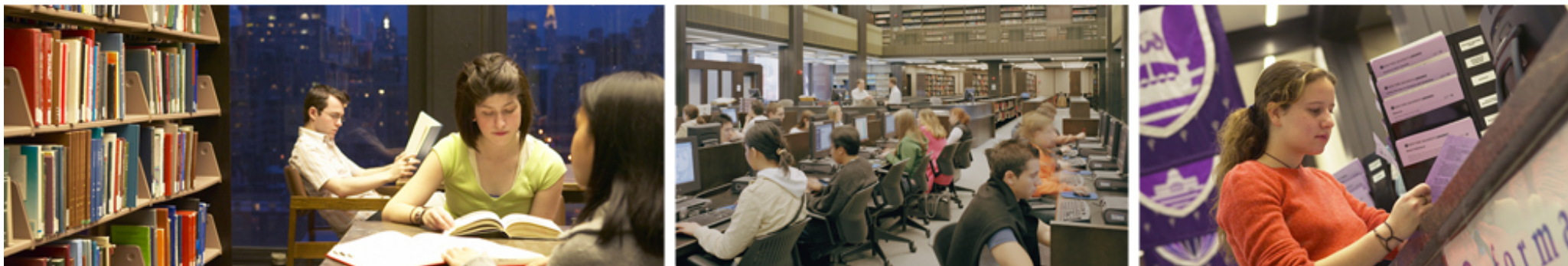


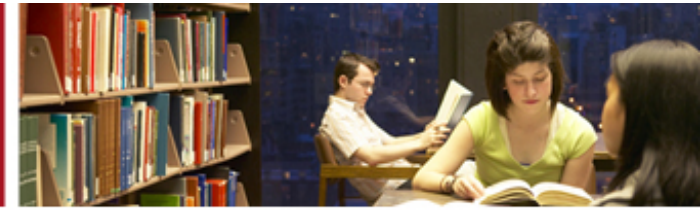
# Using Discipline-Based Virtual Research Environments (VRE's) to Inform the Design of a Cross-Disciplinary, University-Wide Scholar's Portal Implementation @ NYU

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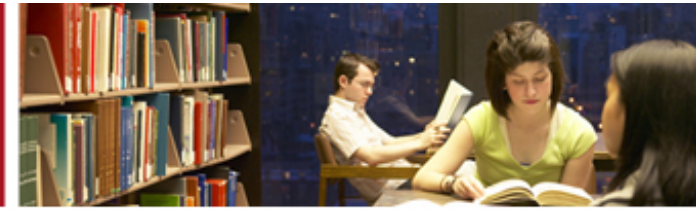


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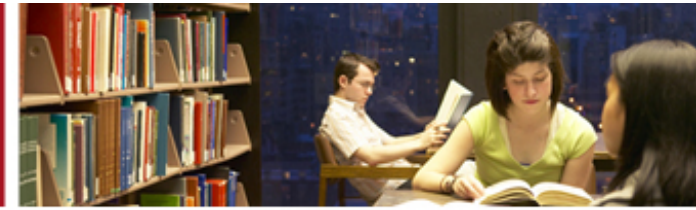


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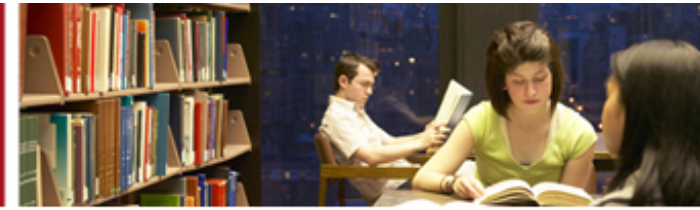
## Why a Scholar's Portal?

- Mid-2000s: Assessments of Library services
  - Bobst 21<sup>st</sup> Century Project: Designing a Library of the Future for New York University
  - 2 New Generation Working Group Reports
  - LibQual Survey
  - NYU-ITS Client Satisfaction Survey
  - DLF Aquifer project



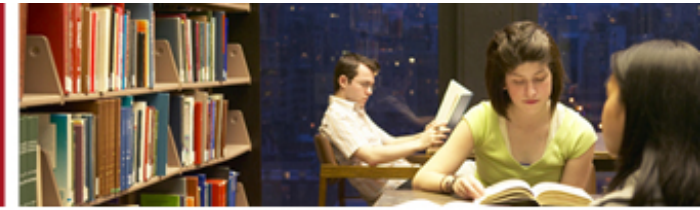
### Survey Conclusions:

- Users accustomed to Web 2.0 technologies.
- Users dissatisfied with library search interfaces, access paths and tools for using and sharing content.
- Lack of infrastructure to support continuing development of services within evolving web environment.



