



Comparison of features between Talis Prism 3 and Talis Prism 2

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About this document

This document compares the features of Talis Prism 3 (as of 10 March 2009) to those of Talis Prism 2.1. Please note that new features are constantly added to Talis Prism 3 through our strategy of continuous releases.

This document is a summary statement of features; it does not attempt to explain how any features work, or the impact they may have on your institution. For a fuller understanding of a given feature, please visit <http://prism.talis.com/broadminster/>.

Development plans for Talis Prism are outlined in the *Talis Prism Roadmap*, which you can read at the [Talis Prism Blog](#). The inclusion of Talis Prism 2 features in Talis Prism 3 will be weighed against other development priorities. Inevitably, some Talis Prism 2 features will not be relevant to Talis Prism 3.

The features are divided by functional area, which are indicated by the shaded blue rows. A green tick indicates that the feature is present; a red cross indicates the feature is not present at the date of this document.

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
		Global navigation (from every page)
X	✓	Home (i.e. catalogue home)
X	✓	Library Home
X	✓	Corporate/Institutional Home
✓	✓	My Account
✓	✓	Help
✓	X	Place Request
X	✓	Customisable global links
		Discovery
		Search

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
		<i>Simple search</i>
✓	✓	Search all data from one box
X	✓	Expert field-specific search
✓	✓	Expert search with Boolean operators AND and OR
X	✓	Expert search with Boolean operator NOT
✓	✓	Expert search with wildcards
		<i>Advanced search options</i>
✓	✓	Keyword
X	✓	Exact phrase
X	✓	At least one of the words
X	✓	None of these words
✓	✓	Author
✓	✓	Title
✓	✓	Year Published (qualifier)
✓	✓	Collection (qualifier)
✓	✓	Location (qualifier)
✓	✓	Language (qualifier)
✓	✓	Format (qualifier)
✓	X	ISBN/ISSN (<i>included in Prism 3 simple search</i>)
✓	X	Class number (<i>included in Prism 3 simple search</i>)
✓	✓	Clear the form
		<i>Spelling suggestions</i>
X	✓	Suggest alternative spellings when no results
		<i>Saved searches</i>
✓	X	Save searches (when logged in)
✓	X	Edit a saved search
✓	X	Search with a saved search
✓	X	Clear selected or all saved searches
		Related search suggestions

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
✓	✓	Author
X	✓	Subject
✓	✓	Series
✓	X	Classification
		Browse indexes
✓	X	Author
✓	X	Title
✓	X	Subject (index to classification)
✓	X	Keyword
✓	X	Classification
✓	X	Control Number
		Suggest alternatives when no results
✓	✓	Option to try each word in a multi-word query
X	✓	Link to advanced search options
✓	X	Remove limits and re-try
		Search other sources
✓	X	Other catalogues via Z39.50 (COPAC, LC, etc)
✓	X	Local repositories
✓	X	Reading lists (Talis List) – <i>for more on Talis List, see under Integration</i>
		Navigation of results
✓	X	Number of entries per page configurable (e.g. Results 1-10 of 247)
✓	X	Single result shown directly in item detail page
X	✓	Relevance ranking by default (for any results set size)
		<i>Sort results</i>
X	✓	Relevance
✓	✓	Title
✓	✓	Author
✓	✓	Publication Date
X	✓	More sort options configurable

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
✓	✗	Switch between ascending and descending sort
		<i>Faceted navigation</i>
✗	✓	Author
✗	✓	Subject
✗	✓	Genre
✗	✓	Format
✗	✓	Publication date
✗	✓	Language
✗	✓	Collection
✗	✓	Library Location
✗	✓	Other facets configurable
✗	✓	Number of entries shown per facet configurable
✗	✓	View more facet entries
✗	✓	De-select facet choices
		<i>Page Navigation</i>
✓	✓	Results page previous and next
✗	✓	Results page jump to any page
✓	✗	Detail page previous and next
		Defined searches
✓	✗	Link to pre-defined results set, e.g. New books this week; Orange Prize winners
		Content Presentation
✓	✓	Detail page bibliographic data configurable (with different limitations)
✓	✗	Fulfilment information in results (availability, holdings, e-resource links)
✓	✓	Fulfilment information with Item Detail
✓	✓	Include/exclude non-In Stock material
✓	✓	Include/exclude material by collection
✓	✓	Sub-catalogues defined by collection, with own styling
		Content Enrichment
✗	✓	Cover images option

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
		Fulfilment Services
		Availability information – non-serials
✓	✓	Availability (Available, Due date, etc.)
✓	✓	Location
✓	✓	Shelfmark
✓	✓	Loan type
✓	✓	Copies count
✓	✓	Loans count
✓	X	Copy-level details
		Serial holding information
✓	✓	Location
✓	✓	Shelfmark
✓	✓	Holdings
✓	✓	Notes
✓	X	Volume, Issue, Copies and Item/Copy details
		Electronic resource access
✓	✓	Link to resource or to resolver
		Renewals
✓	✓	Renew one or more loans together
✓	✓	Messages about disallowed renewals
		Reservations
✓	✓	Place a reservation
✓	✓	Select Collection Site
✓	X	Edit 'last useful date'
✓	✓	Cancel one or more reservations together
		Bookings
✓	X	Make a booking
✓	X	Cancel a booking
		Inter-library loans

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
✓	X	Place an inter-library loan request
		Purchase requests
✓	X	Place a purchase request
		Data Export Services
✓	X	Print results/selection
✓	✓	Print item detail
✓	X	Email results/selection
✓	X	Email item detail
✓	X	Download results/selection
✓	X	Download item detail
✓	X	Formatting options for output
		Account Management Services
		Sign/Log in
✓	✓	PIN required - Configurable
✓	X	Single sign on (to allow authentication from another system)
		View Your Account
✓	✓	Summary statement of account
✓	✓	Charges (Prism 3 has: Date, Type, Amount, Details)
✓	✓	Loans (Prism 3 has: Item id, Author, Title, Control number, Due date, Fine, Renew count)
✓	X	Loan history
✓	✓	Reservations (Prism 3 has: Author, Title, Control number, Reserved date, Last useful, Status, Collection site)
✓	X	Reservation history
✓	✓	Inter-library loan requests
✓	X	Bookings
✓	X	Reading lists
		Manage Your Account Settings
✓	✓	Change PIN
✓	X	Change address

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
✓	X	Change email address
		Help
✓	✓	Search Help
✓	✓	Navigation Help
✓	X	Context-sensitive Help
		Feedback
X	✓	Feedback form
X	✓	Configurable destination email addresses
		Language options
✓	✓	Optionally offer a selection of languages for the user interface
X	✓	Configurable translation of each language
X	✓	Add more languages
	✓	Accessibility
X	✓	Developed in accordance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines
X	✓	Accessibility statement
		Administration
✓	X	Administration interface for library staff
		Customisation
✓	✓	Basic Style & branding (colours, backgrounds, fonts, buttons)
X	✓	Extensive Style & branding
X	✓	Extensive Customisable home page content
X	✓	Extensions (incorporate other features & services)
X	✓	Design service available
		Security
X	✓	Secure transmission of private data (https)
		Integration
X	✓	Search box widget (embed elsewhere)
✓	✓	Allow links in from Talis List

Prism 2	Prism 3	Feature
✓	✓	Allow links in from other applications, e.g. from a link resolver
✓	X	Allow 'harvesting' of entries by Talis List (<i>under investigation for Prism 3</i>)
		Management Information
X	✓	Option to use Google Analytics
✓	X	Logs available for statistical analysis