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BIBFRAME Support

May 2024 Linked Open Data

Alma is a multi-format system that supports BIBFRAME Works and Instances. Records in this format are seamlessly integrated into Alma's workflows, including resource management, acquisition, fulfillment, and discovery support. For detailed insights into Alma's capabilities for managing BIBFRAME records across its diverse sections and functionalities, see [BIBFRAME Support](#).

Filtering for History in User Details

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing

User history that is accessed from the History tab of the User Details page, is now filtered by default to show changes from the last 30 days. Additional filtering options are for 7 days, one year, or an unfiltered view.

Date	Field Name	Old Value	New Value
31/07/2023 IDT	Expiration date	02/10/2023	03/10/2023
31/07/2023 IDT	Purge date	01/10/2023	02/10/2023

Filter in User History

For more information see [Viewing Changes to the History Tab](#).

Lender not Assigned if Locate Fails

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing

This release introduces the **rs_do_not_send_request_when_locate_fails** configuration option, enhancing borrowing partner management. Should a borrower face technical issues locating a resource at the lender (for example, connection problems), this functionality automatically removes the lending partner from the borrowing rota to streamline the process.

111	rs_display_level_of_service	fulfillment	false	Display level of service field in getit
112	rs_do_not_send_request_when_locate_fails	fulfillment	false	Set to true to prevent requests from being sent to a lender when locate failed
113	rs_enable_lending_ship_warn_popup	fulfillment	true	Defines whether to give a warning before creating lending request from Shipp

Remove Lending Partner from Rota

For more information see [Locating Items for Resource Sharing](#).

Define whether Fees are Automatically Moved to the Patron

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing

Previously, when borrowing institution marked an item as lost, the request was changed to lost communicated and no fines and fees were applied to the lost loan. The lender received a message regarding the lost item, and they had to manually send a message with the fines and fees that would be applied to the borrowing institution. The borrowing institution had to manually add the fines and fees to the patron. Now, the borrowing library can set this automatically based on the loan terms of use (TOU), by using the **rs_use_tou_for_lost_item** parameter.

127	rs_use_new_mashup_form	fulfillment	true	
128	rs_use_tou_for_lost_item	fulfillment	false	Option to use the library loan TOU's in case of lost items
129	rs_yearly_ill_limit_start_date	fulfillment	0101	Yearly ILL Limit Start Date

Fees Automatically Moved to Patron

For more information see [Managing Lost Loans](#) and [Lost Workflow Action](#).

Improved Facets in Borrowing and Lending List

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing



Idea Exchange

A number of improvements were implemented for facets in the borrowing and lending lists. These include a search feature to find facets in the list, the ability to customize facets and also to exclude facet values in the borrowing and lending lists.

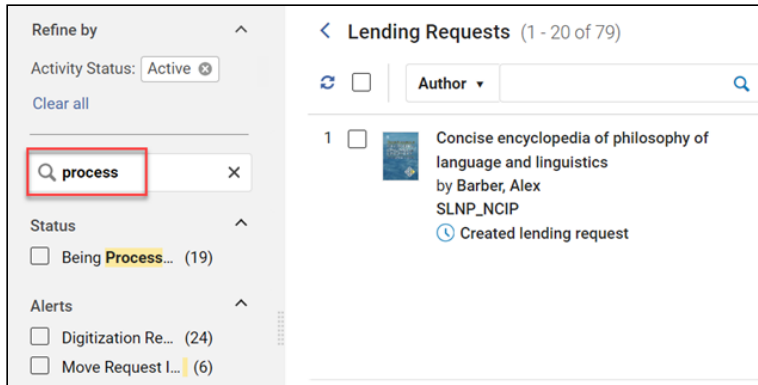
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Customize the Order and Visibility of Record Facets

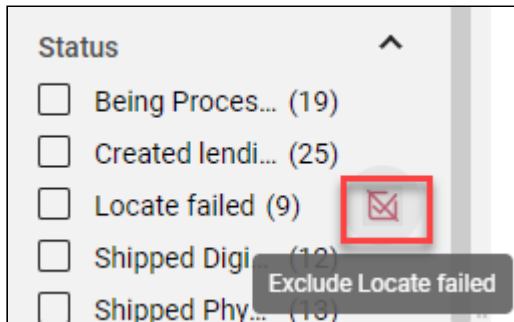
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Facets Customization



Search for Facets



Exclude Facets

For more information see [Facets](#).

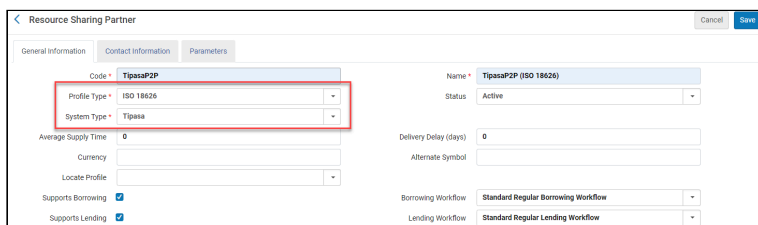
ISO 18626 Peer to Peer Communication with Tipasa/WS ILL

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing

It is now possible to set a Tipasa or WS ILL partner as a peer to peer partner using the ISO18626 setup.

