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The Library of Texas (LOT)

- Overarching goal
 - Provide services and resources that extend the reach and range of Texans to information
- A statewide initiative building on
 - The evolving telecommunications infrastructure
 - Computing and networking technologies
 - The treasures and resources of Texas libraries

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Characterizing the LOT

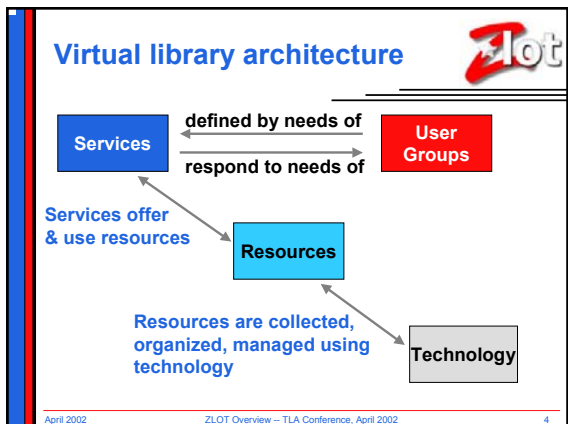
- A virtual library comprising
 - Services
 - Resources
 - An “interface” to services and resources
- Not a digital library
 - Not all resources available are in digital/electronic form
- An evolving product that responds to
 - Users’ needs
 - Available resources
 - Current and emerging technologies

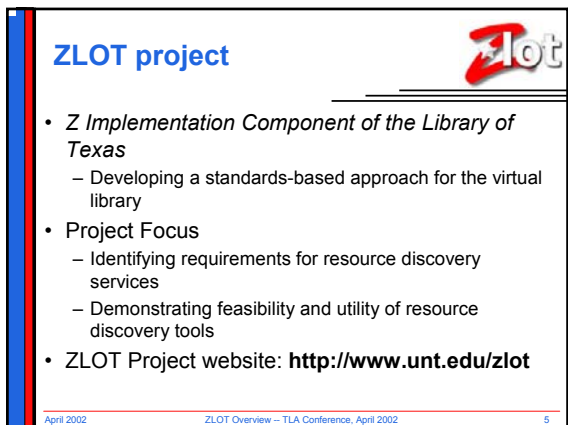
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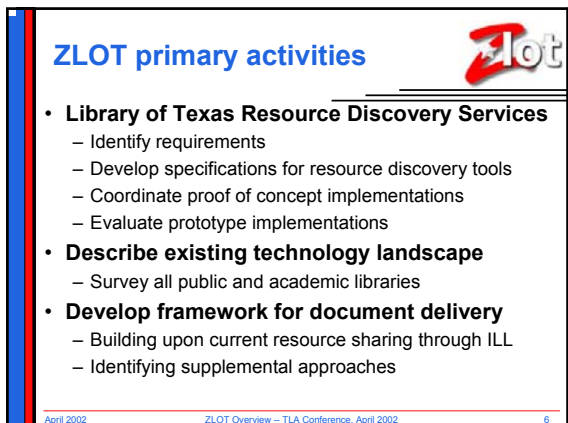
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Resource discovery services



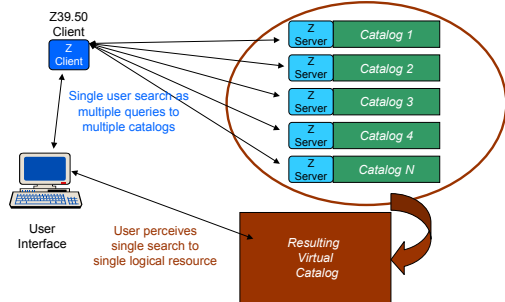
- Resource discovery services
 - Extends the reach and range of a user across
 - Organizational, collections, and format boundaries
 - A variety of tools and approaches for
 - Discovering the existence of appropriate resources
 - Identifying and selecting useful resources
- Search and retrieval services are core
- A common interface for
 - Searching one database at a time
 - Searching multiple but similar databases (e.g. library catalogs)
 - Searching multiple but diverse databases (e.g., TexShare databases)

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Resource discovery across multiple online catalogs



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Resource Discovery Services preliminary requirements



- Diversity of libraries = diversity of requirements
- Public and smaller academic libraries:
 - Importance of a common interface (simple and advanced) for searching across resources
 - Common LOT interface with customizable local library presence
 - Tools to help users select resources to search
 - Multilingual interfaces
 - Well-organized results (by topic, by type of resource)
 - Indications of availability and "how to get"

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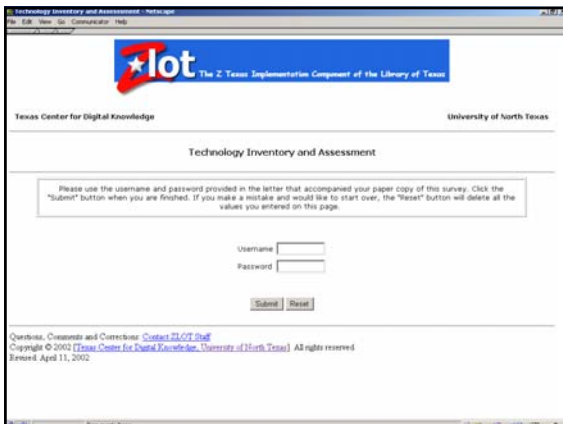
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Technology inventory survey

- Critical information needed to plan the evolution of LOT
- Survey requests information on current technology in libraries
- To be sent out within the next two weeks
- Online submission of data available

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Technology Inventory and Assessment

Please use the username and password provided in the letter that accompanied your paper copy of this survey. Click the "Submit" button when you are finished. If you make a mistake and would like to start over, the "Reset" button will delete all the values you entered on this page.

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Moving forward

- Describing library technology landscape
 - You can help: Complete the survey you will receive in the next two weeks
- Identifying libraries ready to participate in some of the prototype implementations
 - You can help: Contact us if you would like your library to be considered
- Building interest among vendors and developers to produce prototypes

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