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ABSTRACT

This chapter elaborates on the FRBR model and its salient features. It further discusses how FRBR improves the quality on bibliographic records and OPAC performance. Implication of the FRBR model on bibliographic database design is described. Selected research on the evaluation of FRBR model is given and successful FRBR projects around the world are reported.

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) gets its popularity in most of recent library projects and studies due to its potential in making the relationship between entities of the first group in the model, for instance work expression, manifestation and items. And this potential of FRBR entities relationship can be expressed on the relationship between bibliographic records within the online library catalogue. However, the current regular online library catalogues fail to clarify the relationship between one to another record of the same work with different forms (Le Boeuf, 2001).

Coyle and Hillmann (2007) argued that the greatest potential of the FRBR model is reasoned by many to be its potential ability to improve not just the quality of catalogue records but the user experience of browsing and searching in online public access catalogues or OPACS. One of the major issues many users find when searching a library catalogue is that most catalogues display multiple occurrences of a work not only through multiple records for all of its different manifestations but also through multiple records for each of those manifestations different formats, typically without clustering them in any sort of meaningful way.