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Serials Solutions Announces New Ulrich's™ XML Data Service

Customizable Ulrich's™ XML data sets now available on-demand for use in library applications

Seattle, WA – June 16, 2009 Serials Solutions today announced the release of the Ulrich's™ XML Data Service, a data retrieval service that provides a comprehensive set of Ulrich's metadata to enhance the library's local web services and improve patron experiences. The Ulrich's XML Data Service delivers continuously updated serials and publisher information that libraries and other organizations can integrate into their homegrown and open-source applications.

Ulrich's data can enhance a variety of library services including research tools, journal-awareness services, faculty web pages and course lists, and other patron-facing services. The data can also be used where there is a need for authoritative serials information in business applications. Subscribers can retrieve the XML data via the SOAP protocol in customized data sets tailored for the needs of the organization.

The Ulrich's™ XML Data Service provides metadata for all of the serials in the Ulrich's knowledgebase, which includes all publication types, formats, and frequencies. The new service completely replaces an existing raw data service that provided ASCII flat-file output with limited updating capability.

"Librarians have contacted Serials Solutions over the past year and requested that we build a robust delivery mechanism that allows the capture of large Ulrich's data sets for use in their libraries' web services," says Yvette Diven, Senior Product Manager for Ulrich's at Serials Solutions. "With this service, it's now easy to get comprehensive data on demand to support serials projects of any size."

Diven continues, "We chose a standards-based XML format for the data because it can be imported into many of the open source tools libraries are implementing. It will make Ulrich's data much more developer-friendly than before."

In addition to the data provided through the new service, Serials Solutions distributes source code for a simple example of a working client in the form of a C#.NET project. Subscribers of the Ulrich's XML Data Service can use the client as-is, adapt it for their own storage needs, or use it as a template for implementing a client in their language of choice.

The Ulrich's XML Data service is available through an annual subscription. For more information, email info@serialssolutions.com, call 1-866-SERIALS, or visit www.serialssolutions.com.

About Ulrich's

Since 1932, Ulrich's™ has been the serials resource that librarians trust to provide unbiased, in-depth bibliographic and publisher information about journals, magazines, newspapers and other

periodicals published around the world--regardless of format or provider. Ulrich's online products provide the perfect complement to your library's Serials Solutions® 360 tools. Together, Serials Solutions and Ulrich's online services provide the broadest and deepest coverage of serials information available anywhere.

Ulrichsweb™ Global Serials Directory is updated each week to provide the latest information available on more than 300,000 serials worldwide--covering print, electronic, and microform resources from more than 90,000 publishers and providers. Ulrich's™ Serials Analysis System helps library professionals assess the depth, scope, and quality of their serials collections. This essential toolkit provides flexible reporting options that make it easy to identify and evaluate title-specific details about individual journals, magazines, and other serials whether in the library's own collection, the offerings of specific publishers and providers, or in Ulrichsweb. Ulrich's Serials Analysis System augments the assessment tools Serials Solutions provides for library-specific usage reporting and analysis.

About Serials Solutions

Founded by a librarian for librarians in 2000, Serials Solutions is the global leader in E-Resource Access and Management Services (ERAMS) that serves more than 2,000 libraries of all sizes and types. Serials Solutions® KnowledgeWorks, the authoritative e-resource knowledgebase, is the foundation for Serials Solutions® 360, the only complete and integrated e-resource access and management solution. Serials Solutions recently introduced the Summon™ unified discovery service, a revolutionary discovery tool that provides instant access to the full breadth of the library's collection through a single search.

Serials Solutions also is the exclusive source for Ulrichsweb™ 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 or call 1-866-SERIALS. Serials Solutions is a business unit of ProQuest LLC.

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