The collection? It's all about the user!

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Abstract
Collection development in Technical University Libraries in 2011 is far off the traditional and very balanced way of selecting and acquiring journals and books forming a collection well considered and only tuned to the specific position of the university and the policies of the library. The digital age imposed itself more on our type of libraries and lead us from collection development to “access enforcement”. It started at the end of the 80-s with journals and the 'big deals' – the freedom of choice and selection of a journal collection was not longer in the hands of information specialists. And these days we see the same wave coming over us with e-books: the publishers offer a wide range of books, selection by the library is not needed anymore and on the other hand it inspires user driven acquisition: just-in-time is going to be the rule. And the user: (s) he loves this abundance on the one hand and direct involvement on the other. So we should be very pleased that we can make our users so happy! With much less effort on our side. It enables us to use the professional competencies of our information specialists by starting to consider the disclosure (maybe even publishing) of the output of our university researchers and teachers (data, articles, multimedia, course materials, archival materials) as part of their domain and responsibility. These university assets, developed by our users, should be exposed as valuable and actual collections. And yes: here development is still necessary!