

Women's Health Victoria (WHV) Case study



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BUSINESS PROFILE

Industry

Health/Nonprofit

Geographics

Based in Melbourne, serving all of Victoria, Australia

Organisational Initiatives

Socialising and expanding libraries and collections

Inmagic Solution

Cloud Inmagic Presto for DB/Textworks with SEO

Women's Health Victoria (WHV) is an independent women's health promotion organisation based in Melbourne, Australia. WHV works collaboratively with health professionals, policy makers and community organisations at a state-wide level to inform, influence and improve policy and service delivery for women.

The WHV Clearinghouse is an information service and library that supports the work of Women's Health Victoria. Key subjects include: women's health policy, health promotion, preventative health, health determinants, and advocacy in the Australian and Victorian context. The online catalogue is publicly searchable, and contains records for over 15,000 print and online publications.

Presto in the Cloud WHV, launched in September 2014, was chosen to meet WHV's need for a fast, flexible, cost-effective interface that could provide reliable 24/7 access to steadily increasing Clearinghouse search traffic independently of the WHV server. An added bonus was the potential of the software to be used for other (non-library) data applications at WHV.

The powerful search capabilities of Presto support users to filter records, and isolate sub-topics with confidence. This is vital for a specialised collection such as this where everything (to some degree) is about women's health.

Benefits

- Opens up opportunities for storing, classifying, sorting and retrieving information that were previously more complex and difficult
- Easier for users to locate the latest content, using Presto's Browse capability

The “Collection” feature of [Presto](#) has been enabled to allow users to drill down through the entire collection by subject or region. This is based on adding subject and region taxonomy strings to each record (the most time-consuming part of the migration – however well-worth the time invested). Two regional taxonomies, developed by Jenny Ward of the WHV Clearinghouse, were used as the basis of the ‘region’ taxonomy and are available to be shared with others - one that covers all countries of the world, and a simplified version focused on Australia.

Cover images are being added to records as permission is obtained from publishers. A slide show on the home page displays a selection of these using Presto’s Slide Show feature.

Every month the Clearinghouse produces a ‘Clearinghouse Connector’ that drives traffic to the catalogue. Each Connector promotes a selection of free e-resources on a particular topic – eg: Alcohol and women. Each resource has a record in the catalogue. Presto links embedded in the Connector take the user via the catalogue record to the external fulltext. The full range of Connectors can be viewed here:

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<http://whv.org.au/publications-resources/clearinghouse-connectors>

Presto enables the creation of multiple ‘home pages’ to provide access to different group of records. There are plans to automate the New Resources bulletin using Presto.

Records are entered and edited using DB/TextWorks installed on the WHV server. Automated update utilities send data to the Presto Cloud installation and populate the interface with new / updated information. All search traffic takes place ‘in the Cloud’ – providing users with fast, flexible, and reliable access that is available 24/7.

The Clearinghouse has a nearly 20 year history of using Inmagic software, with local support from Maxus Australia. Jenny Ward, Clearinghouse Information Officer, welcomes inquiries about WHV’s experience with installing and implementing the use of Inmagic software including: Presto Cloud for DB/TextWorks, and TextWorks, including field visits if required (by appointment). WHV is centrally located in the heart of Melbourne CBD.

Inmagic software and related consulting services were provided to Women’s Health Victoria by Inmagic Partner Maxus Australia.

About Maxus

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