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Inter-library loan in Germany - some historical remarks

Inter-library loan has a long and valid tradition in Germany:

- Many libraries suffered severely by loss of materials due to the consequences of WWII
- Ever since, libraries cooperated by negotiating ILL routing mechanisms using Union Catalogues as hubs to fulfill the enormous demands of their patrons
- Since these Union Catalogues have been retroconverted into machine readable formats in the past decade, it was reasonable to use these data ressources for an user friendly ILL service integrated into existing Digital Library infrastructures in Germany. The online inter library loan network was born.



Online ILL in HBZ library network

The starting point ca. 1999 / 2000:

- Within the HBZ network different local library systems coexist (Sisis, BABSY, Aleph, ...)
- Work flow differs: some libraries process ILLs within their local library systems circulation module, some still process ILLs using paperwork
- Some libraries offer a patron's self-service for ILL requests within their OPACs, some others offer typewriters



Online ILL in HBZ library network

- 1999 HBZ started to develop an inter-library loan system for monographs flexible to fit the demands of this heterogeneous landscape within the HBZ library network
- The system was developed in co-operation between:
 - Hochschulbibliothekszentrum Cologne
 - University Library Bielefeld
 - Sisis Informationssysteme GmbH





Online ILL in HBZ library network

- 2000 a testbed with eight pilot libraries started; in May 2001 we went productive
- Meanwhile most of the university libraries and large public libraries are connected to the system
- On average, conventional ILL request ("Red ILL Request Forms") were circulated between union catalogues and libraries for weeks, online ILL reduces the processing time to 4 days
- Items are sent by parcel express containers since autumn 2001: significant reduction of delivery time



How does it work?

- Local library systems communicate with a central HBZ ILL server using an internet protocol or e-mails
- On order the availability of the requested item is checked against the local library systems circulation module using SLNP (Simple Library Network Protocol) of Sisis GmbH
- If requested item is on loan, the order is routed to the next library, and so on ...
- Librarians and users can cross-check status of requests using a common interface via web



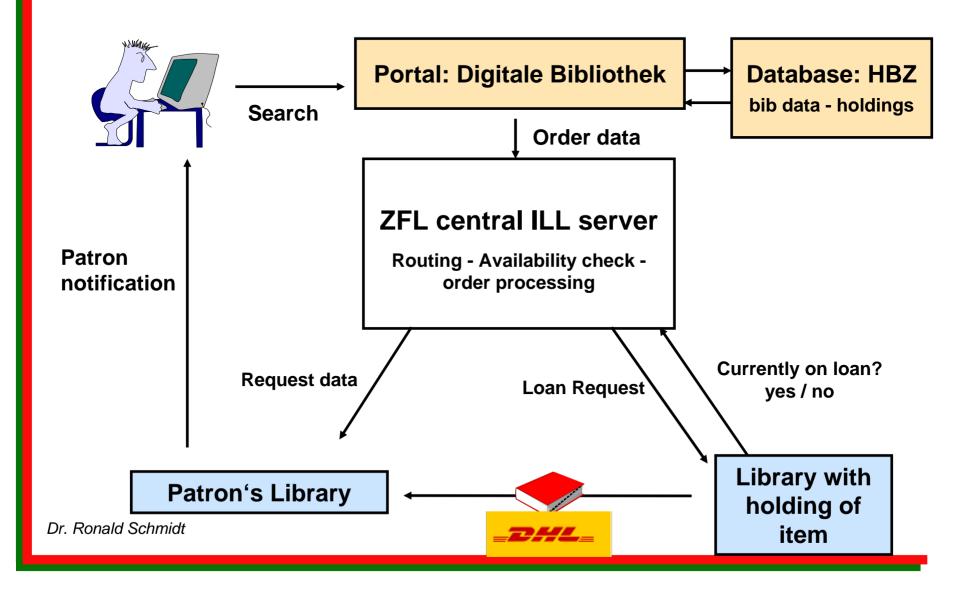
What has the patron to do?

