

Inmagic technology assists research collaboration in the education community

Australia's education and training community now have access to a considerably wider range of content thanks to recent technical linkages between EdNA Online and Maxus client ACER (the Australian Council for Educational Research).

Using an XML interface supplied by Maxus, ACER's EdResearch Online is now available through EdNA Online's existing suite of information repositories. EdResearch Online is a respected research database of online articles from over 130 leading education journals, stored in an Inmagic® DB/TextWorks® database.

EdResearch Online is produced by ACER's Cunningham Library, which holds one of the most comprehensive and up-to-date collections of educational research documents in Australia. It is maintained using Inmagic DB/TextWorks software and published to the Internet with *WebPublisher PRO*, software supplied and supported by Maxus.

The addition of the customized XML interface has made it possible to link directly from the EdNA search screen to the database on the ACER web server. Users of EdNA Online can type in their search criteria, select one or more sources of information (including EdResearch Online), and retrieve records from all of their selected sources in one common web report.

Norma Tovey, Managing Director of Maxus, said that the company was proud to have been able to supply the means of extending the valuable resources held by ACER to a wider user base. "This is a demonstration of the power and flexibility of the Inmagic *WebPublisher PRO* system for integration into large scale federated search front ends such as EdNA's. We expect to see many more such examples coming into operation very soon."

Maxus Australia is one of the world's major suppliers of the popular Inmagic library automation and information management software for PCs, networks, intranets and the web. Inmagic's DB/TextWorks and *WebPublisher PRO* are used by hundreds of Maxus customers across Australia, Southeast Asia and the South Pacific.

EdNA Online is a national service that aims to support and promote the benefits of the Internet in learning, education and training. It is a joint initiative of the state, territory and Australian governments through their departments of education and training. EdNA Online is managed by *education.au limited*. Further information on EdNA Online is available from <http://www.edna.edu.au> and <http://www.edna.edu.au/edna/search?SearchMode=Advancemode>.

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