



## Apor Vilmos Catholic College, Vác

### Discovery – Implementation of a common search service

#### In brief

##### *Customer request:*

A modern, unified search interface that queries both the library's online catalog and external data sources

##### *Solution:*

The catalogs to be serviced were loaded into the Qulto Discovery system, integrated with the library's catalog in a common OPAC.

#### What was the customer's need that we provided a solution for?

The library wanted to offer the institution's students a **modern, unified search interface** that displays and offers professional literature found in external content provider databases alongside publications in the library's online catalog on a single interface.

Georgina Bartus, Director of the College Library, defined their main objective as follows:

“ Our main goal was to create a very simple search interface. We wanted students to only have to enter the title of the work they are looking for once, and then immediately decide from the results list: whether they want to read the work online with a single click or borrow it in the traditional paper-based way. ”

#### What is the solution?

During professional consultations, it became clear that the Qulto Discovery service would be the right choice for the customer's needs. The solution, which effectively supports the searching activities of readers, students, faculty, and researchers, is based on the Qulto Central Index. The catalogs to be serviced were loaded into this, integrated with the library's catalog in a common OPAC. The current content of the Qulto Central Index was acceptable for the Apor Vilmos Catholic College. The Discovery interface became part of the library's public web catalog, so individual external databases (L'Harmattan Digital Database, MeRSZ, AK Journals, etc.) can now be selected independently using checkboxes placed among the filtering criteria. In addition, these remain directly accessible as highlighted items in the library catalog.

*How does this improve the service?*

“ It is a huge advantage that students no longer have to struggle with separate browser windows or external sites, as online sources and the physical collection are visible in one place with the help of Discovery. (...) The technical background of the system finally enables the library to provide fast and smooth service. ”

**Future development opportunities, plans**

During the further development of the system, there is the possibility – upon request – for:

- the introduction of single sign-on (SSO) for both the Discovery system and the library's own OPAC;
- the occasional loading of additional data sources into the Discovery interface, alongside the growth of the Qulto Central Index content for other reasons.

Regarding multifaceted data collection from multiple sources, the possibility of introducing a thematic recommendation system to further support students' work also arose during the cooperation.

“ It would be very useful if, alongside the searched work or topic, the system automatically offered additional relevant books, helping the reader to delve deeper into the literature of the given field. ”

