Polish National Aggregator: FBC. Experiences after 10 years of service

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FBC (Digital Libraries Federation, http://fbc.pionier.net.pl/) is the Polish National Aggregator portal operating since 2007. Initially, FBC portal gave access to tens of thousands of publications from over a dozen digital libraries run by Polish cultural and scientific institutions. Now, FBC aggregates data not only from digital libraries but also from museums, archives and repositories. FBC is the first and the only cross-domain aggregator in Poland. Currently, there are over 5.8 million digital publications of over 130 different websites and several hundred cultural institutions. FBC is an automated tool created to disseminate & promote Polish scientific and cultural heritage data as well as support digital humanists in their daily activities. From the technical perspective the system operates almost automatically, so that the overhead of ongoing maintenance is minimal. Metadata and mapping are ongoing activities to achieve updated and good quality data for our end users.