



E-Collection: Preserving Federal Publications for Long-Term Access

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Presentation Overview

- NLC's Digital Vision Statement
- Legal and Policy Framework
- Best Practices for E-Publishing
- The NLC's E-Collection
- Roles, Initiatives, & Future Directions
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National Library's Vision in the Digital Environment

Ensure long-term access to, and preservation of, Canada's digital heritage for current and future generations





The Value of Federal Government Information

Information is integral to service delivery and must be managed as a strategic business resource and as a public trust on behalf of Canadians





The Challenges of Digital Information "The speed at which the digital world moves has upturned the order of all established preservation practices."

UNESCO, Preservation of the Digital Heritage, February 2002





The Legal and Policy Framework

National Library Act

- Collect and preserve Canadiana
- Create and maintain a national bibliography
- Develop a national union catalogue





The Legal and Policy Framework

Management of Government Information Policy, 2002

- Electronic channels are the preferred means of creating, using and managing information
- Requires establishment of a sustainable program for managing information and an accountability framework to monitor results



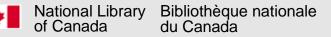


Challenges

- Technology for preserving digital materials requires substantial investments in R&D
- Such investments are negligible compared to the resources invested in creating the information initially, or the cost to Canada if the information is lost







In the Interim?

"The first line of defense against loss...rests with the creators, providers and owners of digital information." – UNESCO, 2002





NL Initiatives to Develop Best Practices for E-Publishing

- Consultation on Online Publications with the Canadian publishing community, 2000
- Identify practical solutions, 2000-2001
- Select and communicate best practices, 2001-





Electronic Publishing: Guide to Best Practices

- Written by stakeholders: The Commons Group and members of the academic and publishing communities
- Written for writers and publishers, both new or experienced in electronic publishing





Best Practice on Open Standards

- Use open standards (HTML, ASCII, JPEG, PNG, XML, etc.)
 - Makes information available to the widest possible audience
 - Facilitates archiving and storage
 - Reduces the burden on heritage institutions





Best Practice on Metadata

- Apply metadata to ensure information about the document is available to endusers
- The starting point: TBITS 39.1 and 39.2 ensure federal government publishers use a common, internationally recognized metadata standard





Best Practice on Assistive Technologies

 Ensure accessibility for people using assistive technologies and thereby deliver content to an even wider audience





Best Practice on Storage and Backup

 Establish regular backup cycles of publications on stable, mass storage media, and engage a second party, the National Library, to provide reliable long-term archiving and storage

"Digital media is notoriously fragile."





Electronic Federal Publications at the National Library: a viable model

- Legal deposit of Canadian publications
- Mandate to acquire and preserve Canadiana
- Update to the NL Act in progress
- In line with international developments
- E-Collection: 7000+ e-titles, 80% are federal government publications
- Formal agreements with 40+ federal government e-publishers



Partners in Access

- Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency
- Bank of Canada
- Canada Council for the Arts
- Canada Deposit Insurance
 Corporation
- Canada Lands Company
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Atlantic Region
- Canadian Artists and Producers Professional Relations Tribunal
- Canadian Centre for Management Development
- Canadian Centre on Substance
 Abuse

- Canadian Coast Guard College
- Canadian Forces Grievance Board
- Canadian Grain Commission
- Canadian Heritage, Games of la francophonie
- Canadian Human Rights Commission
- Canadian International Trade Tribunal
- Canadian Polar Commission
- Canadian Police College





Partners in Access, cont'd

- Canadian Space Agency
- Citizenship and Immigrattion Canada
- Communication Canada

Canadian Government Publishing

Depository Services Program

- Communications Security Establishment
- Correctional Service Canada
- Criminal Intelligence Service
 Canada
- Department of Finance Canada

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Elections Canada
- Environment Canada
- Federal Bridge Corporation
 Limited (Canada)
- Federal Court of Canada
- Health Canada
- House of Commons
- Human Resources Development Canada, Workplace Equity





Partners in Access, cont'd

- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Industry Canada Canada's Digital Collections Canadian Intellectual Property Office **Competition Bureau** Council of Science and Technology Advisors Intellectual Property Policy Directorate Micro-Economic Policy Analysis
- Information Management Forum
- International Development Research Centre
- Kananaskis Summit (2002)
- Law Commission of Canada
- Millennium Bureau of Canada
- NAFTA Secretariat
- National Library of Canada
- NRC:

Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information NRC Research Press





