

Serial relationships - the design of an integrated periodicals control and management system

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The British Library produced its own in-house periodicals system from the late 1970s, with an underlying bespoke database and the development of innovative software to manage the current journal accessions and the archive stocks. A small team of software analyst programmers produced a set of systems that lasted twenty years, until it was eventually replaced by an externally sourced package solution.

Unfortunately, my only copy of this 18-page article, and its supporting documentation, was lost in a house fire in 2008.

A brief description of the early aspects of these systems can be found in my paper:

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