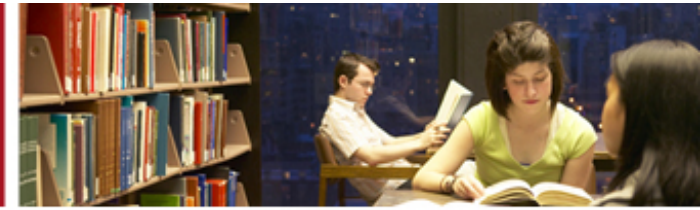
## Definition

*...A framework of resources to support the underlying processes of research on both small and large scales, particularly for those disciplines which are not well catered for by the current infrastructure (JISC)*



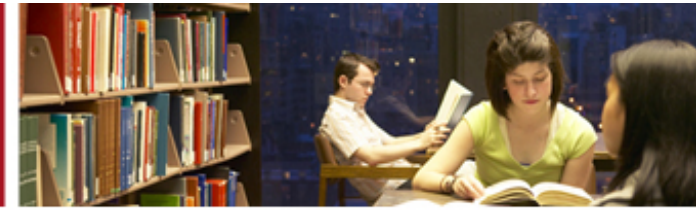
## Goals-

- *To make cooperation more efficient and hide the complexity of accessing distributed resources...*



## Aims-

- *Support researchers by integrating tools, services, and resources into an existing research infrastructure...*

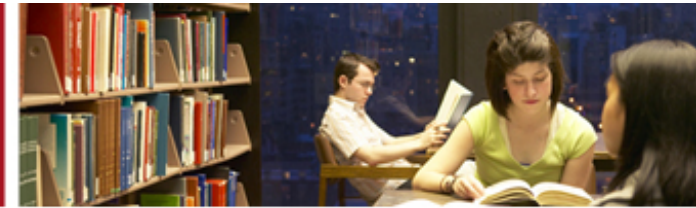


## Principles / characteristics

- quantifiable and coherent research purpose
- allows only authenticated user to contribute to its knowledge base
- promotes collaboration
- mirrors existing research structure
- largely discipline driven & discipline specific
- definable presence



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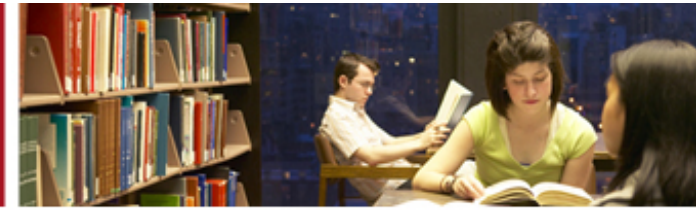
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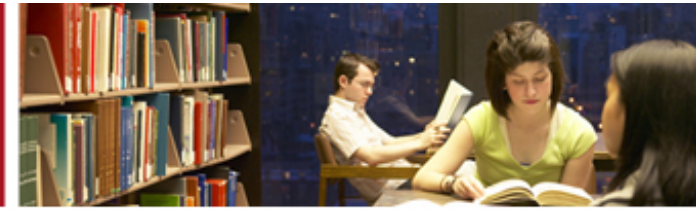
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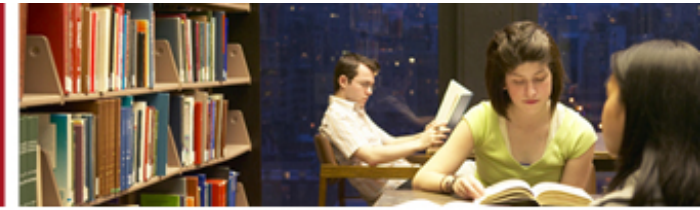


- Without integration into the existing research infrastructure, VRE's will fail and become yet more underused web portals, or artificial constructs driven by project funding.



