

Progress Report

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1. Mission statement

Ifnet srl is one of the oldest LIS suppliers in Italy and since 1992 OCLC Agency for Italy.

The distributed products are Q-Series and Tinlib (by EOSi Ltd - San Diego, CA USA),
Alexandrie (by GBConcept - Paris France) and Ultranet CD/HD (by R+R Messtechnik -
Graz Austria).

Moreover the company is specialized in library training, thesaurus making and
maintaining, consultancy.

2. Computer Networks and Internet connectivity

*Please tell your colleagues about your network type, protocols used, services provider,
telecommunication equipment used, etc. below*

a. In general HW, SW:

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b. New HW, SW; connectivity upgrades:

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3. Library automation

Please tell your colleagues below what library automated system you use, what hardware you use to run it and which unusual modules do you use or develop

a. In general HW, SW:

In the field of LIS the most important installation has been the Q-Series Library system in Novate (Consorzio Bibliotecario Nord-Ovest) near Milano. More than 40 public libraries are connected to the server farm located there. More than 390.000 unique records for more than 1 million items are available on the Web-Opac: <http://webopac.csbno.net/WEB/index.asp>

It is managing about 900.000 loans for about 450.000 inhabitants in 21 towns (Comuni). The system of Novate is the largest Q-Series installation in the world.

b. New HW, SW, other:

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4. Union catalogue

If you run a Union Catalogue, please specify which software you use and which interesting features are linked to your UC

a. Software used:

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b. New features:

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5. Digital library

If you run a Digital Library, please tell us more in following list items

a. Based on your own production of digital documents:

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b. If so, what is new in your digitalization programmes:

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c. Based on external sources:

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d. Important commercial web services accessible to your users:

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6. New in-house database

Any interesting databases?

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7. Special web services

Something nobody else has? Or much better than any other place?

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8. Electronic document delivery

Do you have or plan EDD? How do you fight EU Copyright Directive?

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9. Research and technology development projects

Any other interesting R&D projects?

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10. Other important projects

Anything else you wish others to know about your library?

During 2002 Ifnet has been involved in the feasibility study for the new Italian subject heading standard, launched by the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Firenze. The results of the study have been presented in an international conference in June 2002.

More information and the full final report of the study are available at:
<http://www.bncf.firenze.sbn.it/notizie/testi/soggettario.htm>

Another important project started in December 2002: the Progetto RES (REpertorio di Spogli) a feasibility study for a new national abstracting & indexing center for newspapers in the humanities. The project is done with the Consorzio Tecnobyblos. An overview of the goals of this project is available at :
<http://www.bncf.firenze.sbn.it/progetti/RES/index.html>

Furthermore Ifnet is directly involved in many digitisation projects, related to the national BDI project (Biblioteca Digitale Italiana).