Library patrons use a portal: Digitale Bibliothek

- Within this portal a library can offer taylored information services like catalogues, online ressources, electronic media, and ILL and document delivery
- Patrons search a database (e.g. the local OPAC) or databases simultaneously from within the digital library portal. Search results can then be processed as loan requests in the home library or - ILL request over the library network
- If a search in the HBZ database fails (contains the bib data and holdings of all networked libraries) a search result from another source can be processed also



Online-ILL for monographs in HBZ-network



Networking the networks

Co-operation with other German library networks:

- Based upon the concepts and techniques used within the HBZ network a transfer protocol has been negotiated to route requests between the networks in Germany and abroad:
- If patron's request cannot be matched in "his" ILL region the request is automatically routed into the next regional network and processed
- Open model: network specific data flows can be retained, only one module is added to the existing systems
- In this model only central ILL servers in network hubs communicate
- Highly flexible solution, all libraries within a library network can participate

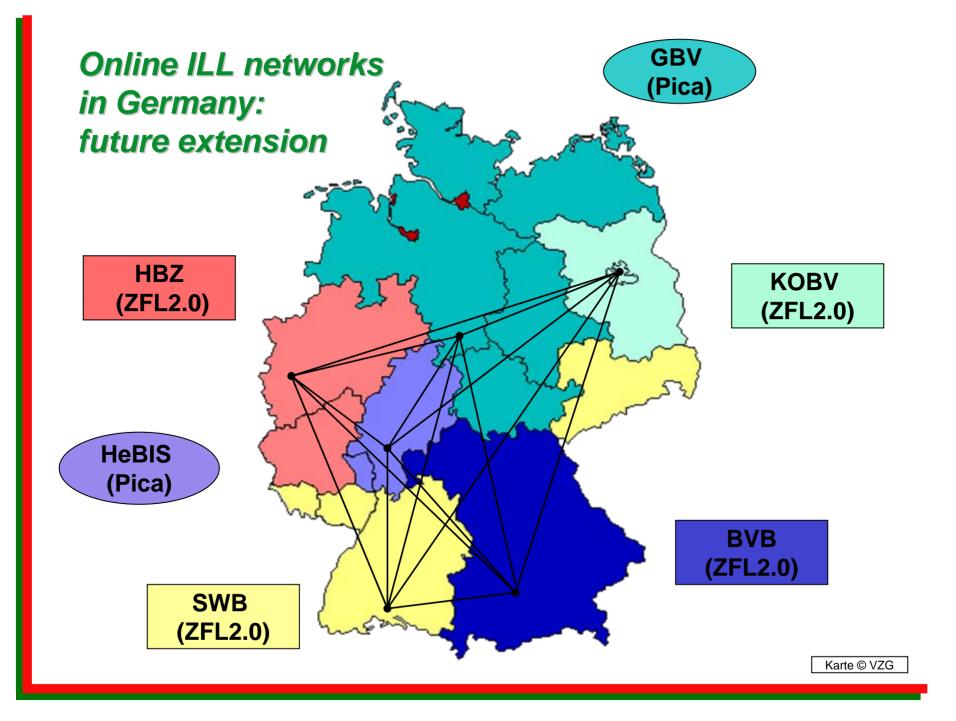
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Online ILL in Germany - where are we now?

