The Michigan eLibrary:
A Statewide Gateway to Library Materials

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Background

a. Components of MeL
b. Rationale behind the project
c. Funding Sources
    a. Primary deliverables
    b. Additional products/services
d. Gathering Input
    a. Focus Groups
    b. Involving the library community

Building the MeL Gateway: statewide authentication, federated searching, customization

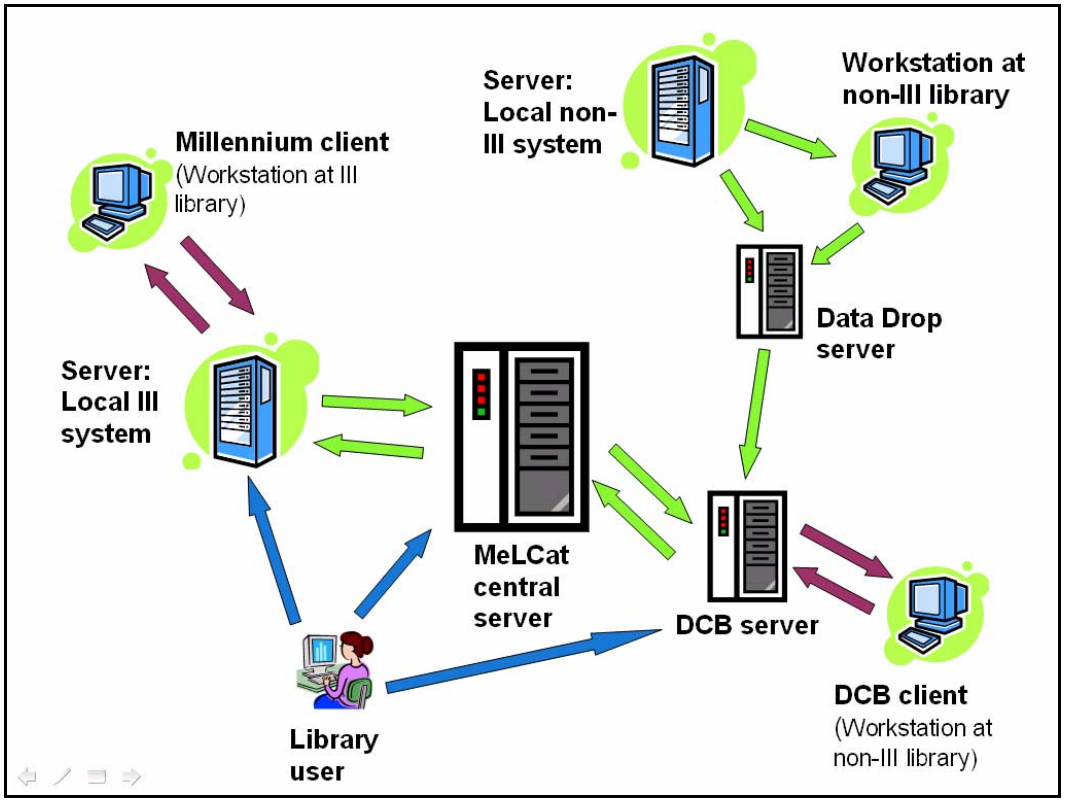
a. Goals
b. Design process
c. Future functionality
d. Developing policies and procedures for a moving target

MeLCat: Patron-initiated, circulation-based interlibrary loan

a. WebOPAC
    a. Design principles
    b. Requesting
b. INN-Reach: how it works
    a. Standard implementation: Innovative Interfaces' local systems only
    b. Incorporating non-Innovative Interfaces' local systems
    c. Lending and borrowing by unautomated libraries
c. Incorporating libraries with disparate local systems (or none at all!)
    a. Finding a common vocabulary
    b. Data profiles/data loading
d. Problems and possibilities
    a. Data quality
    b. Automating processes (expecting the unexpected)
    c. Future thoughts

Training and Support

a. MeL Databases/Gateway
b. MeLCat

MeL Gateway

MeLCat: Building the System