Beyond Interfaces: A Usability Study of Chinese Journal Databases

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Why does usability of digital resources matter to libraries?

- Usability is a concern in the selection process, along with cost and content.
- Online databases are changeable.
- Librarians (and users) expect the databases to improve.
- Librarians are in a unique position to make a difference.
Two types of usability issues

- Issues with the native interface of a database
  - What to use as a default search: simple or advanced?
  - Where to put a button?

- Issues in an integrated online environment
  - Federated searching
    - Example: Metalib
  - OpenURL
    - Example: SFX
  - Bibliographic manager
    - Example: EndNote
  - RSS feeds
Subscribing to RSS feed in CAJ
Viewing latest CAJ content via RSS
Bibliographic management solutions

- Different bibliographic managers
  - Standalone: EndNote
  - Web-based: RefWorks
  - Hybrid: Zotero

- CAJ and Wanfang COJ work well with both EndNote and RefWorks, but not Zotero
Importing CAJ records into RefWorks
CAJ and SFX

If you already have an article citation and want full text, try Citation Linker.

Found 1 e-Journals
Switch to Detail View

Wen Wu

Get Help
- Can't find what you need? Ask a Librarian
- Find out about remote access for Central Campus
- Find out about remote access for Medical Campus
Scorecard: CAJ vs. Wanfang Journals

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Google Scholar as a solution for Wanfang
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