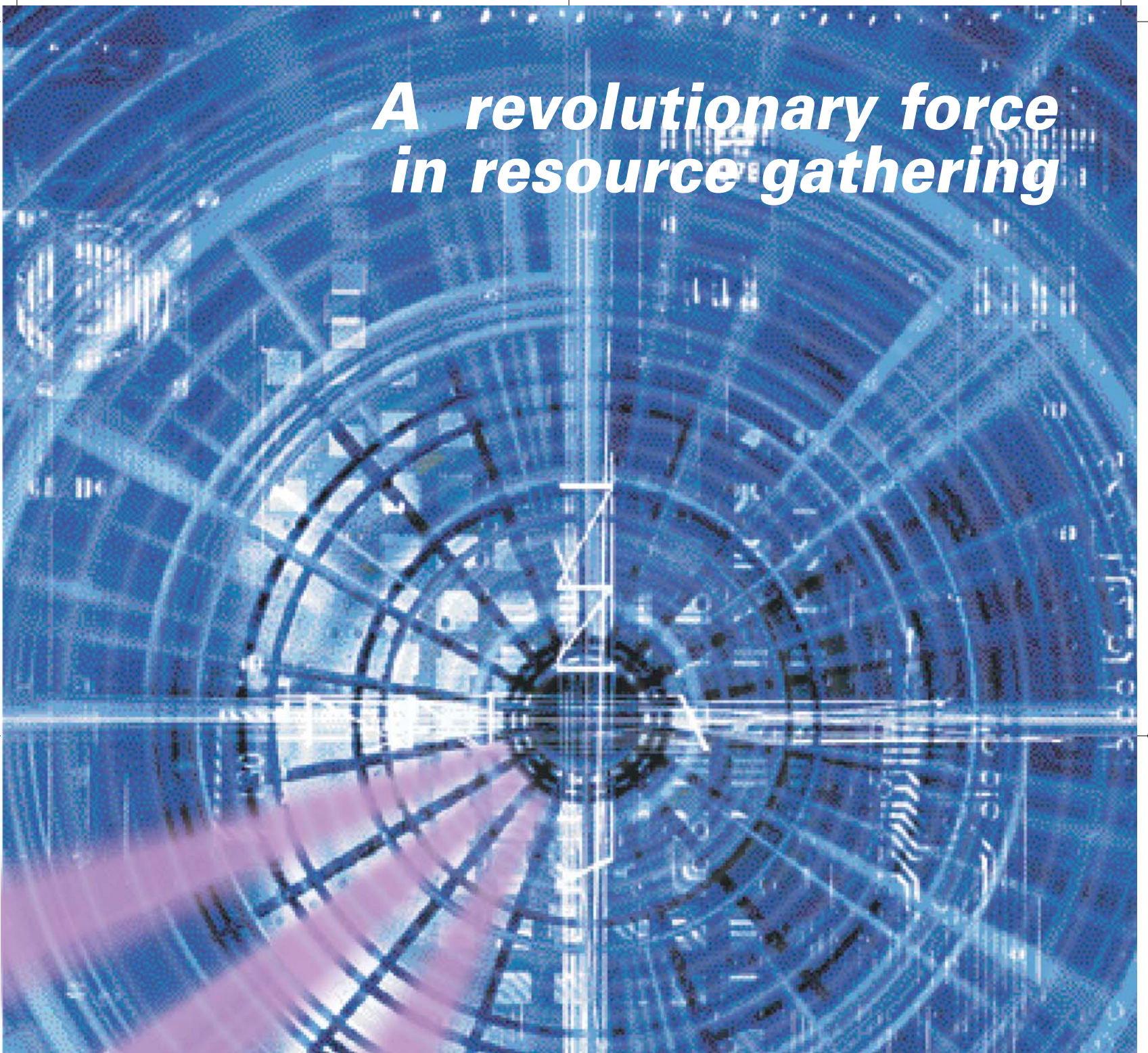


A revolutionary force in resource gathering



Discover the power of VORTEX—a revolutionary open-source tool that allows your library records to become harvestable through OAI compliance. Be recognized as a leader in resource sharing, and unlock your library's resources to more users than ever before.



VORTEX
carves new
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information
accessibility

Your library's catalog is resource rich in bibliographic and authority metadata – information that's in increasingly wide demand from sources worldwide. VORTEX is a simple, yet powerful tool that gives more people access to these resources by carving new channels through which information can easily flow. By enabling existing databases to comply with Open Archives

Initiative's Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH), Vortex makes your library's records harvestable to a potentially limitless number of patrons. As a VORTEX user and an OAI-compliant institution, your library will be perched on the leading edge of technology in resource sharing and coordinated collection work.

VORTEX and the Open Archives Initiative

By complying with OAI-PMH, a protocol for metadata sharing, publishing and archiving, VORTEX delivers a visionary solution to the challenge of reaching more patrons with more information than ever before. With VORTEX, a harvester can select records from your library and then build their own specialized database for those interested in their collection to browse and use. The potential flow of information from library to user is endless and effortless.

Additional benefits to your library include:

- Supports all scripts and diacritics, granting users access to information in their native language
- Data preserved in your database in MARC format for ease of maintenance
- Fast and effortless implementation with VTLS support
- Harvesting of metadata by robots, no action required on your part
- Registration of your database as OAI-compliant
- A low-cost solution for resource sharing
- VORTEX installs on existing hardware, no additional hardware needed
- VTLS provides documentation, training, and support—you get to use open source software without having to maintain a programming department.

VORTEX features include:

- OAI-PMH compliance
- UNICODE UTF-8 encoding
- Repository support of three metadata schemes
 - Dublin Core
 - MARC 21
 - MODS
- Ability to place theses, dissertations, serials and other MARC-supported data in repository
- Selective harvesting
- Flow control



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