



# Customization and User Participation In the Vubis Smart Web OPAC

In today's interactive Internet environment, users expect more of the online experience. Collaboration and personalization constitute key elements of an online solution that emphasizes true user participation. With the Vubis Smart Web OPAC, libraries can offer users a suite of customization and community-building tools that enhance the user experience and create a highly dynamic, personalized online environment.

## Interface Customization

The Vubis Smart Web OPAC enables users to fully customize the interface for appearance, language and search results. Users select their language of choice, library profile and number of desired search results from a drop-down menu. The Web OPAC automatically switches its 'look & feel' to reflect the user's preferences and to provide a highly personalized search and find environment.

## Personalized Information Services

Selective Dissemination of Information (SDI) provides library users with item availability information right in their personal email boxes. With SDI, users create an automatic search for particular subjects, new works by authors etc. The Web OPAC will search the library's catalog according to user-defined intervals and parameters, such as the number of days before receiving notification and the minimum number of search results. Once the item has been found, the Web OPAC will send an alert to the user's e-mail address. Through an easy-to-use and intuitive SDI interface, users can fully leverage the library's catalogs and pro-actively find and retrieve items from rich and diverse collections.

The screenshot shows the search interface with tabs for 'Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Word search'. Below the search bar, there are options for 'Guided search', 'Direct', 'Advanced', and 'Complementary'. The 'VUBIS databases' dropdown is set to 'VUB catalogue'. There are also filters for 'Restrict to location', 'Restrict to year of publication', and 'Restrict to language of document'. At the bottom, there are dropdowns for 'Language - taal - langue' (set to English) and 'Number of results per page' (set to 5).

The screenshot shows the 'SDI Configuration Page' with the following settings:

- Email Address: john.smith@extensity.com
- Email Language: English
- Enable Email Notification:
- Profile Name: My Alerts
- Number of days before email notification: 30
- Number of found results before email notification: 5
- Profile enabled:

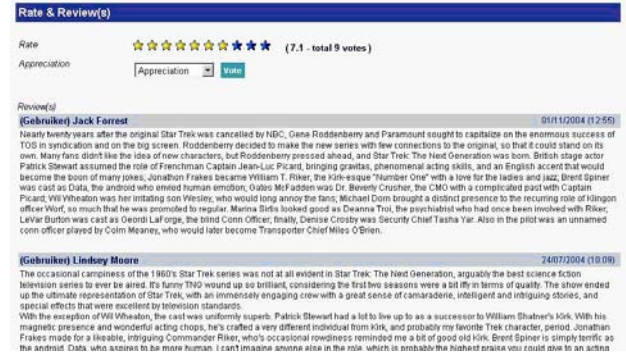
At the bottom, there is a table of queries with one entry: 'Strategic Defense Initiative' with 'Edit' and 'Delete' buttons.



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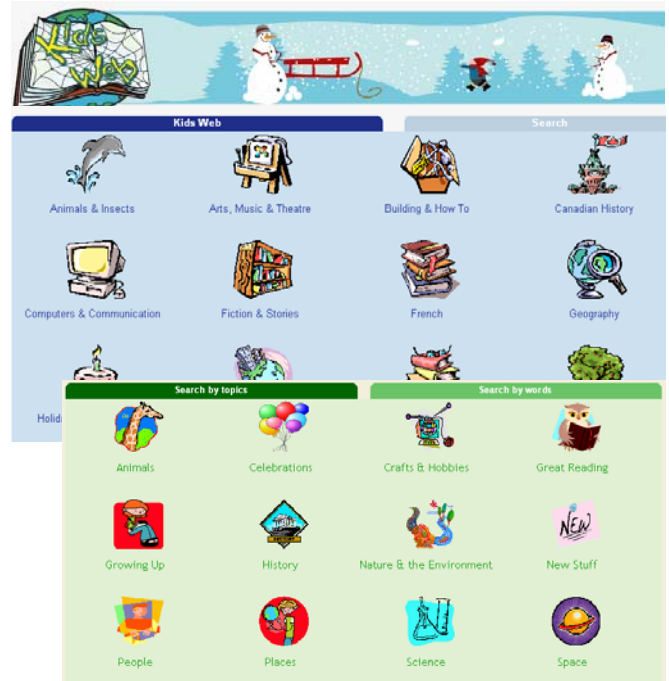
## Rate & Review

Online users often turn to each other for reading suggestions and book evaluations. 'Rate & Review' enables users to rate any specific item in the library's collection and indicate how they feel about a particular book, DVD or CD. The Vubis Smart Web OPAC also provides users with a convenient interface to post comments and express their views.



## "KidsWeb"

Using the Vubis Smart Web-based administrative module, system managers can set up multiple OPAC profiles to meet the search needs of individual user groups. An example is the Vubis Smart "KidsWeb", which features a unique, interactive, interface for children and provides the library with improved means to organize the presentation of its collections. A key feature of the KidsWeb is a tree structured navigation search defined by the library. Children can initiate searches by simply clicking on icons. A standard set of icons is provided, but the library can either modify the tree by adding or deleting icons or completely change the structure to reflect their children's collection or reading programs. KidsWeb includes optional flash animations that children can activate through simple mouse clicks.



Customization and user participation tools are integral components of the Vubis Smart Web OPAC. Libraries can provide their users with an enriched experience without additional investment or significant staff management. To learn more contact your local account representative or write us at [librarysales@infor.com](mailto:librarysales@infor.com)