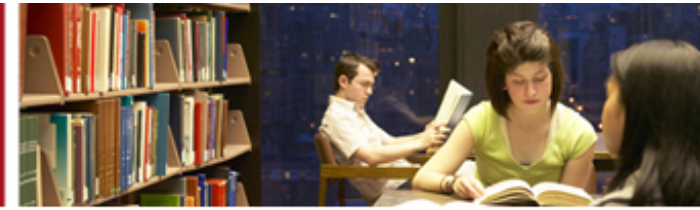
## Mash-up

- *The term mashup is primarily used to describe a remix of digital data. It implies easy, fast integration, frequently using open APIs and data sources to produce enriching results that were not the original reason for producing the raw source data. (wikipedia)*



## Research Mash-up

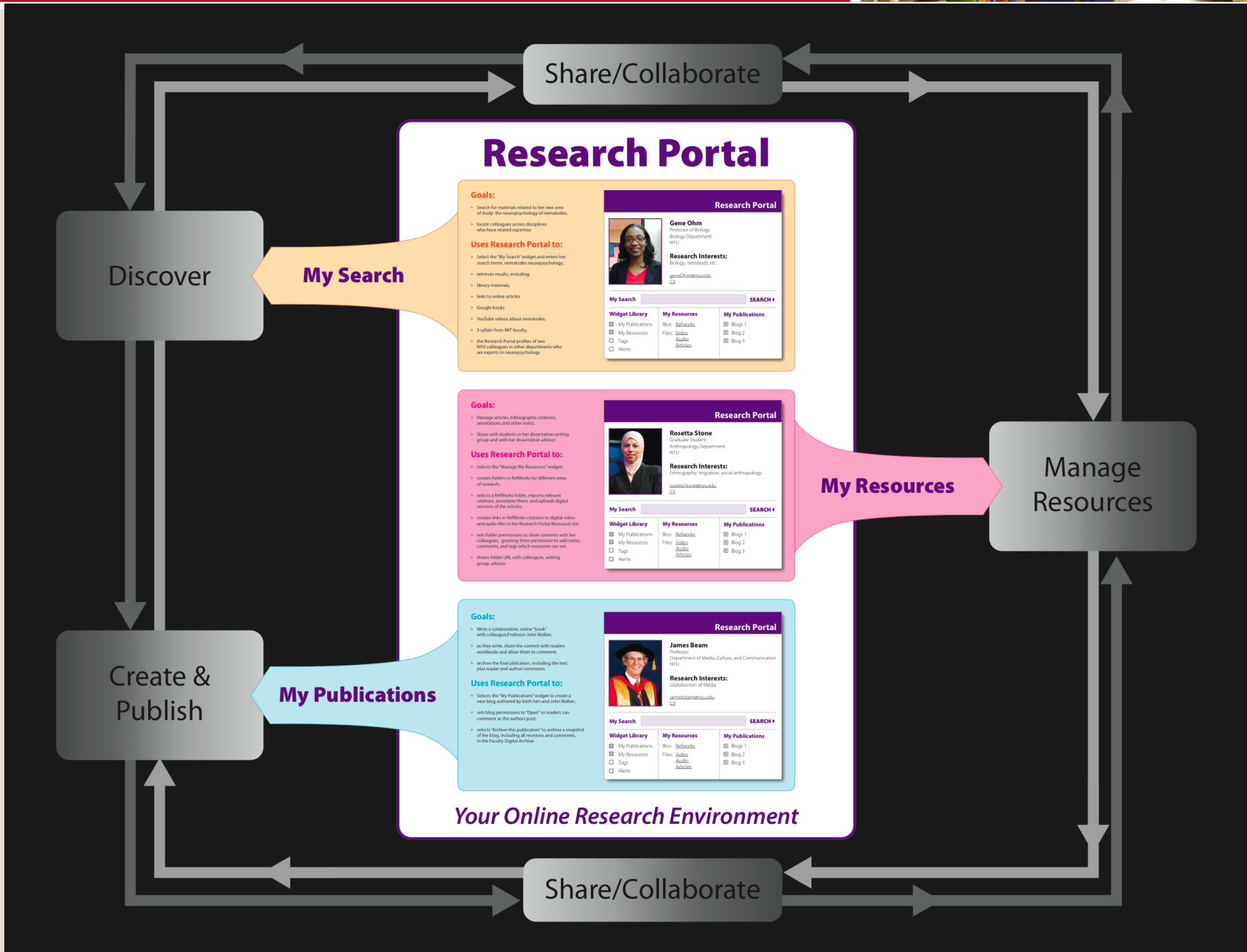
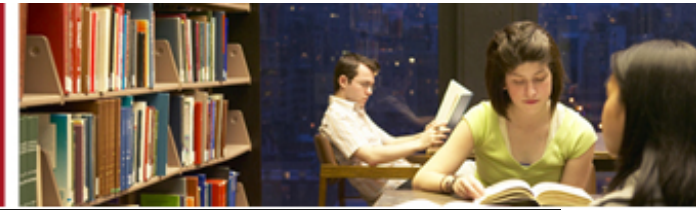
- *A remix of research data, both discipline specific (data-sets..) and generic research tools and services (RefWorks, chat widget) to aid collaboration and research practices (NTK)*



