The „National Licenses“ Pilot Project

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What are National Licences?

- Purchase of eJournals backfiles (up to 2015)
- For the scientific community in Switzerland
- Funded by SUC-P2 (swissuniversities)
- 7.6 Mio. CHF for products, 2.57 Mio CHF for long-term archiving and infrastructure
In order to guarantee a relevant and varied portfolio for the national licences, established academic publishers were selected for the project. These national licences form a journal portfolio that is used comprehensively and frequently. Access until the recent past (2015) is possible.
National Licenses Requirements

• Needs to work for the whole Switzerland
• Meet the contractual agreements: (citizenship, active user, terms of use)
• Access should be granted immediately to authorized persons (no need to go to a library, to wait for a letter, ...)
• Authentication should be possible directly on publisher's platform (no proxy) using SAML/Shibboleth
• The process should as automated as possible
Division of Responsibilities

SWITCH edu-ID
• Manage identities for private individuals
• Verification procedures for home address and mobile phone number
• Implement entitlement attribute common-lib-terms
• IdP / SAML
• Technical support

National Licenses
• Contact to publishers
• End-user interface
  – Search engine for scientific articles
  – User registration platform
  – Manage rules for user entitlements
• End-user support
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- 6.2 Mio Articles
- 1’000 private users