

# Outsourcing and the changing face of Content Management

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## Wiley-Blackwell Outsourcing

- 1500+ Journals
- >1.6 M pages
- Only 70 titles have no outsourced component
- Many long-standing relationships with vendors





## Why outsource?

- Increased productivity/cost savings
  - Volume discounts and rebates
  - Need to stay competitive
- Redeployment of in-house staff
- Speed to market
- Efficiency
- Access to competencies
- Access to tools



### Selection dilemmas

- Commoditization of production services
- Vendor expertise is developing and widening
- Flexible suitability criteria
- Shopping list of services
- But, 'salami slicing' has its limits...



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"We've decided to do our own pointing, but outsource the clicking."



## The perceived downside

- Loss of control
- Quality
- Time zone factors
- Growing economies and exposure to exchange rate fluctuations
- Staff turnover
- Takeovers and company failure



#### 'Local difficulties'

- Know what you can't control...
- ...but plan for all eventualities
- Small fish, big pond; big fish, small pond
- Service level agreements
- Disaster recovery plans



## Loss of control

- 'Black box' approach
- Management overhead
  - More complex relationship
  - Planning
  - Setup, testing, project management
  - Documentation, training
  - Monitoring and feedback
  - SLA
  - Reciprocal visits
- Manage expectations...and simplify



## Quality

- What is it?
  - Style
  - Language
  - Layout
  - Timeliness
  - -XML
- The 'scrutiny effect'
- The 'hybrid temptation'



# The changing face of Production

- Outsourcing is about much more than production
- Production is about much more than content
- ...and content is a shared responsibility
- Manage more, do less
- Do less, deliver more



#### The Future

- More consistency, standardisation
- New media
- Enriched content
- A move away from print-oriented concepts





