

APPENDIX D

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The Sciences Council have discussed Pathfinder functions and have determined the following.

1. Page NRLF - the ability for patrons to page items from NRLF was the only Pathfinder feature that we think is essential.
2. Canned searches (e.g., acquisitions lists) - two members found felt this is a desirable feature. One of our units (EART/MAPS) uses many of these searches in its web pages, but felt that if an alternative could be provided, it would be satisfactory.

With the exception of the two features above, all other Pathfinder features are considered non-essential.

Our understanding is that the SiteSearch software is used for Melvyl to query Gladis for circulation information. We therefore assume that it, or other commercial software providing that function, will be retained and thus would be available for use with the science & engineering ejournal database. The same functionality may also address #2, above, the ability to do canned searches.