Online inter-library loan for monographs

- Since December 2002 the link between HBZ libraries and GBV libraries has been established - Pica network connected
- Central ILL server v. 2.0, premiered in the HBZ library network, will be used in four German library network hubs: HBZ, BVB, KOBV, and SWB
- Thus this cooperative online ILL solution covers the whole of Germany in the very near future
- Connecting Austria is currently in negotiations





Online ILL - some statistics

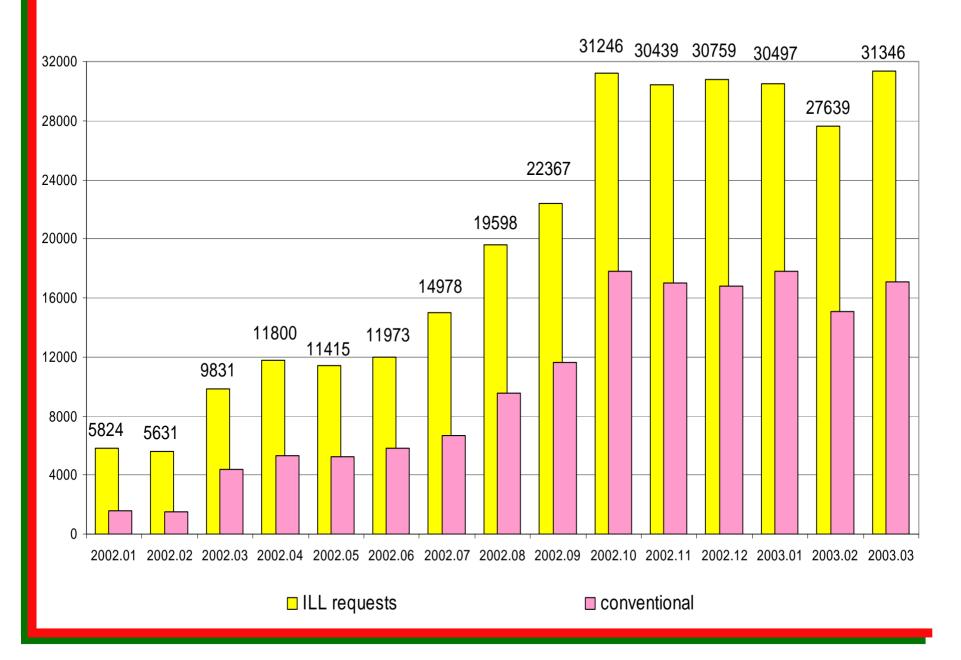
- ☐ By May 2003 we have achieved:
 - □ 58 libraries within the HBZ network actively using online ILL, of which 18 offer their patrons direct requests services
 - ☐ 35 university and state libraries, 23 public libraries
 - □ Version 2.0 of the central ILL server is evaluated in four other library networks in Germany
- □ ~ 31.000 orders per month processed
- □ Average delivery within 4 days



Online ILL - some statistics

- ☐ 6% of orders are processed same day, 22 % next day
- ☐ 40 % of orders communicated via SLNP
- ☐ 60 % via e-mail
- □ 70% of requests are delivered by the first library en route
- □ 50 % of requests result from a search in the HBZ database
- □ 20 % of requests result from searches in other databases
- ☐ 30 % of requests result from direct orders





How are fees returned to libraries?

