

INTRALLECT INTRODUCES NEW VERSION OF WORLD BEATING LEARNING SOFTWARE

A new version of intraLibrary, acknowledged as the leading Learning Object Repository (LOR) system for the academic sector, has been introduced by Edinburgh-based Intrallect Ltd.

IntraLibrary enables organisations to share and re-use learning resources using a simple, web-based interface. Learning resources can include documents, presentations, web pages, images, multimedia and quiz datasets. These resources are stored as “learning objects” together with metadata which makes it very easy for users to retrieve and reuse using intraLibrary’s powerful search facilities. IntraLibrary is a strategic technology which supports a mixed learning environment and saves the cost of “reinventing the wheel” when creating and using learning content.

Version 2.1 of the software introduces many new features which make it even easier for academic institutions to manage and reuse learning content. Users can now save a set of search criteria as a named search filter. This search filter can be retrieved by name and reapplied or modified. Learning objects can now be given a star rating by users as part of the comment function.

Contributors to the system may now be allowed un-publish or delete their own learning objects, and can be automatically alerted by email when their learning object is published. The classification systems (taxonomies) applied in an installation can be searched by keyword for classifications relevant to a learning object.

To enhance integration with the rest of the enterprise, administrators can now control access to intraLibrary from a centrally-managed database of user identities. Users of the system can be authenticated against an external directory, such as an LDAP server. A chain of multiple authentication directories can be defined. Optionally known users can be allowed to log in even when external directories are unavailable.

There have also been several enhancements to the metadata functionality within intraLibrary, for example:

- Optionality, cardinality and size can be modified for every LOM field
- A default optionality can be set on an application profile and multiple application profiles can be made available
- Additional variables are available for metadata templates, including:
 - unique identifier (UUID)
 - public package URL (for download of .zip file)

For ease of upgrade IntraLibrary is available as a single Java archive and all configuration files (installation properties, metadata templates, email templates) are now maintained outside the web application.

“The latest developments for intraLibrary bring a new level of functionality and ease of use to Learning Object Management Systems,” said Dr Charles Duncan, CEO, Intrallect. “Our systems are now being used by universities and academic institutions world-wide to help manage their learning object repositories more efficiently. We are continually developing the product and over the past year we have invested significantly in people and resources to keep us at the forefront of the e-learning field.”

Intrallect is now acknowledged as one of the world’s leading authorities on learning object technology. Earlier this year the company won a six-figure tender to build a UK-wide learning object repository on behalf of the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC). The repository, called JORUM, will use intraLibrary for learning object management throughout the UK’s Further and Higher Education communities.

For further information about Intrallect and intraLibrary visit www.intrallect.com or call 0870 234 3933.

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Intrallect produces class-leading software enabling organisations to capture, manage and share their learning content. Intrallect’s lead product, intraLibrary, is enterprise software which enables organisations to create and manage a Learning Object Repository.

Intrallect was formed in 2000 as a spin-out from the University of Edinburgh to create software to support the current and next generation of learning systems. Intrallect is first to market with this new range of tools enabling enterprise-wide sharing and reuse of e-learning material. Intrallect's products and bespoke software are developed on a state-of-the-art architecture using an agile methodology. They are rigorously compliant with emerging standards of interoperability.