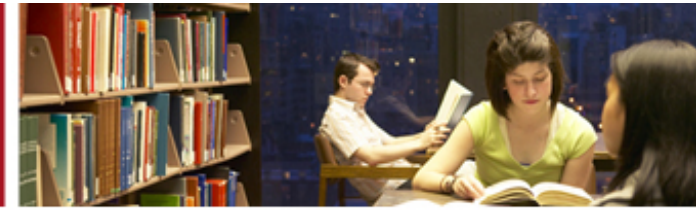
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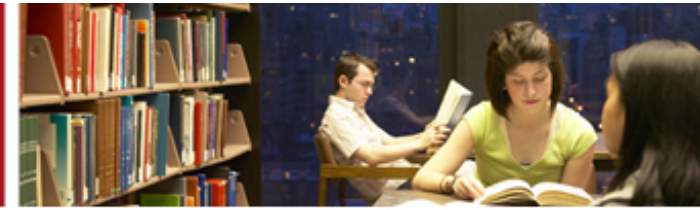
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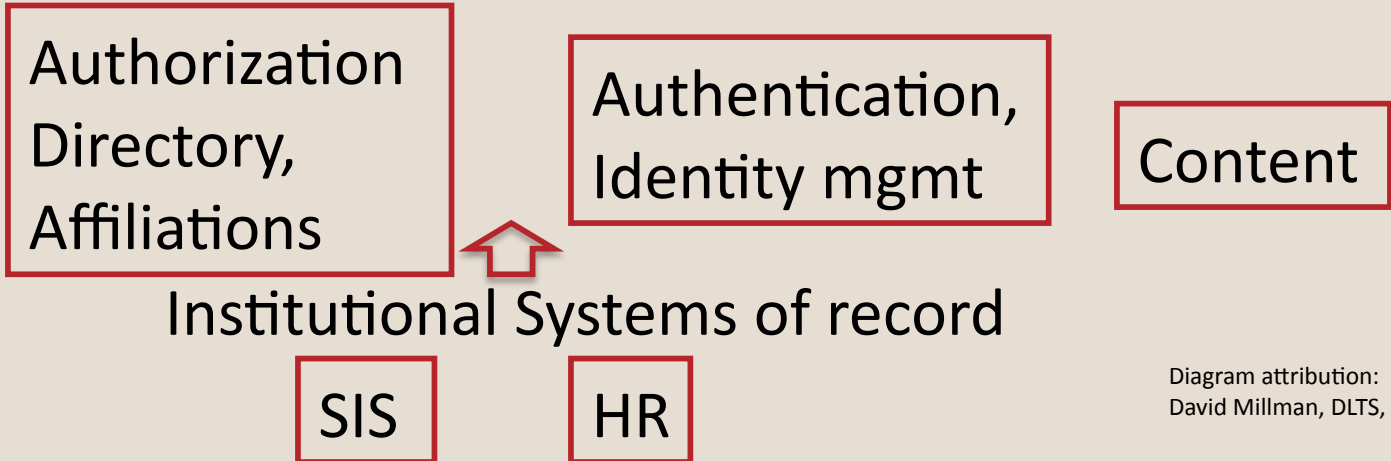