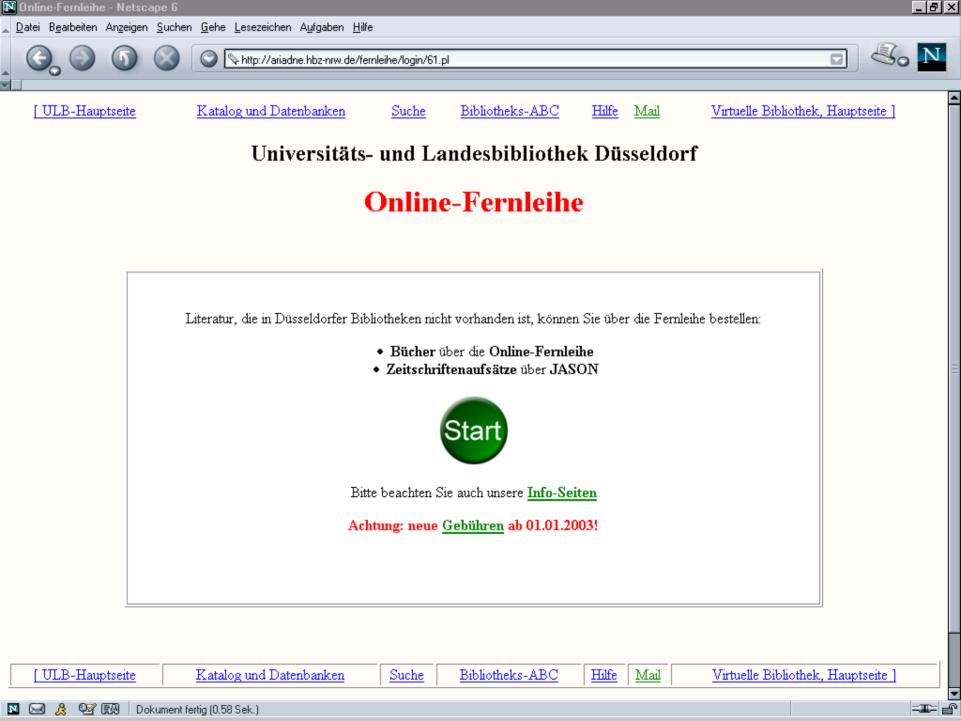
- ☐ Currently, libraries in North Rhine-Westphalia charge end users 1,50 EUR per ILL request
- ☐ Until now, fees remained with the library: benefits of ILL requests unjustly supported the library *taking* ILLs
- □ ILL Regulations nationwide will change this: ILL fees will be directed towards the libraries *giving* ILL loans resulting in a monetary motivation to participate
- □ Network centers will get 10% of ILL fees as dues to cover their infrastructural expenses. ILL regulations update currently in political decision making process

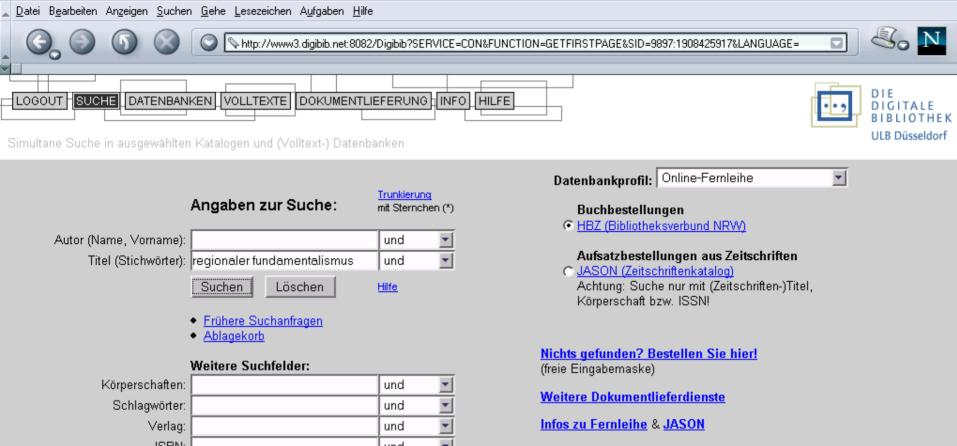


How does it look and feel?

An offline presentation of an online ILL request







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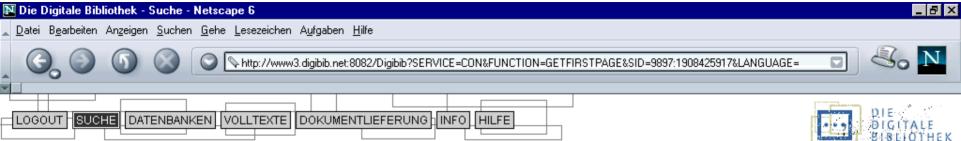








