

Voyager ASCII OPAC overview

- **Product:** Voyager
- **Relevant for Installation Type:** Multi-Tenant Direct, Dedicated-Direct, Local, TotalCare

Question

What is the Voyager ASCII OPAC?

Answer

The Voyager ASCII OPAC can be used to verify that the OPAC server (as well as the keyword server) is working correctly. It should be already configured on your system.

To try it, SSH to the Voyager server and login as the voyager user.

Then go to `/m1/voyager/___db/sbin` and run `./Pascopac` (or `./Tascopac` for a training database). It will present you with an ASCII version of an OPAC:

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2010.1.0                                     Introduction
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The Voyager Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) allows staff and
patrons to perform complex searches of USMARC-based records. Type a
question mark (?) at any time for more information.

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Search          Patron Info          Help
Exit

Type selection and press ENTER: .
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Example of ASCII OPAC screen.

Additional Information

The ASCII OPAC is configured separately from WebVoyage and does not depend on Apache or network communications.

This is a tool that can be used by the support team or upgrade team if WebVoyage is not working correctly or if support cannot access WebVoyage for a site.

Some sites setup specific users (such as library) which automatically launch ASCII OPAC on login and cannot run anything else. This could be setup for a specific library (one id per database). However there are some security implications to doing this.

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