

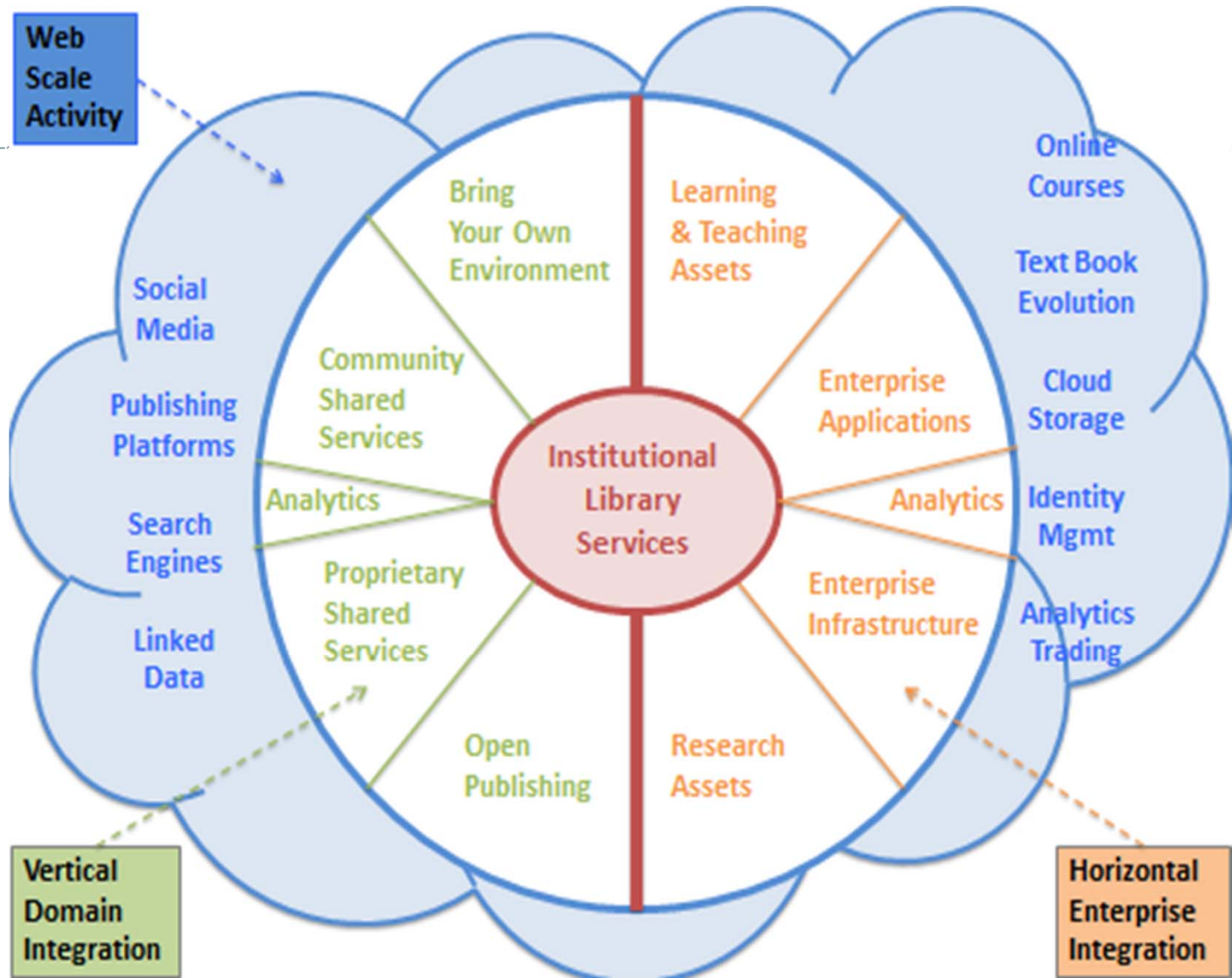


SCOTTISH LIBRARY SERVICES PLATFORM  
GROUP

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Web Scale Activity



Vertical Domain Integration

Horizontal Enterprise Integration

# The Benefits of Sharing (TBOS)



- Jisc funded project 2012-13
- “To investigate how a shared library management system might improve services in Scotland”
  - Services to students, researchers, staff, public
  - Systems
  - Content
- “significant level of support from Scottish LMS staff to work with a shared LMS”
- Key benefits in all three areas identified

<http://libraryblogs.is.ed.ac.uk/benefitsofsharing/>

# “Library Services Platform”



- **TRENDY** new term to replace LMS!
- Different approach to “traditional” LMS needed:
  - Design – more than print, leverage new technology
  - Wider scope
  - The information “ecosystem”
- Immature market
  - Few early adopters

<http://helibtech.com/Next+Generation>

# SCURL Library Services Platform Task Force



- Set up summer 2013
- Two main tasks:
  - Draft a vision
    - ✦ What we want to share and what not
    - ✦ High level benefits
  - Develop a business plan
- Task Force completion summer 2014
  - Then....procurement & implementation (... we hope!)

<http://scurl.ac.uk/what-we-do/project-initiatives/scurl-library-services-platform-task-force/>

# Vision Components



- Build on existing shared service strengths (e.g. SHEDL)
- Promoting access to significant national collections
- Consistent single Discovery layer beyond keyword search
  - Personalisation and customisation
- Single point of access to resources
  - No “dead ends”
- Better value for money
  - shared workflows, metadata & economies of scale
- “Vanguard” approach to implementation

# Other Activities



- Meetings with suppliers and potential suppliers
  - Different approaches out there
  - Timing when to go to market will be crucial
- Liaising with similar groups
  - Wales and Bloomsbury
- Governance, exit strategies, cost allocation
- Task Force members becoming a team



What does this  
mean for FE?





# Opportunity?

# Improved system

# Options



- **Functionality** we don't currently have is on offer:
  - Discovery layer
  - Reading lists
  - Greater capabilities
- FE are already **considered partners** in this process and as likely users of any services implemented
- Possibility of taking steps toward **national library services**
- Opting in to use the service can happen at anytime
- **Does not have to be a quick decision** – early adopters of any new service will not adopt before 2015



# Any questions?

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