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Item Deselection on the Fast Track

Abstract

As many selectives are downsizing their tangible collections, strategies are all the more necessary for quickly deselecting massive numbers of item selections. This presentation will demonstrate the collection analysis tool developed at the University of Denver, and how it was extended to all selectives in Colorado. Then the methodology for deselecting nearly all active, tangible items will be demonstrated, together with a workaround to the GPO deselection form process.

University of Denver (DU) Profile

- 1909-2009 100 years
- Historically about a 70% selective
- About 80% of legacy collection cataloged
- Aggressively added many docs URLs beyond GPO LexisNexis hearings, committee prints, Readex Serial Set, NASA technical reports, GAO reports
- Move toward near 100% online documents collection, while keeping entire legacy collection

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Why Change Our Selections?

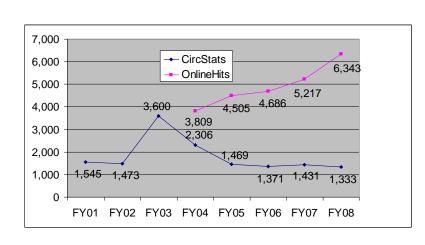
- Our director wants more space for services
- Building renovation (hopefully soon)
- Documents are less used than other parts of collections
- Staff positions are being cut fewer people to process docs
- Very high percentage of online docs

University of Denver's Solution

- Drop all items linked to tangible formats, and possibly others
- Protect only select item numbers
- Keep item numbers for electronic format if you like
- Re-do our Marcive subscription (formerly Shipping List Service/GPO records (70%) – change to Documents without Shelves (100%))

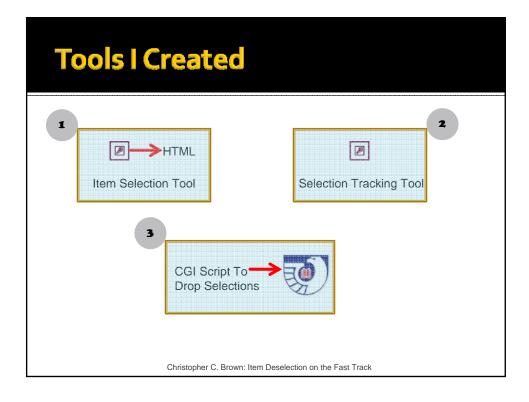
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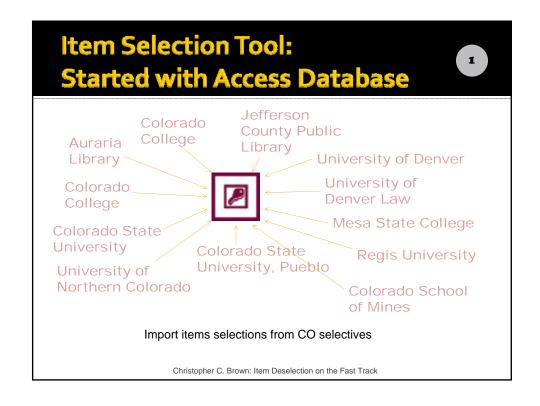
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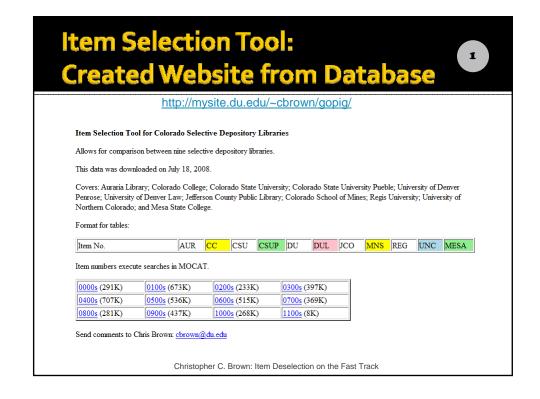


