

Integrate SUNCAT into your Library Website and Services

Introduction

SUNCAT (Serials UNION CATalogue for the UK research community)

www.suncat.ac.uk

SUNCAT is a free service containing information about the serials held in around 100 UK research libraries, including the British Library and the National Libraries of Scotland and Wales. It also contains records from the CONSER database, the ISSN register and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). There are over six million records in the catalogue for items including journals, periodicals, newspapers, newsletters, magazines, annual reports and other publications of a continuing nature. It includes information about libraries' print and online holdings.

Both end users and information and library professionals can use SUNCAT to:

- Find where particular titles are held in the UK
- Discover titles in particular subject areas
- Link through to the Table of Contents (ToCs) of titles
- Link through to journals and full text articles

Below are a few suggestions on how you can embed SUNCAT within your library website or portal to assist your users and colleagues find and access journals held in the UK.

Link Resolver

Add SUNCAT as a target in your URL resolver. When full text isn't available to your users, it enables them to link straight through to search results on SUNCAT to see if and where the article/journal is held in the UK. This, in addition to links to your local catalogue or Inter-Library Loan service, ensures that users are presented with more options for access.

For details on creating links to SUNCAT see:
www.suncat.ac.uk/support/OpenURL_linking.html

For an example on how the University of Liverpool have implemented this see:

liveresources.blogspot.com/2010/09/sfx-now-offers-links-to-suncat.html



SUNCAT as target in URL Resolver

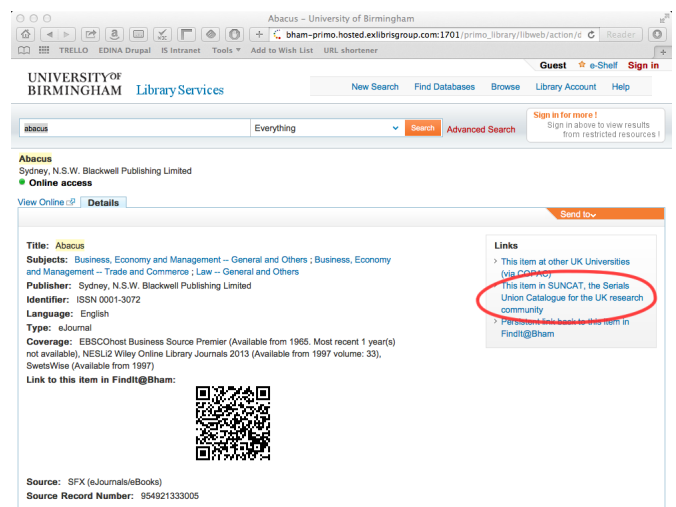
OPAC and Discovery Services

Add SUNCAT as a target on your library OPAC. SUNCAT has a free Z39.50 connection so you can enable your users to search SUNCAT directly from your local OPAC. Users can then choose to search simultaneously the journal holdings of around 100 libraries alongside your local holdings or select SUNCAT as an alternative target when the journals they require are not held locally.

For details of the Z39.50 connection to SUNCAT see: <http://www.suncat.ac.uk/support/z-target.shtml>

Alternatively add a link to SUNCAT from your catalogue or discovery service, for example, please see the Find it @ Bham service at the University of Birmingham

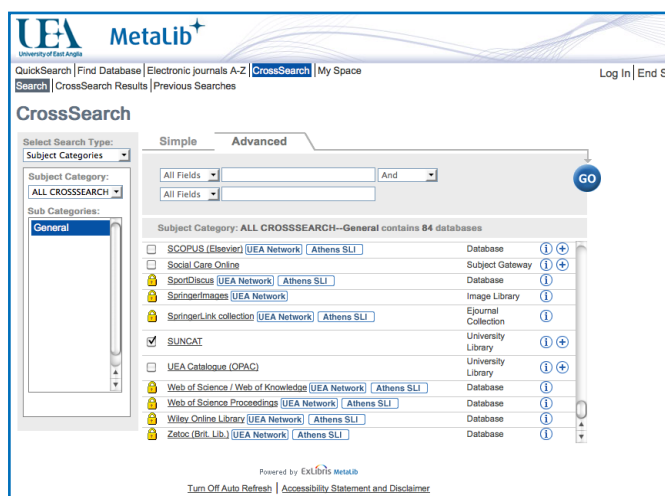
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/libraries/search.aspx>



Link to SUNCAT search on the University of Birmingham's catalogue

Or add SUNCAT as a target in your discovery service. Enable your users to search SUNCAT for relevant journals alongside other free and licensed resources. Users can discover journals, link through to the latest ToCs and the full text of articles from your licensed content. If the journal isn't available to them online or at your own institution they can find out where it is held. SUNCAT would be a useful target in any general search collections, catalogue or journal search collections you have created in your service.

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SUNCAT as Target in Federated Search Service

Website Pages

Embed links to SUNCAT within your web pages, particularly those related to:

- Journals
- Articles
- Databases
- Catalogues
- Inter-Library Loans or Document Delivery

It may also be useful to include information about SUNCAT in any introductory library, information skills or subject guides you produce for your users.

The following text can be adapted to describe SUNCAT to your users:

“SUNCAT is a free service which enables you to find journals held in around 100 UK research libraries. The service includes details of the journal holdings, links to tables of contents and the full text of articles. Use SUNCAT to find journals that your institution doesn't subscribe to locally”.

Reference Management

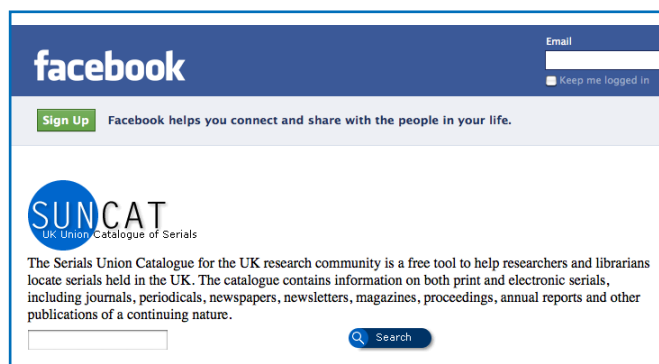
Details of connections to reference management tools will be added shortly to the SUNCAT support pages at:

www.suncat.ac.uk/support/

Other Options

SUNCAT also provides a Facebook search application, which your users and colleagues can easily add to their Facebook pages. For details see:

apps.facebook.com/suncat-search/



More Information

More information about SUNCAT can be found at www.suncat.ac.uk.

You can keep up to date with service news and developments by following the SUNCAT blog at:

suncat.blogs.edina.ac.uk/ or twitter @suncatteam

Please contact the EDINA helpdesk at edina@ed.ac.uk if you have any suggestions on how SUNCAT could provide additional support to your colleagues or users or if you require assistance in setting up any of the above options.