

Software Migration in Selected University and Special Libraries in Nigeria

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Abstract

The work has surveyed migration in selected University and Special Libraries in Nigeria, which was based on the experience of seven automated libraries in which four have changed from one library software to another. The objective of the study is to ascertain the major consideration in the choice of software by the selected library, to examine the problems encountered and reasons for the change of software. Questionnaire was used in data collection; a total of (70%) of the questionnaire were used for analysis. Simple percentage was used to compute statistics of the findings. The study revealed that among the seven libraries, four have changed from one library application software to another while some are still in search of the library software to adopt. This was attributed to factors such as lack of systems analysis before and after embarking on the purchase of the software, lack of maintenance or technical support, limitation of software, absolute nature of the operating systems on which the software run. Recommendations made in the study include systems analysis study of library operations before embarking on automation, providing electricity, setting aside some fund for maintenance among others while it is recommended for the library software developers to endeavor to always develop upgrade that will not wipe away old data, software that will be compatible with other library software sponsor users group conference among as this

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