To Have or Have Not: What's In Our Collection

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BACKGROUND

Background: TAMUK

- Texas A&M University-Kingsville
 - -Federal depository since 1944



- Books/monographs
 - 653,000 (98,000 Federal documents)
- Microforms
 - 424,724 (335,000 Federal documents)
- -Online/E-books
 - 270,000 (71,000 Federal documents)



Background: Inventory I

- Why inventory?
 - Ensure library materials properly shelved
 - Reconcile catalog with actual holdings
 - -No inventory since 1990s
 - Documents not included in 1990s inventory
 - Specific documents issues
 - Anecdotal evidence mistakes & missing materials
 - Locations have "migrated"

Background: Inventory II

- Administrative Team discussion
 - -Inventory project discussed late in 2015
 - What will be included?
 - All physical items except bound periodicals & microforms
 - Admin Team discussion regarding documents
 - Since 1990s, all monographic documents cataloged
 - Retrospective 5-year load in 1998 never verified
 - Decision to inventory monographic documents

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INVENTORY PROCESS

Planning

- Inventory Control Project Taskforce formed to plan & execute inventory
 - Coordinators: Head of Circulation & Head of Technical Services
 - Other members: Associate Director for Public Services, Head of Library Systems
 - More than 10 other library personnel and student workers helped perform barcode scanning, shelf-reading, etc.

Preparation I

- Preparation software & hardware
 - -Five scanners purchased
 - Telnet client to connect to Sierra Admin Corner
 - -FTP client
 - Necessity of bypassing campus firewall

Preparation II

- Preparation steps before inventory
 - Effort made to have materials returned to library
 - Investigate billed materials
 - Generating and reviewing shelf lists created in Admin Corner (Sierra)
 - -Training on use of scanners
 - -Full test run-through of process

Process Overview

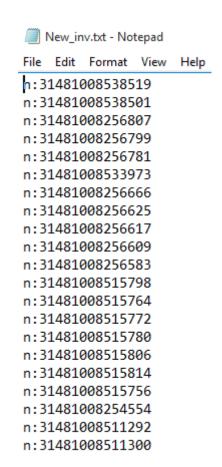
- General process
 - -Scan selected area with barcode reader
 - Maximum of 5,000 records
 - Download file to FTP staging area
 - -Upload file to Sierra
 - Compare file
 - Determine and fix problems

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CREATING & PROCESSING INVENTORY LISTS

