It’s all about the Brain

Customizations to iLink using only the Workflows Config tools

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Introduction

There are more customizations that you can make to the catalog (iLink) through Workflows than you might think.
They are:

- New gateway elements
- Changes in what gateway elements are called or to what they are linking
- Booklists
- New searching options (Quick Searches)
Making changes to existing gateway elements

What do I mean by gateway element?
Sirs's delivered front page gateway elements

- I need material
- Knowledge Portal
- Reserves
- My Account
- Digital Archive Quick Search
Our catalog’s main gateway elements

- Reserves
- Quick Searches
- Ejournal Finder
- Can’t Find It?
- Library Info
- My Account
- Ask a Librarian
Changing Wording and Contents of Existing Gateways

• Log in as Admin
• Go to the Config Toolbar
• Click on the Brain:
Then…
Click on Gateway
Click on ILINK then Modify
Click on the Root Element Tab
Click Modify
Click on the gateway elements tab
Choose a gateway element – it’s the descriptions that display
Click on the gateway element and then click Modify

Change Description to change the wording that displays or you can make the element unavailable
Make items available or unavailable

You can also change what any given gateway element links to.

Have it link to something different from what is delivered, or have it link to more than one thing.

Halt and run to have changes go into effect.
Questions?
Booklists

• Sirsi has not taught this consistently – it is not always in the admin classes.
• Booklists are very useful for pulling together collections electronically.
• They can link from any gateway element, or from outside the catalog.
How to make a booklist

• Logged in as admin, go to the Config toolbar
• Go to the Public Access Configuration
Click on Information Desk
Click New to add a new bulletin heading
• Name the new bulletin (Name). Keep it short.
• Write a description that will help you remember what it is.
• Save Changes.
• Halt and run before proceeding to the next step.
• Under OPAC Configuration (the Brain), go to your ILINK gateway and choose where you want to put it.

Click on Create
Choose a Bulletin gateway element type.
Fill in Name, Description, Heading, etc.

Make it unavailable until you can populate the list.
• Under Destination, fill in the Bulletin Name that you added under Information Desk.

• If you don’t remember what you called it, you can use the gadget to find it.

• Save it. Halt and run
Then, populate your list by adding the Bulletin Heading as a 598 field in bibliographic records that match your subject.

You can teach anyone with a cataloging authorization to do this part.

Our Outreach Librarian does it.
Lists draw attention to different areas of your collection at different times of the year.
To link from outside the catalog to your booklist, click on it and copy the URL:

http://canisius.loyno.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi/1k9OgHIP3J/x/104570019/28/513/X

Then, replace the three directories after /cgisirsi/ with X or 0:

http://canisius.loyno.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/x/x/28/513/X
Questions?
Quick Searches

• Quick Searches are a way for library users to do advanced searches without having to know how to use limiters.
• Quick Searches can be created for all types of materials and may be limited to one type of search (one index).
How to create new quick search options

• Once again, use OPAC configuration (aka “The Brain”)
• Go to your iLink gateway
• Set up a gateway element for this category (Create, then click on Another Gateway)
Name the new gateway and add a Description.

Click OK.

You’ll be able to choose a name for your new gateway.
Go back a level and find your Delivered Quick Search. Click Duplicate.
Give the new quick search a name (like CD, DVD, Video or CD_Search, or Music_Search, etc.)
Assign the new search to the new gateway (group) you created for these searches (OTHERQUICK)
Fill in the description and heading on the first tab
- Fill in the information on the Destination tab.
- This is where you add qualifiers.
- Only the search icons presentation type will work unless you are using single field.

Use any of these elements as search qualifiers
Choose your possible search fields. Delete any that aren’t relevant.
Add many of them and the gateway element looks like this when you click on it.
• This is what it looks like when you click on a search
• The top bar of the search indicates what they’re limited to.
• Search limits do not carry over to new searches.
A single field search, like periodical title for Print Journals, will appear to be a pull-down menu, but it only has one choice.
Give it a try!

These changes are pretty simple to do and they make a big difference for your users.

Questions?

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