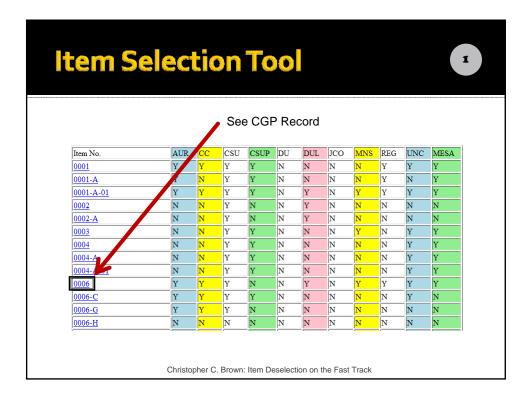
Tools I Created

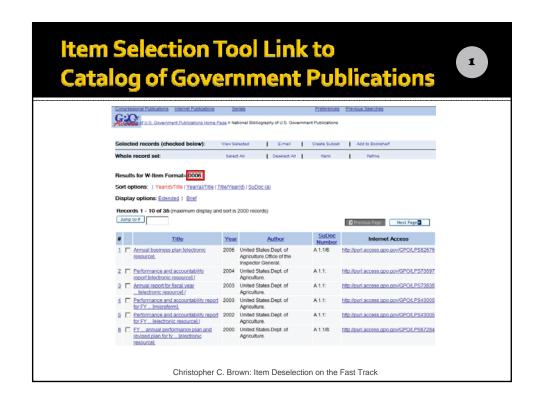
- Item Selection Tool (HTML page created from Items Selections loaded into an Access Database)
- Another Access Database to Track Selections and Deselections
- Script to Speed up Deselection







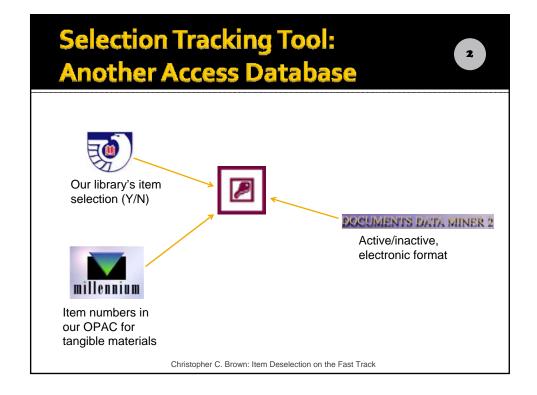




Selection Tracking Tool: Another Access Database



- The Item Selection Tool is helpful for library comparisons, but I needed another tool to do the following:
 - Track current selections
 - Identify desired deselections
 - Identify electronic items
 - Identify inactive items
 - Track dates when items deselected



Selection Tracking Tool: What it Does



- Lists and manages all available items
- Distinguished between active and inactive items
- Denotes electronic items
- Tracks items in tangible formats
- Protects Certain Items from Deselection
- Deselect Items for Tangible Formats
- Tracks local library item selection changes over time
- Change Marcive Subscriptions (we dropped Shipping List Service and GPO records via Marcive and added Marcive's Documents Without Shelves)

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Selection Tracking Tool: Possible Items to Protect

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http://fdlp.gov/basicollection?start=8

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5.8 Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper or Other Tangible

- A variety of formats are disseminated through the FDLP. Specific titles are to remain
 available for selection in paper format, so long as they are published in paper by the
 originating agency because these titles contain critical information about the activities of
 the U.S. Government or are important reference publications for libraries and the public.
 Maintaining the availability of these "essential" titles for selection in paper format has been
 deemed essential to the purposes of the FDLP.
- The list of Essential Titles for Public Use in Paper or Other Tangible Format is a good place to begin selection of titles in paper format for your depository and a better place to assess the maintenance of these titles in paper format. The list was developed using input provided by the depository library community. Discussions concerning what titles were essential to the public and to FDLP libraries in paper format were held in conjunction with the development of the "Dissemination/Distribution Policy for the FDLP" in October 2000. An initial list published in the 1996, Study to Identify Measures Necessary for a Successful Transition to a More Electronic Federal Depository Library Program, served as a foundation for this document.

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Selection Tracking Tool: Possible Titles to Protect



http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/estitles.html



Selection Tracking Tool: Protected Item Numbers for DU

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Protecting selected items in the database ensures that I don't inadvertently delete these items.

Protect Query	
Item	Notes
0150	Stat Abs
0394	Astro Almanac
o556-C	Special reports various agencies
0557-A	MOCAT SerSet Numerical Lists
0572-B	CFR
0577	US Govt Man
o854-A	NAICS
0909-D-01	Handbook of North American Indians
0991-A	USC
1004-E	SerSet special rpts
1004-E-01	Constitution analysis
1004-E-02	Constitution analysis
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Selection Tracking Tool: Construct Access Database (1)