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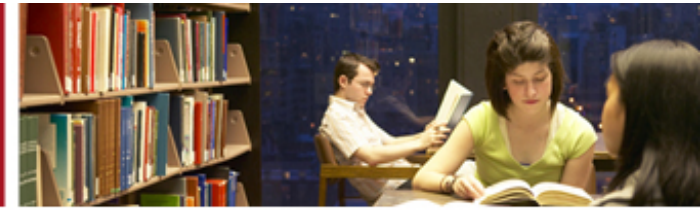
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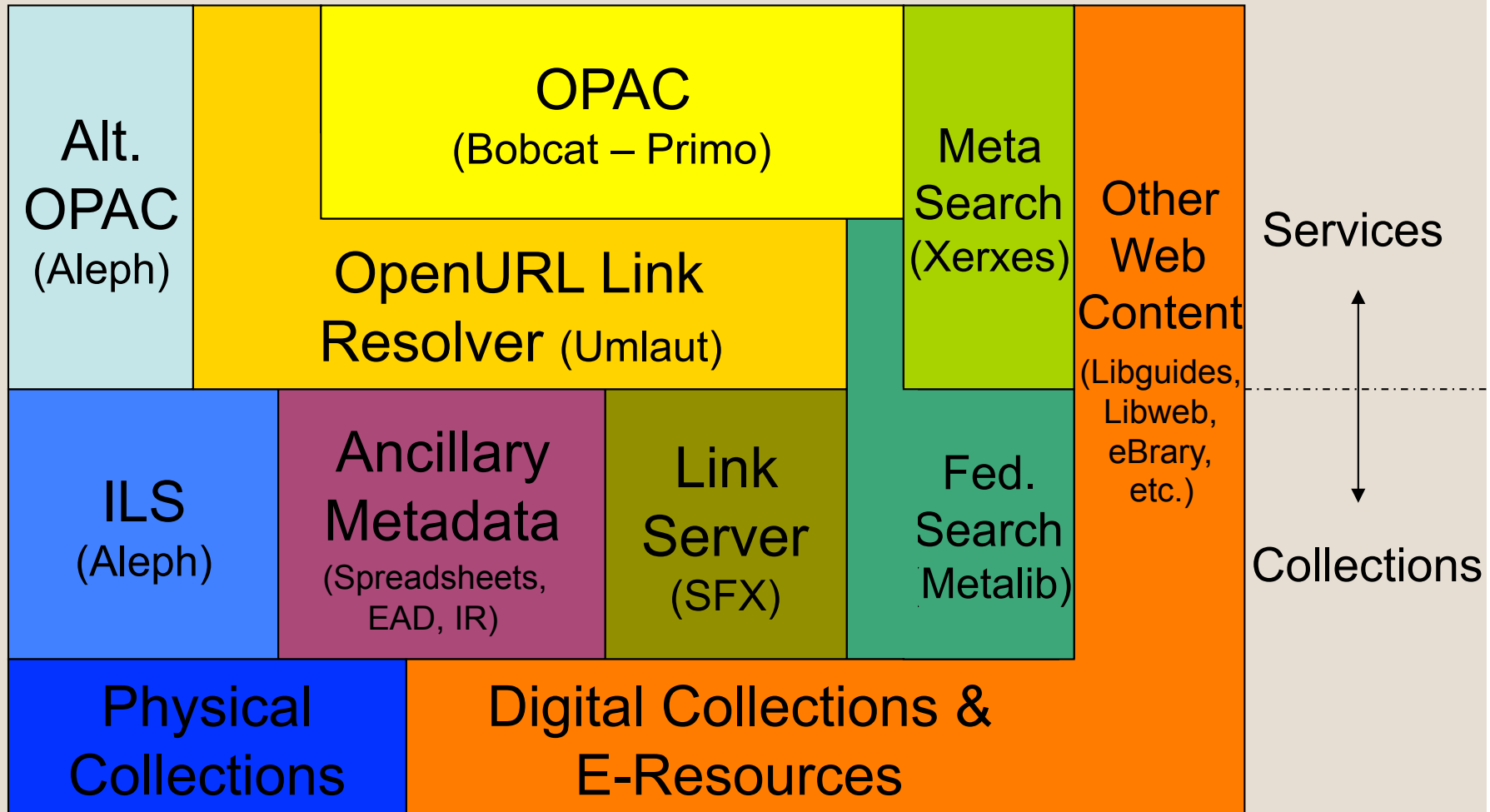
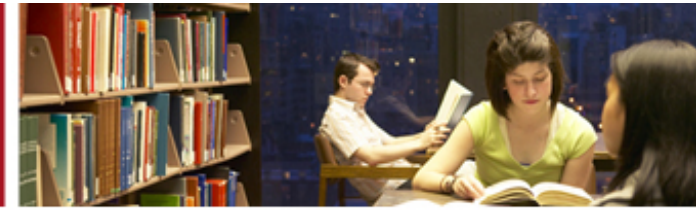




