed, and collaboratively developing the software tools necessary is critical to the standard's success. Having open source code that anyone can implement should certainly help to encourage SUSHI adoption. On behalf of the entire information community, we are grateful for this action by Serials Solutions."

Content providers must implement SUSHI by the end of August in order to remain compliant with Release 3 of the COUNTER Code of Practice for Journals and Databases. Libraries or content providers interested in the Serials Solutions open source SUSHI client can access the code at <http://code.google.com/p/sushicounterclient/>. For more information about the SUSHI open source code release, visit the NISO SUSHI website, contact Serials Solutions at 1-866-SERIALS, email [360@serialssolutions.com](mailto:360@serialssolutions.com), or visit [www.serialssolutions.com](http://www.serialssolutions.com).

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and curation of knowledge. NISO works with intersecting communities of interest and across the entire lifecycle of an information standard. NISO is a not-for-profit association accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). More information about NISO is available at [www.niso.org](http://www.niso.org).

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Serials Solutions also is the exclusive source for Ulrichsweb.com™ and Ulrich's Serials Analysis System™ worldwide, and represents the AquaBrowser Library® unified discovery interface in the academic market in North America. The WebFeat® federated search service recently acquired by ProQuest soon will be incorporated into the Serials Solutions family of access and discovery services.

Serials Solutions provides fast implementation, easy customization, and outstanding value to libraries throughout the world. For more information, please visit [www.serialssolutions.com](http://www.serialssolutions.com) or call 1-866-SERIALS. Serials Solutions is a business unit of ProQuest LLC.

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