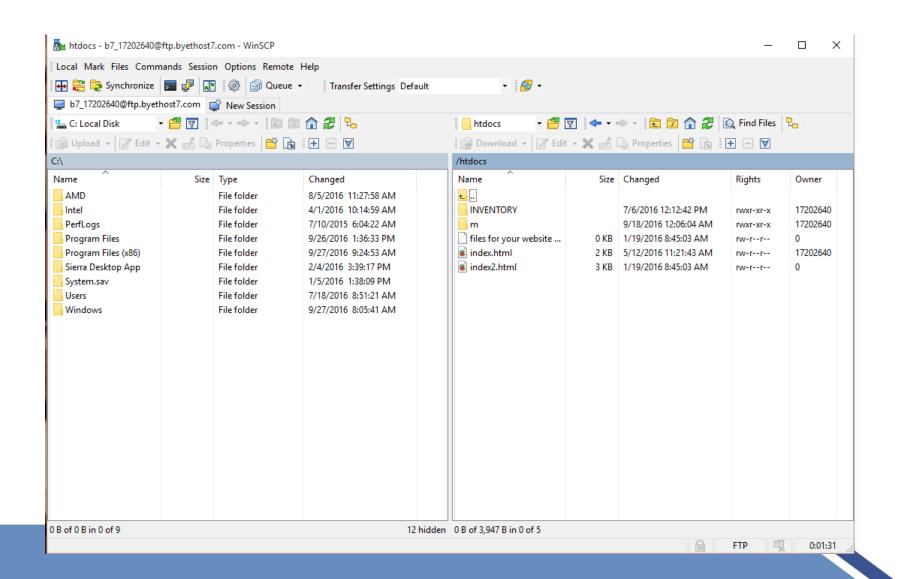
Create Barcode List

Scan range of materials



Transfer File to FTP Server

Transfer File



Open Sierra Admin

Circ Subsystem –Telnet

```
*** Copyright Innovative Interfaces Inc ***
       *** CIRCULATION SUBSYSTEM ***
   M > Check MISSING items
   R > RAPID updating (Item records only)
   B > BATCH checkin
    P > PROCESS PC transactions
   S > Circulation STATISTICS
   A > Re-send AUTONOTICES
   Q > QUIT
   Choose one (M,R,B,P,S,A,Q)
```

Process PC Transactions

```
*** Copyright Innovative Interfaces Inc ***
      *** PROCESS PC TRANSACTIONS ***
   F > Transfer circ transactions from PC using IFTS
   V > VIEW messages from processed CIRC transactions
   C > COMPARE inventory to shelf list
   Q > QUIT
    Choose one (F,V,C,Q)
```

File Transfer Menu

Transfer the file

FILE TRANSFER SOFTWARE

```
1 > 172.16.1.33
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7 > ftp.byethost7.com

Get Menu

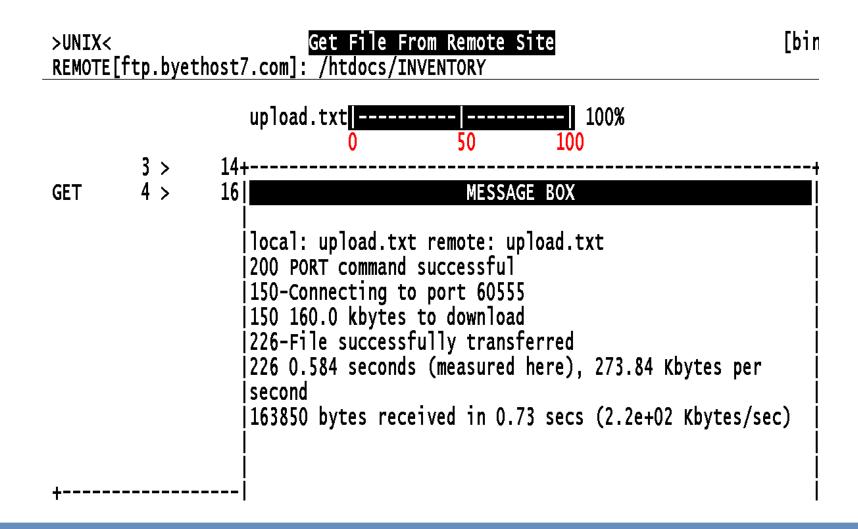
Get the File

```
Get File From Remote Site
                                                                          [As
>UNIX<
REMOTE[ftp.byethost7.com]:
                    Size File Name
Action
                          .override
                          D0
               /htdocs
                 > INVENTORY
               |4>m|
               |Key a number or
                                               E > ENTER a path name
```

Get File from Remote Site

Choose file

Download from FTP Server



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```

Compare File

INNOPAC Inventory Function

