

ZDB - The German "Union Catalogue of Serials" and its interlibrary services

The German "Zeitschriftendatenbank" (ZDB - Union Catalogue of Serials) is the place where most German libraries, currently more than 4.300, jointly catalogue their serials in a homogeneous environment. The ZDB is therefore a major backbone with respect to services being provided in German libraries: data provision to all library partners, inter library loans, the management of electronic resources etc. The presentation will detail the structure of the ZDB as it works today and will pay particular attention to future plans as envisaged in the German librarian sphere, plans that may be suitably characterized by the creed "Let's move into the Cloud!"