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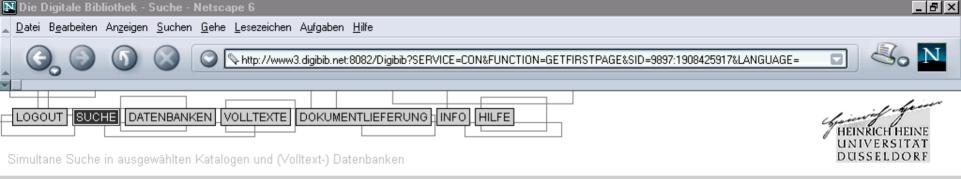
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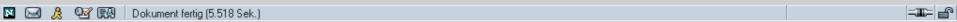
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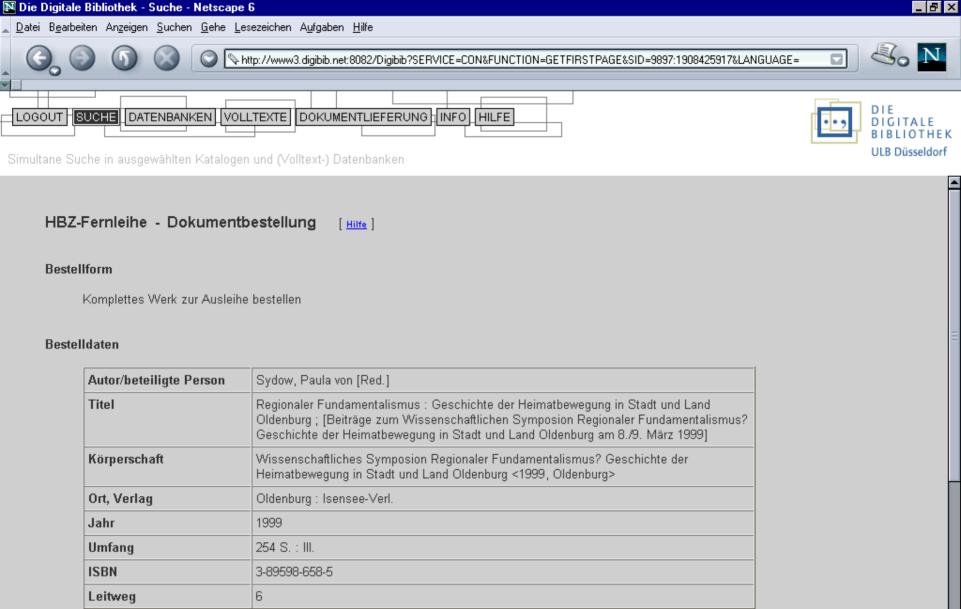
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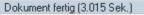