Download Complete Class List From DDM2

SuDocStem	Item	Title	Agency	Format	Frequency	GPO Status
A 1.47:	0001	Agricultural Statistics (P) ESSENTIAL TITLE	Agriculture Department	Р		Active
A 1.47/2:	0001-A	Agricultural Statistics (annual) (CD-ROM) ESSENTIAL TITLE	Agriculture Department	CD-ROM	Annual	Active
A 1.47:	0001-A-01	Agricultural Statistics (EL) ESSENTIAL TITLE	Agriculture Department	EL		Active
A 1.58/A:	0002	Agriculture Decisions (semiannual) (P) (EL)	Agriculture Department	Р	SemiAnnual	Active
A 1.58/A:	0002	Agriculture Decisions (semiannual) (P) (EL)	Agriculture Department	EL	SemiAnnual	Active
A 1.58/3:	0002-A	Summary of Decisions (EL)	Agriculture Department	EL		Active

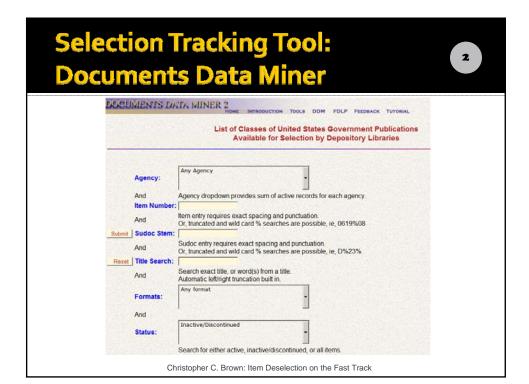
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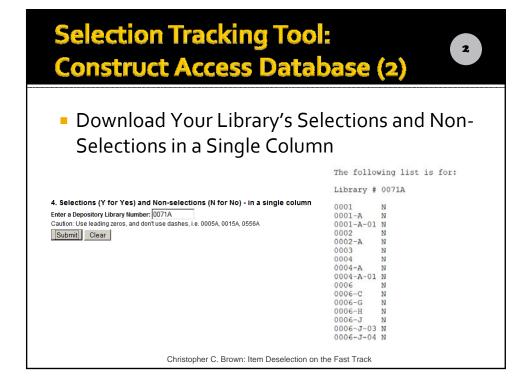
Selection Tracking Tool: Documents Data Miner

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Provides format information (EL, Paper, MF) and status information (Active/Inactive)



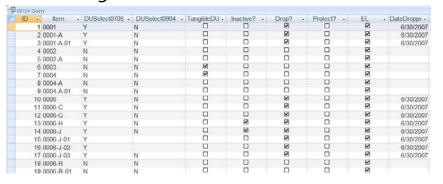




Selection Tracking Tool: Construct Access Database (3)

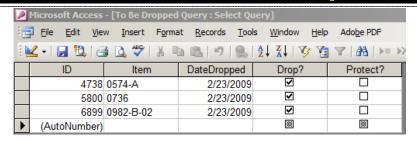


 Bring the previous two files into Access, matching on the Item Number



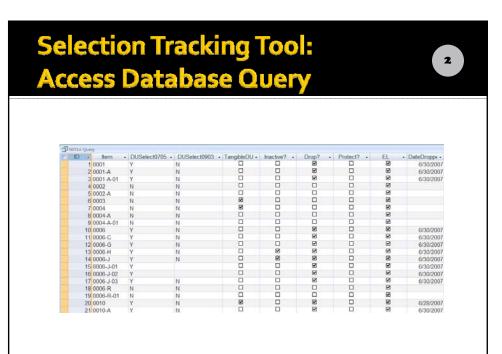
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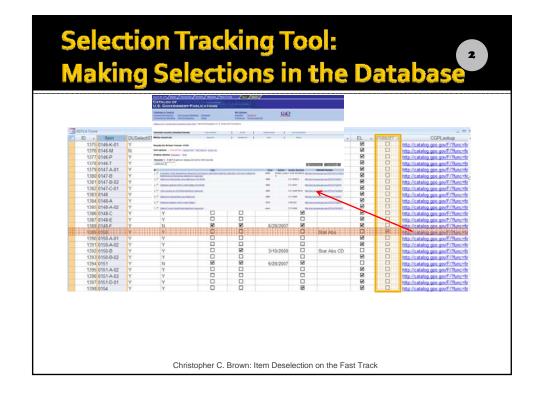
Selection Tracking Tool: Use Access to Generate Drop Lists



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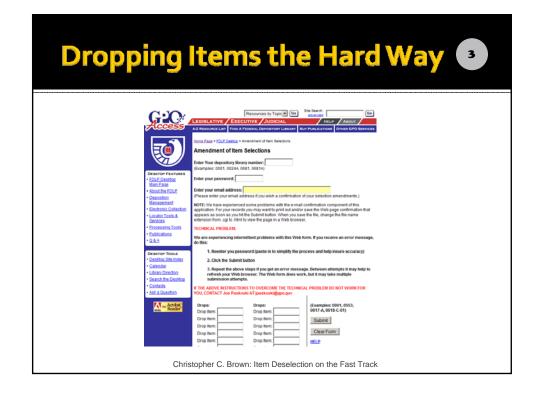




