

# MasterKey™

OPEN SOURCE FEDERATED SEARCHING



THERE'S A WORLD OF INFORMATION OUT THERE.  
ISN'T IT TIME TO UNLOCK IT FOR YOUR USERS?

MasterKey is a federated search service; based on open source software (OSS) and backed by the commercial vendors CARE Affiliates and Index Data. With MasterKey, you don't have to buy any servers. You don't have to load anything. You just sign up, select the databases to be searched and introduce your users to a very fast and powerful search tool.

The core technology is software that is distributed under the General Public License (GPL) by Index Data. We surround that software with basic services including, hosting/SaaS, maintenance, support and upgrades. We also offer customization and development services.

With OSS you have the freedom to select your service providers, you collaborate with other product users to define the future direction of the software and most importantly, you avoid a vendor dead-ending your product without your agreement.



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## Gone Open Yet?

Open source software is about software based on sharing, collaborating, community involvement, a better return-on-investment and freedom. We provide commercial support and services for open source software so that all libraries can use these solutions. Hundreds of libraries are using OSS products. You can join them. Contact us and we'll show you how!

Federated  
Searching  
with clear  
benefits for  
your library.

### **A Simple, Clean Search Interface with Faceting Included.**

The interface is a simple, powerful search command box. No instructions, help or training are needed. Enter your keywords and up to 100 databases are searched concurrently with a near instant return of results. To refine your search further, use the quick and built-in facets that allow you to narrow the results with simple point-and-click actions. It's quick. It's easy. It's just what your users want.

### **You Have Access to Thousands of Databases.**

We automatically include Open Access resources and we have thousands of databases you can access using Z39.50. Through the use of optional translators, we can add databases requiring authorization/authentication as well as those that have proprietary interfaces. Translators greatly expand the list of databases available to your library.

### **It's a Trouble Free, Hosted Service.**

Subscribing to the MasterKey service is quick and easy. Just complete the configuration process and we take care of the rest. We can also add your own logo to brand the service. No equipment or expertise is needed at the library other than Web-accessible workstations and the ability to use a browser. New databases are added on request.

### **Customize, Extend!**

Both the core software and the user interface are highly configurable. CARE can also enhance the standard MasterKey functionality on a custom contract basis. When you pay for the development, you then have the choice of sharing these new capabilities by having us place them in the OSS on which MasterKey is based.

### **Put the Library's Money to Work for the Library.**

Open source software and standards simply mean a better return on your investment.

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