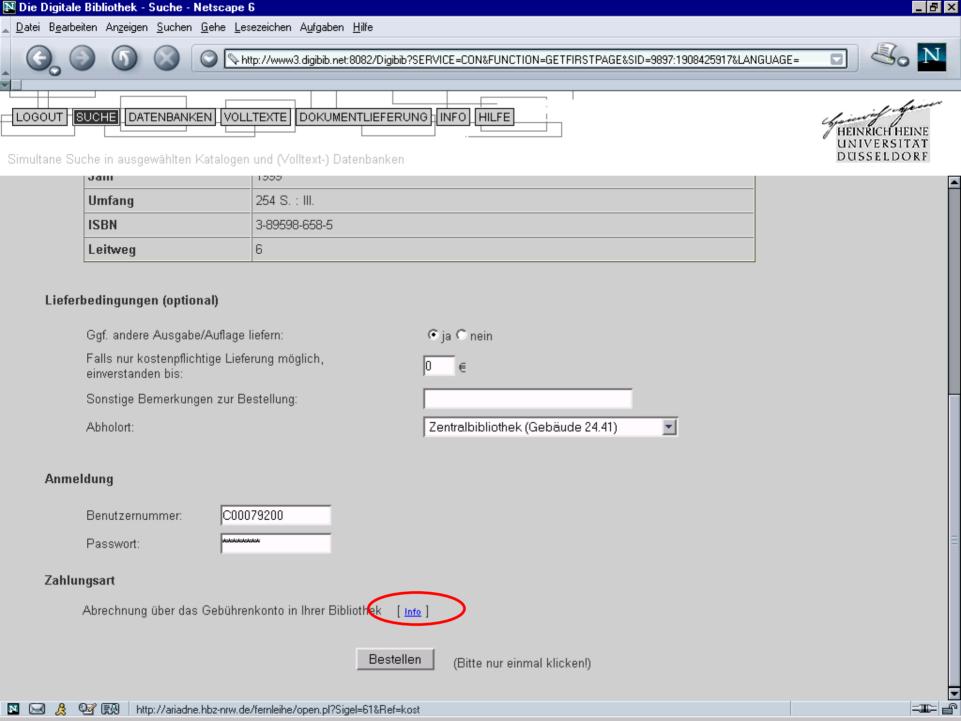


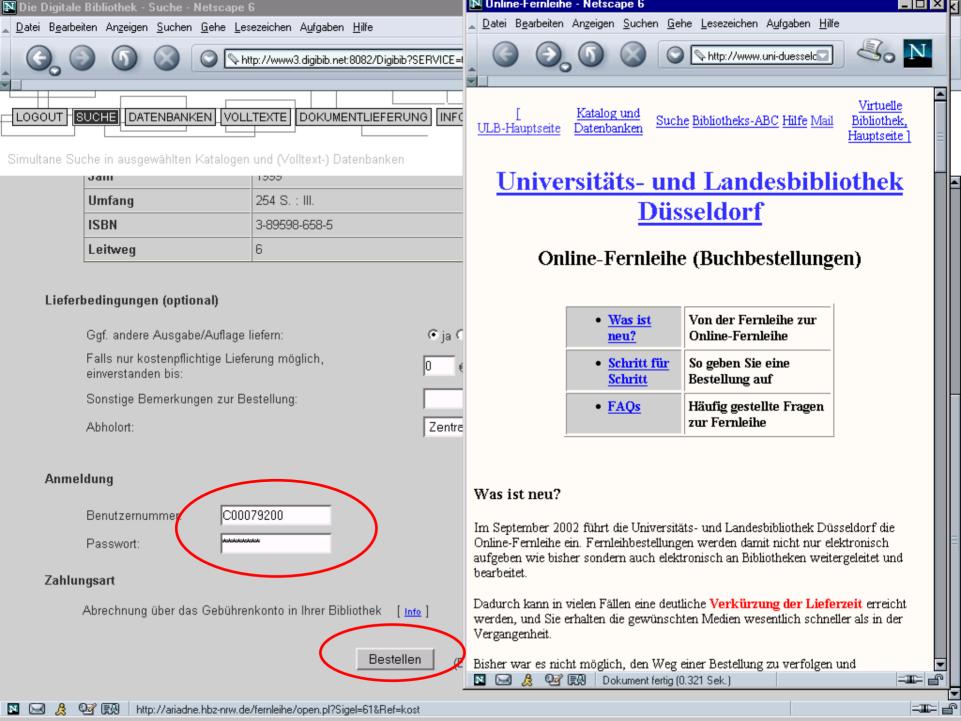


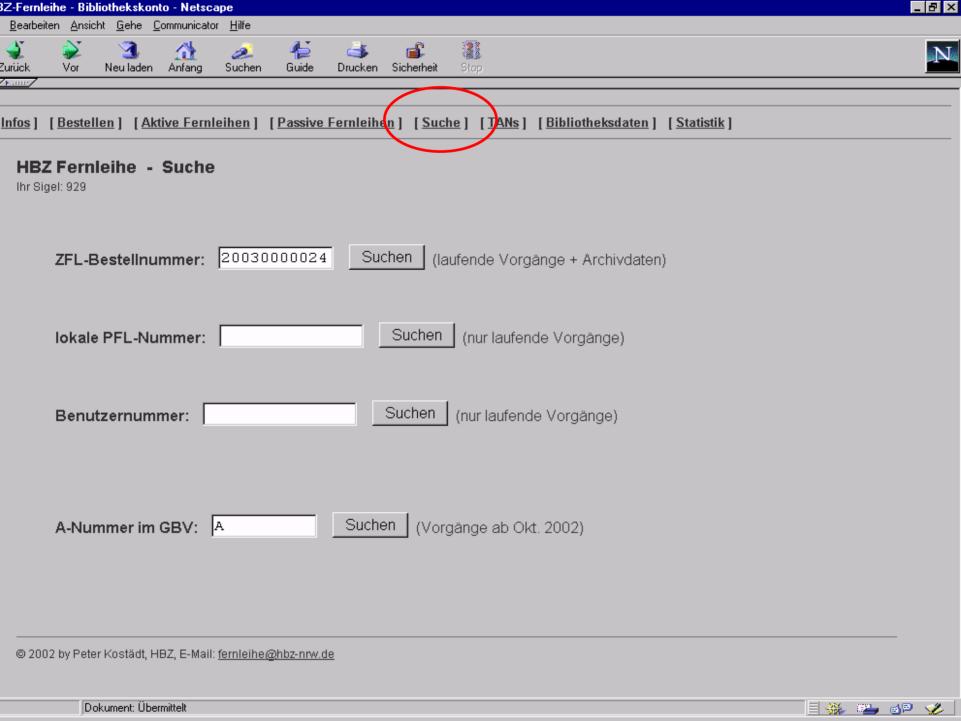


