

Customized Newsletters

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Customized Newsletters - Strategies to Improved Current Awareness

Abstract

Keeping up-to-date is essential in today's business. The strategy to support main projects and disease areas with current awareness information was implemented by producing customized newsletters. These contain data aggregated from different sources and filtered according to customer's needs and are delivered directly to the customer's desktop. Sources aggregated in the newsletters contain different types of information e.g. news, scientific literature or patents. Customized group newsletters have advantages over individual alerting. Techniques of customization will be presented together with limitations.



Current Awareness Novartis Knowledge Center

The Novartis Knowledge Center globally serves all units of Novartis with a core of licensed Scientific, Technical, Medical and Business information resources.

Current Awareness Services

 To enable fast access to latest news and new publications that fulfill all kind of current awareness needs.



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Basic needs

of individual associates

Specific needs

of groups and project teams



Current Awareness 3 Tier Model

Tier 1: Alerts by end-users

Alerts in information systems

- fulfilling information needs of an individual associate
- using standard functionality provided by vendor of system
- using standard channels for delivery of results
- created and maintained by end-user



Current Awareness 3 Tier Model

Tier 2: Alerts by knowledge manager/information specialist

Alerts in information systems

- meeting information needs of individual customers/small groups
- using standard functionality provided by vendor of systems
- using standard channels for delivery of results
- Created and maintained by consultancy specialist
- established via search request



Current Awareness

3 Tier Model

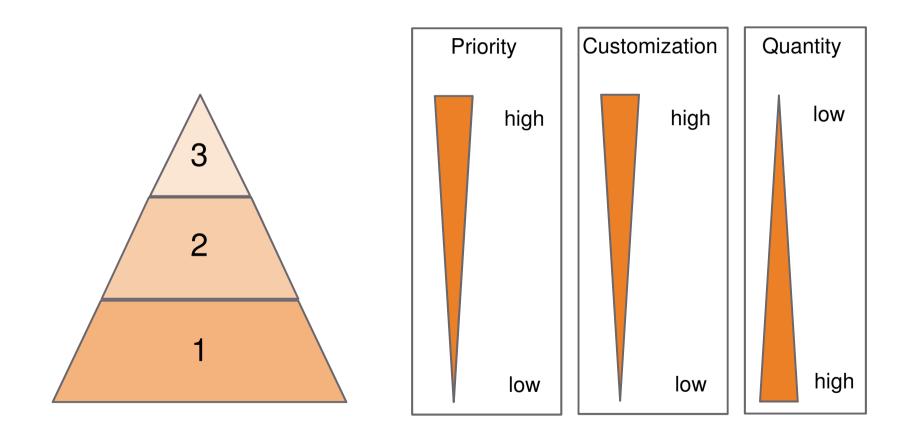
Tier 3: Customized solutions

Customized alerting solutions

- supporting projects/teams
- using tool for aggregating of information from different sources, filtering and sorting
- providing customized channels for delivery of results
- created and maintained by consultancy specialist
- established via alerting project

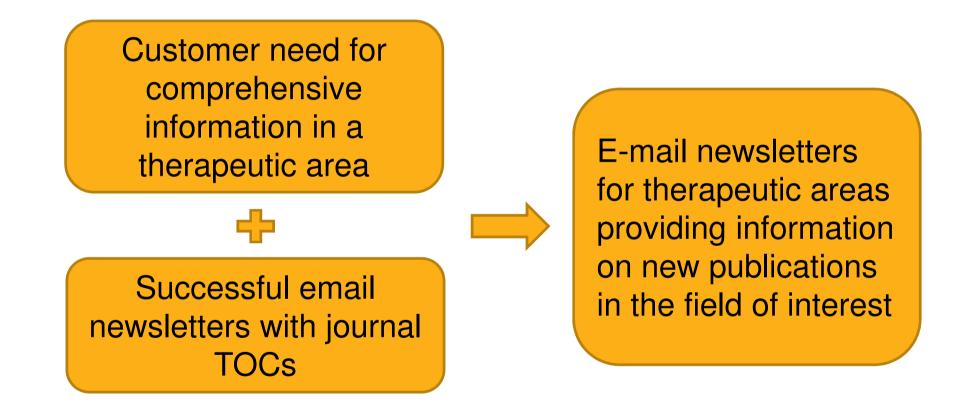


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Customized Solutions Concept