Partners in Access, cont'd

- NRCan: Geological Survey of Canada Mineral and Metal Sector
- Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages
- Office of the Prime Minister
- Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions
- Privacy Commissioner of Canada

 Public Works and Government Services Canada:

Translation Bureau

Receiver General for Canada

- Statistics Canada
- Status of Women Canada
- Supreme Court of Canada
- Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat

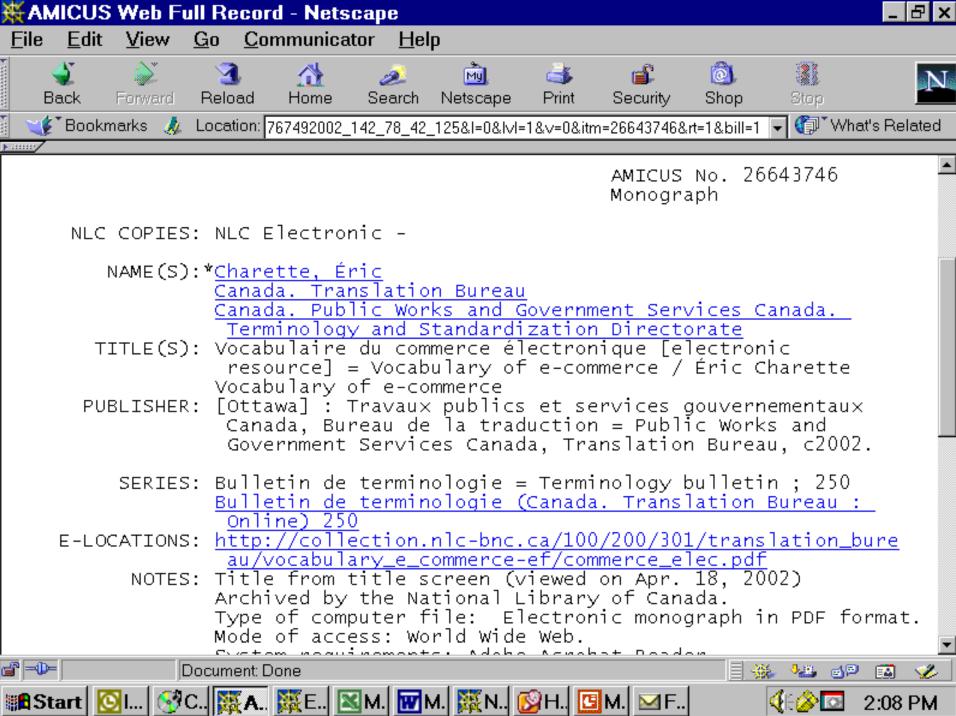


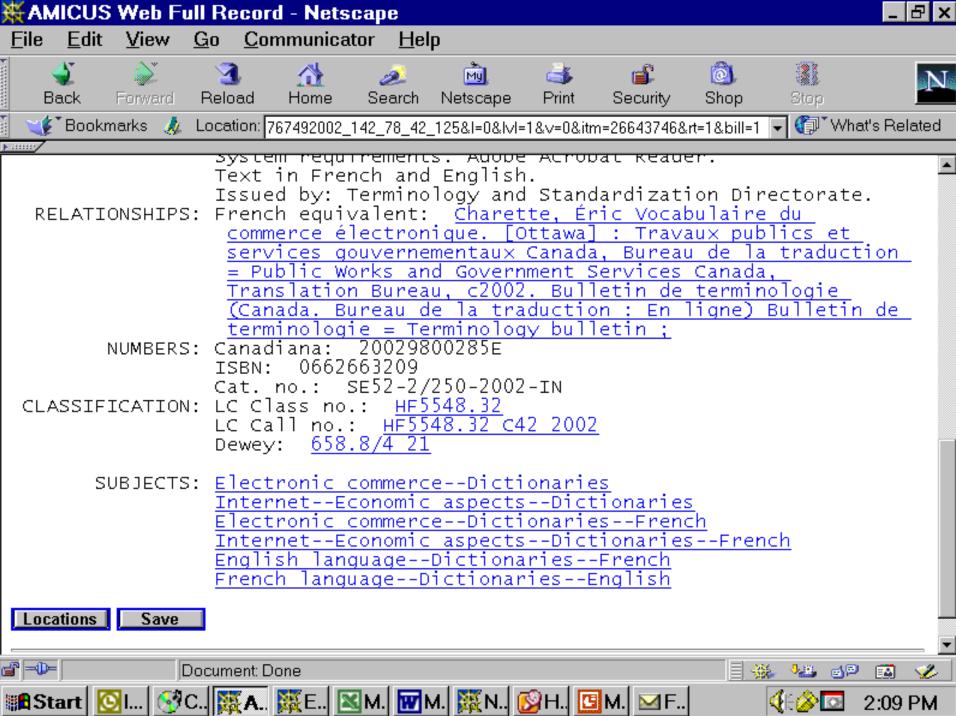


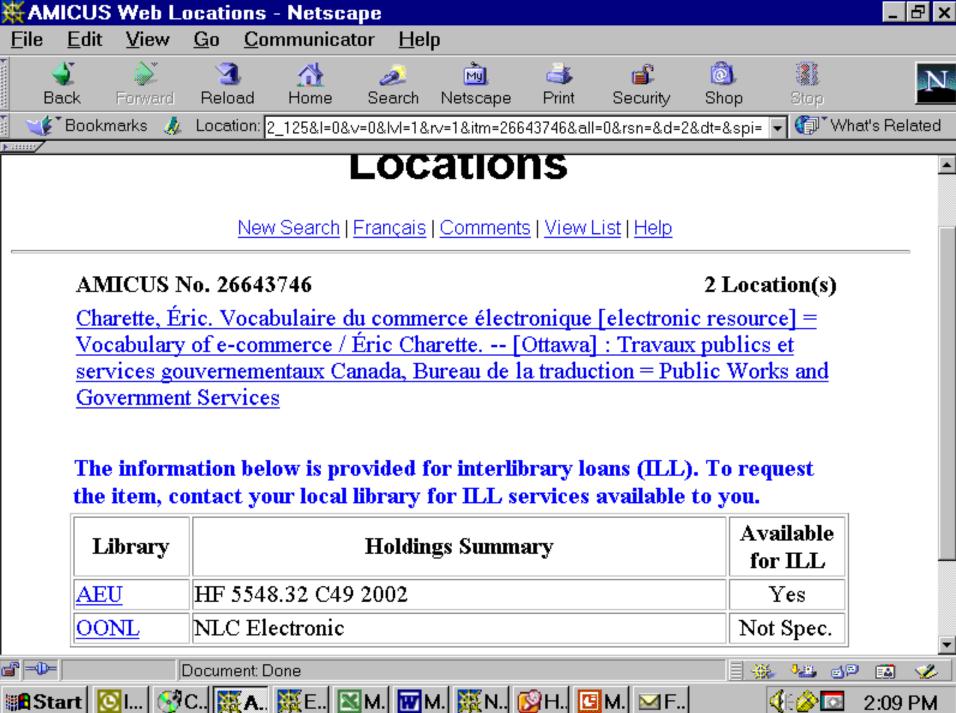
Statistical Profile of the E-Collection

	HTML	PDF	RTF	DOC	PS	WP	тхт	IMG	Other types of files (e.g., wav, lit, etc.)	TOTAL
MONO	30,339	2,178	11	570	387	15	345	35,075	1,815	70,735
SERIAL	398,624	22,910	667	2,854	1,614	3,479	10,513	327,911	42,866	811,438
TOTAL	428,963	25,088	678	3,424	2,001	3,494	10,858	362,986	44,681	882,173











Current, Ongoing NLC Initiatives

- Continuous improvement of the E-Collection
- AMICUS Web free for all Canadians, 2001-
- Persistent Locators for Federal Government Publications, 2002
- New Books Service, 2002
- Federal Publication Locator Service on AMICUS, 2002
- Ongoing promotional activities





National Library's MGI Role: Monitor the Management of Publications

- MGIH Survey conducted in 1999
- Updated to reflect GOL and re-run Spring, 2002
- "Overview and Highlights" available





Conclusions

- NLC has established best practices with stakeholders
- NLC has a track record for managing federal government publications in electronic format
- NLC is developing a growing network of partnerships





NLC Web Resources

National Library's Electronic Collection

collection.nlc-bnc.ca/e-coll-e/index-e.htm

- Electronic Publishing: Guide to Best Practices
 www.nlc-bnc.ca/9/13/index-e.html
- Networked Electronic Publications Policy & Guidelines
 <u>http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/9/8/index-e.html</u>
- Services for Publishers

http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/6/index-e.html

New Books Service

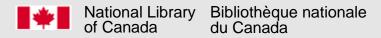
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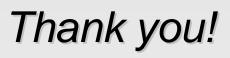
• National Library's AMICUS Web

amicus.nlc-bnc.ca/aaweb/amilogine.htm/









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