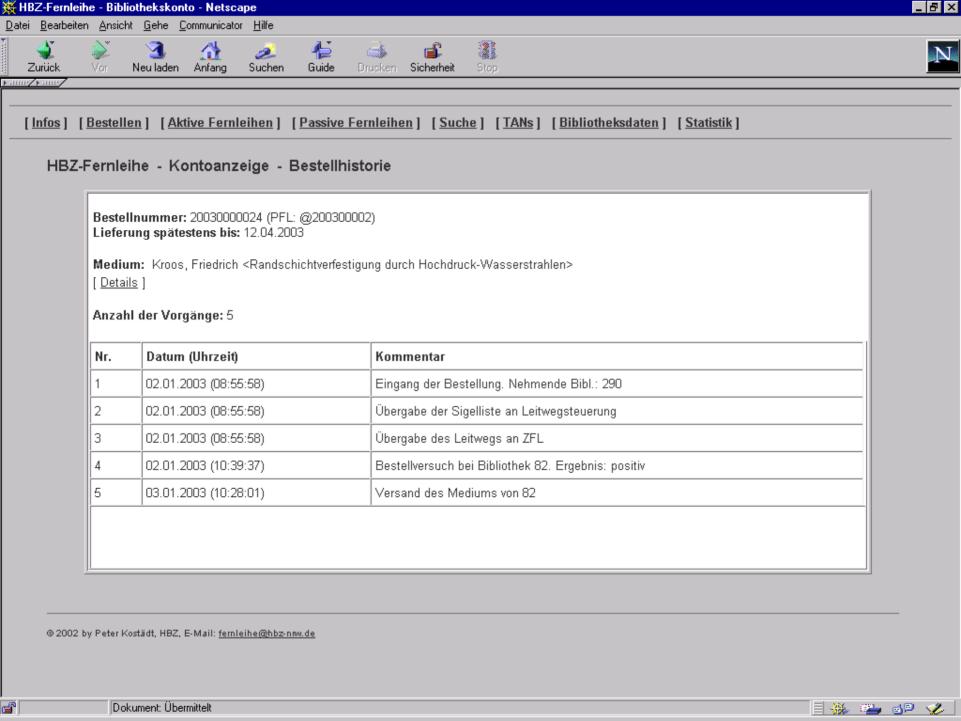












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