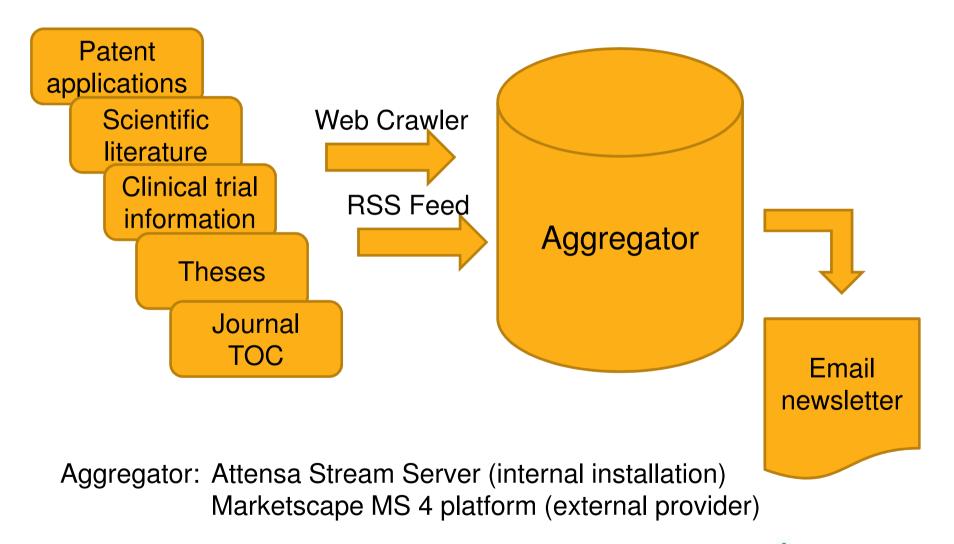
Type of Information

E-mail newsletters for therapeutic areas providing information on new publications:

- Patent applications
- Scientific literature
- Clinical trials
- Theses
- Journal table of contents (TOC)



Technology





Legal Constraints

Internal redistribution of licensed content

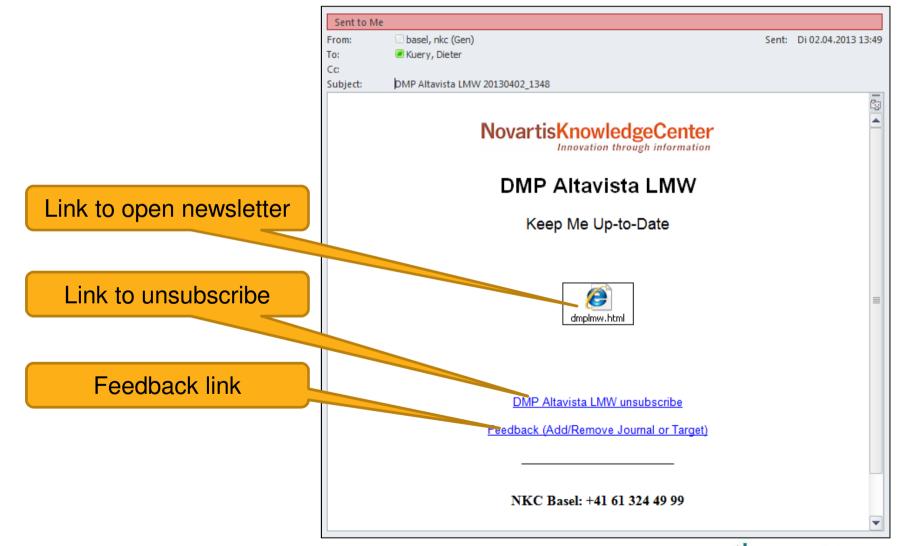
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Handling of licensed content by external provider

- > Explicit consent by information provider/owner
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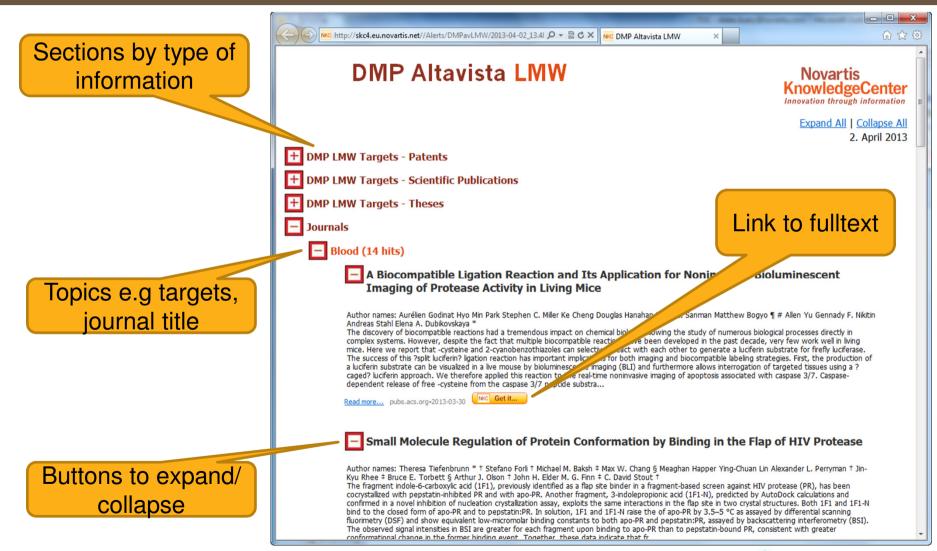


