EPFL Library Link: a Firefox plug-in to increase collection visibility?

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Information where it’s needed

• Exit paper catalogs, subject librarians now use networked tools
  – Provider databases
  – RSS feeds, alerts
  – Amazon recommendations
  – Blog entries, etc.

• Query the OPAC for each title is inefficient
  – Tools like LibX help
  – Cumbersome for large amount of titles
Without the plug-in
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Without the plug-in
Wit the EPFL Library Link plug-in.
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When in Rome ...

Instead of driving users to your OPAC...

... put the OPAC where the users are!
Under the hood

ISBNs → Greasemonkey scripts → MARC (HTML) → NEBIS
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Compiled into a standalone plug-in auto-update, etc.