Before Dropping: Documents Without Shelves



- We changed our Marcive subscriptions (we dropped Shipping List Service and GPO records via Marcive and added Marcive's Documents Without Shelves)
- Before dropping a 70% item selection
- With Documents Without Shelves 100% electronic item selection



Drop Script (1)



0079-B-07
0079-B-11
0079-B-12
0079-C-02
0079-C-03
0079-E
0079-E-01
0079-E-03
0079-E-04
0080-J-01
0082-B-01
0082-D-04
0082-D-07
0082-D-12
0082-K-04
0083-B-10
0084-E-01
0084-G
0084-L-01
0084-L-05
0084-L-06
0084-L-07

Replace < return > with & Drop=

0071-C-57&Drop=0071-C-58&Drop=0071-C-59&Drop=0071-C-60&Drop=0071-C-61&Drop=0071-C-62&Drop=0071-C-63&Drop=0071-C-64&Drop=0071-C-65&Drop=0071-C-65&Drop=0071-C-65&Drop=0071-C-65&Drop=0071-C-65&Drop=0071-C-65&Drop=0071-C-70&Drop=0071-C-71&Drop=0071-C-72&Drop=0071-C-73&Drop=0071-C-74&Drop=0071-C-74&Drop=0071-C-75&Drop=0071-D-75&Drop=0071-D

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Drop Script (2)



Append: http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/gcpwd.cgi?Depository+Library+Number=0071A&Password=XXXXXXXXX Email=cbrown%40du.edu&Drop= to drop list

http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/gcpwd.cgi?Depository+Library+Number=0071A&Password=XXXXXXXXX&Email=cbrown\$40du.edu&Drop=0042-U-47&Drop=0042-U-48&Drop=0042-U-49&Drop=0042-U-50&Drop=0042-U-51&Drop=0042-U-52&Drop=0042-V-50rop=0042-V-01&Drop=0042-V-02&Drop=0042-V-03&Drop=0042-V-04&Drop=0042-V-05&Drop=0042-V-06&Drop=0042-V-07&Drop=0042-V-08&Drop=0042-V-05&Drop=0042-V-11&Drop=0042-V-12&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-12&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-18&Drop=0042-V-13&Drop=0042-V-18&Drop=0042-V

HTML Receipt

Today's date is: Mon, Feb 23, 18:29:27, 2009

You are depository library... 0071A University of Denver Penrose Library 2150 East Evans Avenue Denver, CO 80208-Phone: (303)871-2905: Fax: (303)871-3446: http://library.du.edu/About/collections/GovernmentDocuments/index.cfm

- You have elected to make the following changes
- DROPS:
- 0574-A, 0736, 0982-B-02

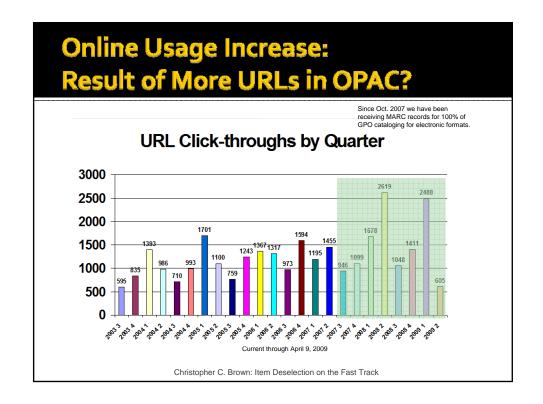
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E-mail Receipt

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                   ymous NFS user [nobody@ww1bck.access1.gpo.gov]
Subject: AMENDMENTS TO ITEM SELECTIONS
 Today's date is: Thu, Mar 26, 14:08:16, 2009
 You are depository library...
 0071A University of Denver
 Penrose Library
2150 East Evans Avenue
 Denver, CO 80208-
Phone: (303)871-2905:
 Fax: (303)871-3446:
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 You have elected to make the following changes
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Result?

- Our online usage has significantly increased.
- Now that we receive 100% of electronic items as MARC records, usage is well beyond our previous 70% selection.
- Our item selection is now 37.84%, having dropped 2,490 items [from 5,653 to 3,163 items].



Further Explanation