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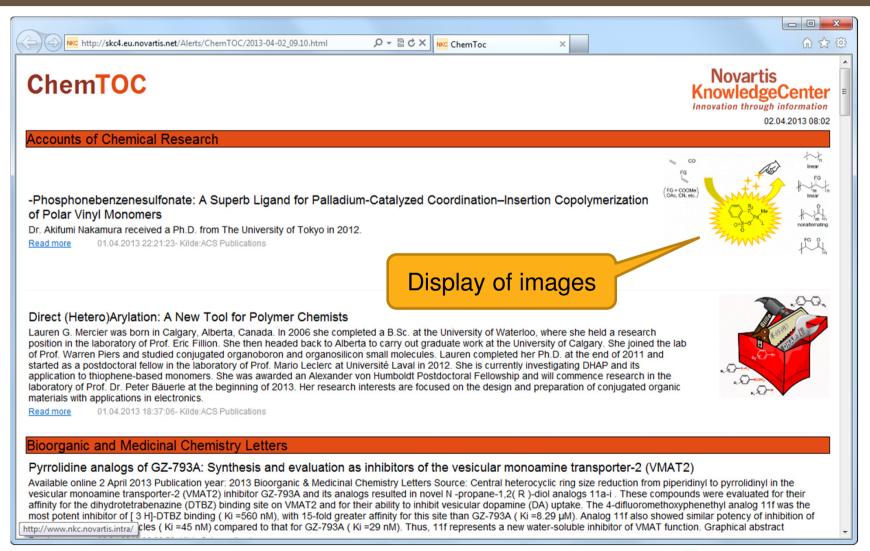


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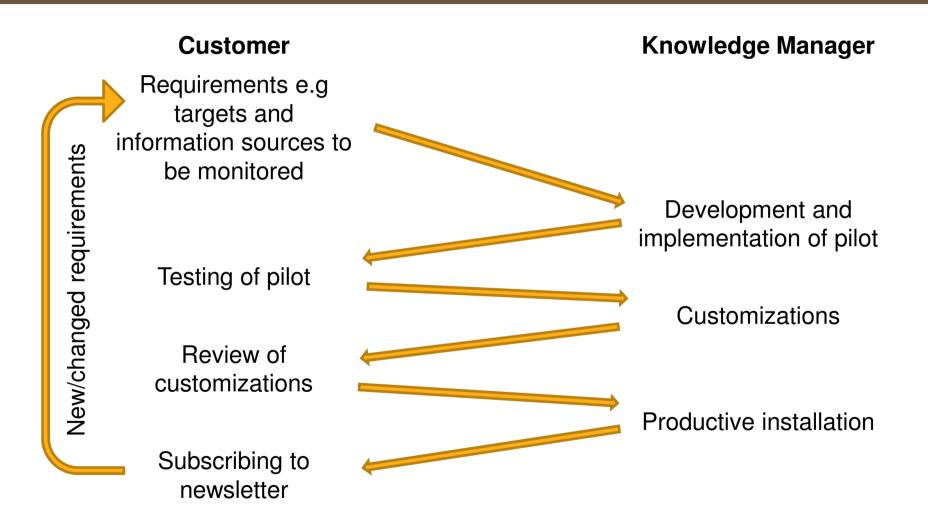


Newsletter





Project Management





No consent by provider for handling by external partner

- Licensed content cannot be included in newsletter
- Switch to parallel handling on internal aggregator
- Size of newsletter
 - Split large newsletters
 - Enable individualized newsletters by providing opportunity for individual selection of topics to customers



Advantages of Therapeutic Area Newsletters (I)

Knowledge Center perspective

- Technical handling by specialist (knowledge manager or information specialist)
- Selection of best information sources
- Setup and implementation of search strategy and queries by search specialist
- Maintenance and quality control



Advantages of Therapeutic Area Newsletters (II)

Knowledge Center perspective

No duplication of work

One comprehensive solution available to all scientists in therapeutic area instead of supporting various individual alerts



Advantages of Therapeutic Area Newsletters (III)

Customer perspective

- Newsletter available to all scientists in therapeutic area
- One stop shop providing all information relevant for projects
- Easy subscribe/unsubscribe via link on Knowledge Center portal



Conclusions

With customized newsletters the Knowledge Center

- A. facilitates same level of information for all members of therapeutic area.
- B. provides a current awareness solution for exploratory/discovery projects not supported by regular competitive intelligence, due to limited resources



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