Koha in the Philippines

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History of Automation in Ph Libraries

- 1996, Earliest known effort

- Stand alone system

- Paper worksheets

- Encoding centers

- Production of index cards and lists

- IBM-PC xt's to 286sx's

- Storage in tape drives

- TINLIB, DOS-ISIS, FilSoft, in-house

History of Automation in Ph Libraries

- Late 90's, start of networked and integrated systems
- OPAC, mostly local networks followed by few Internet-based
- Thick-client approach in other modules
- Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) implemented first known Koha deployment
- Other deployments are by individuals independently
- National Library of the Philippines (NLP) deployed Koha in 2008 and started deploying to other libraries in 2009

Current Status

- NLP offers free installation, configuration, data migration and training with limited scope.

- 460 Koha deployment nationwide by NLP as of today

- Consulting services are now available locally, via individuals or companies like OS Library Solutions

- A library availed Koha through cloud via Amazon Web Services

- Deployment are varies from stand-alone, Intranet or Internet

NLP Package

- Koha 2.9

- Fedora OS

- Apache

- Perl

- MariaDB (MySQL fork)

- Digital library

- Database management

NLP Package

- Audit (COA) inventory list

- Member data self registration form

- Facility check-in

- Facility check-in list

- Title list

- Circulation self check-out and return

- Minimal or basic biblio framework

Approach

In Phases:

- Pre-installation: process, policy, data structure

- Installation with Generic configuration

- Localization, Final configuration,

- Encoding, Data Migration

- Circulation, members, OPAC

- Other modules

- *For public libraries, a package is configured and localized, only training is done in phases

Development of Training Packages

- Distinct IT and Librarian components

- 1-person librarian package with zero LIS software background

- Show-and-tell approach with web-cast videos

- Hands-on

- Ph-based Koha package manual

Lessons

- IT and Library automation skills must be present

- 1 / 3 of user challenges are Koha and IT

- 2 / 3 of user challenges are library processes and policies

- 3 days is the optimal duration for technical training

Future

- Migration to current version of Koha

- Koha Ph publication,

- Koha Ph web site with, forum, knowledge sharing, survey

- Koha Ph Community registered as legal entity

- Online Training system

Magandang hapon!

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