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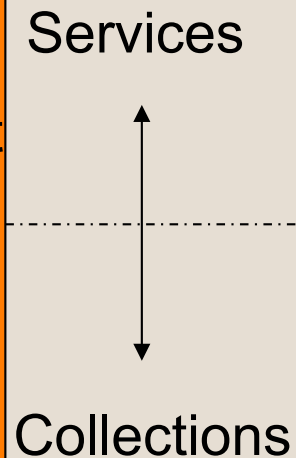
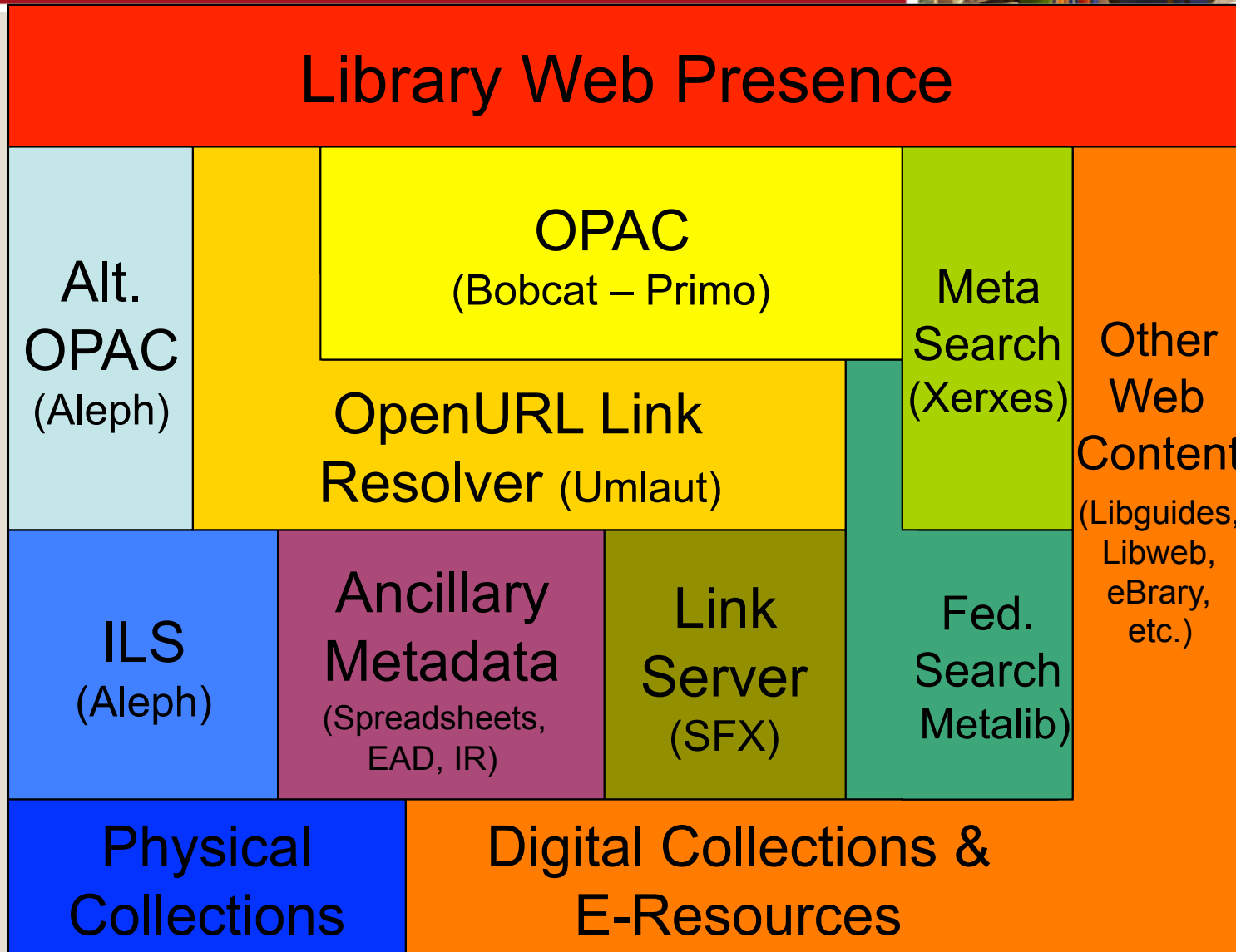
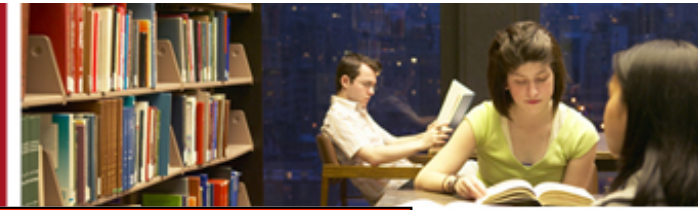
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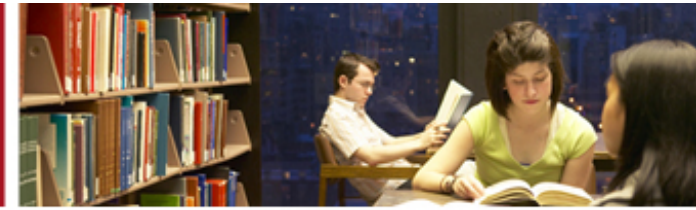
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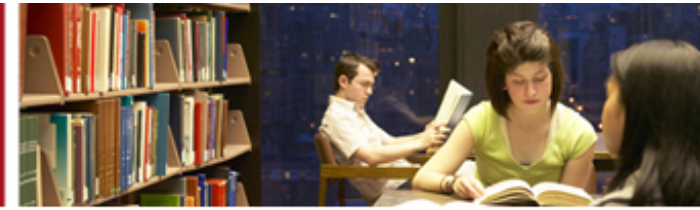
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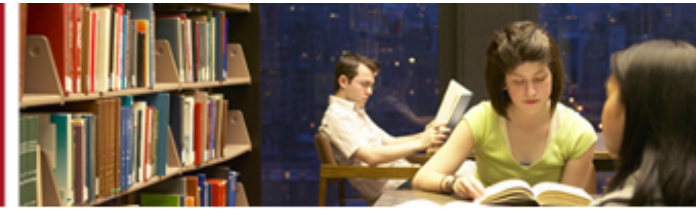
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## Developing Alex: Advanced Learning Exchange