```
P > PRINT shelflist, with circulation status
C > COMPARE file of barcodes to shelflist
T > TRANSFER file of barcodes to a Review File
Q > QUIT
Choose one (P,C,T,Q)
```

Inventory Files

INNOPAC Inventory Function

	THIRDING THIRDIES	7 1 4110 6 1 9 11
Files To Compare	Date Created	# of Items
01 > rdi0429102952	04-29-16 10:29AM	2629
02 > rdi0429104008	04-29-16 10:40AM	2629
03 > rdi0502063806	05-02-16 06:38AM	357
04 > rdi0511102918	05-11-16 10:29AM	110
05 > rdi0511104632	05-11-16 10:46AM	110
06 > rdi0511104739	05-11-16 10:47AM	110
07 > rdi0511104858	05-11-16 10:48AM	110
08 > rdi0512063602	05-12-16 06:36AM	110
09 > rdi0512103542	05-12-16 10:35AM	110
10 > rdi0512112632	05-12-16 11:26AM	110
11 > rdi0519020616	05-19-16 02:06PM	110
12 > rdi0527073600	05-27-16 07:36AM	110
13 > rdi0702090720	07-02-16 09:07AM	9103
14 > rdi0706121406	07-06-16 12:14PM	8207

File #3 selected

I > INCLUDE only items at U.S. DOCUMENTS R > RETURN to previous menu S > Off-shelf STATUS codes

A > List ALL items

Inventory Report I

SHELF LIST INVENTORY REPORT Wed Sep 28 2016 for LOCATION U.S. DOCUMENTS

Beginning barcode and call # Ending barcode and call #	31481007001287 31481007011823	C 56.252/3:972/ 33 CC 1.1: 976
Total number of items that exist Number currently checked out Number of items with off-shelf st Number expected to be on the shel	atus 0	
A. Number of barcodes in input fi		
B. Number of barcodes in input fi do not belong in this area of	the shelves 28	
C. Number of barcodes in input fi wrong place in this area of th	e shelves 196	
D. Number of barcodes that are MI the input file	SSING from 546	

DETAIL REPORT FOR LOCATION U.S. DOCUMENTS

Inventory Report II

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17. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                        001006 C 56.252/3:972/ 17
                        001014 C 56.252/3:972/ 16
                                                         1972 census of whole
18. ERR missing
                       000958 C 56.252/3:972/ 15
19. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                       000941 C 56.252/3:972/ 14
20. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                        000933 C 56.252/3:972/ 13
21. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                        000925 C 56.252/3:972/ 12
22. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                        000917 C 56.252/3:972/ 11
                                                         1972 census of whole
23. ERR missing
                        001063 C 56.252/3:972/ 10
                                                         1972 census of whole
24. ERR missing
                       001055 C 56.252/3:972/ 9
                                                         1972 census of whole
25. ERR missing
26. ERR missing
                        001048 C 56.252/3:972/ 8
                                                         1972 census of whole
27. ERR missing
                        001030 C 56.252/3:972/ 7
                                                         1972 census of whole
                        000909 C 56.252/3:972/ 6
                                                         1972 census of whole
28. ERR missing
                        001022 C 56.252/3:972/ 5
29. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                       000859 C 56.252/3:972/ 4
                                                         1972 census of whole
30. ERR missing
                       000867 C 56.252/3:972/ 2
31. ERR missing
                                                         1972 census of whole
                        000875 C 56.252/3:972/ 1
                                                         1972 census of whole
32. ERR missing
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Problems Encountered

- Scanner Capacity
- Accuracy of Scans
 - Some scans had to be re-scanned
- Keeping Momentum Going
 - After initial effort, a slowdown

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CONCLUSIONS

To Inventory or Not

Bibliographical control is a form of power, and if knowledge itself is a form of power, as the familiar slogan claims, bibliographical control is in a certain sense power over power, power to obtain the knowledge recorded in written form.

-Patrick Wilson, Two Kinds of Power: An Essay on Bibliographic Control, U of California Press, 1968.

Trends

Physical Government Information Items			
(excluding microforms and online access materials)			
2014	2016		
108,409	98,382		

Final Thoughts

- Inventory is crucial element of bibliographic control
 - All materials require inventory
 - Ability to do inventory assumes bibliographic control (cataloging/metadata)
 - Microforms are a current emphasis at TAMUK
 - "Microforms, like other library collections, should be made accessible via comprehensive bibliographic control." Managing Microforms in the Digital Age, ALCTS

Thank you!

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