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- Integration with repositories
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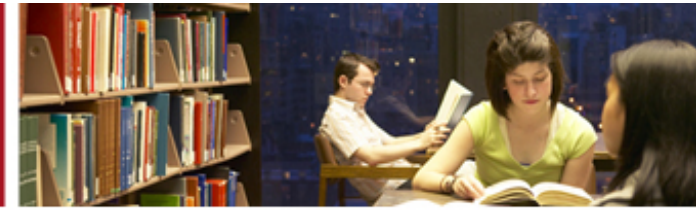
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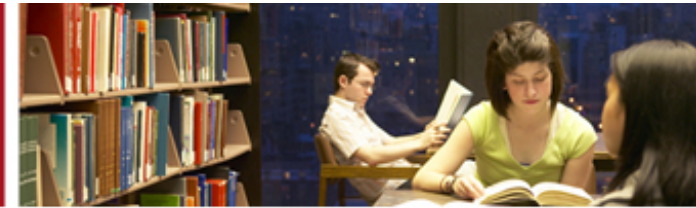
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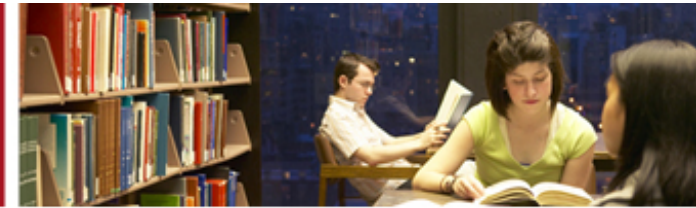
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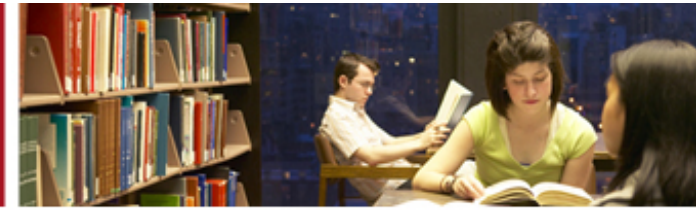
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