Setting the Tipasa/WS ILL requires setting up the partner record in Alma with:

- The partner's symbol in the Symbol field
- The OCLC server URL
- An API Key provided by OCLC. Please contact OCLC to obtain this key.



For more information see [Tipasa, WorldShare ILL, and Relais Parameters](#).

Auto Renewal After Due Date

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing



NERS Enhancement (ID# 8345)

It is now possible to auto renew loans for which the block has been removed, even if the block was removed after the due date.

Send Courtesy Notices and Handle Loan Renewals Job

Status: Active Inactive Handle loans: Daily within range without repeating notification

Schedule: Every day at 02:00 Allow Renew for Rapidio Pods Requests

From: 2 days before due date

To: 7 days after due date

To Parameter for Loan Renewals Job

For more information see [Configuring Fulfillment Jobs](#).

Configure Translation of Letters Available for Patron Opt-In/Out in Primo

May 2024 Fulfillment and Resource Sharing

Libraries that enable patrons to use Primo to select letters for opt-in/out can now configure and translate the letter names.

Personal details

Patron group: Staff

Valid From: 2023/12/14

Telephone 1: 888-888-1200 My email: nosuchmail@no.such.mail.com

SMS Number: 888-888-1200

Additional Email Addresses:

User Roles:

Circulation Desk Operator
Biology Library

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Activity Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtesy letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Overdue Notice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loan Status letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recall letter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recall Cancellation letter

Primo Letter Opt In/Out

For more information see:

- [Configuring Display Labels for Library Notices Opt-In for Primo VE](#)
- [Configuring Display Labels for Library Notices Opt-In for Primo](#)
- [Configuring Library Notices Opt-In](#)

Homosaurus Vocabulary Added to the AlmaRefine Cloud App

May 2024 Linked Open Data

Alma has now added the linked data Homosaurus vocabulary to the AlmaRefine cloud app. This now makes it possible to reconcile against the vocabulary in Alma using AlmaRefine.

For more information on the Homosaurus vocabulary, click [here](#).

For more information on the AlmaRefine cloud app, click [here](#).

For a blog on "How to use the Alma Refine cloud app for service Homosaurus", click [here](#).

Linked Open Data Enrichment Configuration

May 2024 Linked Open Data

Organizations have the capability to customize linked data enrichment for MARC records. They have the flexibility to select the authorities they wish to enrich and designate the appropriate subfield (\$0 / \$1). Additionally, they can opt to incorporate VIAF URIs and include supplementary authorities for enrichment, such as local authorities supporting URIs. This feature empowers institutions to exercise enhanced control over the linked data enrichment process for MARC records.

Watch the [Linked Data Enrichment](#) video (2:27 mins).

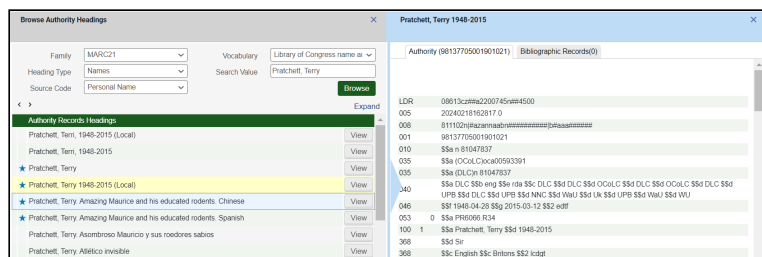
For more information, see [Linked Data Enrichment Configuration](#).

Local Authority Indication in Browse Authority Headings

May 2024 Metadata Management

Libraries that manage local authority records as part of a global vocabulary can now see if an authority record is a local record they've created. This is useful when libraries want to identify and maintain their overriding local authority records, as authority vocabularies change.

For more information, see [Adding a Local Authority Definition](#).



Local Authority Indication in Browse Authority Headings

Prominent Indication When Editing a Community Record

May 2024 Metadata Management

The Metadata Editor now prominently highlights when a record being edited is a Community Zone record. Additionally, a warning message has been incorporated to alert users before saving changes that could affect the community. This

precautionary measure is implemented to prevent librarians from inadvertently modifying a community record when their intention is to manage local information exclusively.

For more information, see [Editing Community Zone Bibliographic Records](#).

Context effects on embodied representation of language concepts [electronic resource] / Jie Yang. (992550000001017657)	
Record	10
MARC21 Bib	Community Record
LDR	00962nan##2200265#a#4500
001	992550000001017657
005	20170815170020.0
006	m#####d#####
007	cr#-n-----
008	130423s2013###enk#####ob###000#0#eng#d
020	\$\$a 1-299-40021-3
020	\$\$a 0-12-407930-X

Prominent Indication when editing a Community Record

Search by Standard Number in External Search Resources

May 2024 Metadata Management



Idea Exchange

A new field, **Standard Number**, is available for searching in Alma External Search Resources. For more information, see [Working with Search Resources in the MD Editor](#).

Note

Searching by Standard Number in External Search Resources depends on whether the Standard Number field is supported by the system that manages the search target.

Metadata Management Index Updates

New Authority Search Indexes by 885 Field

May 2024 Metadata Management



Idea Exchange

New Authority search indexes based on the content from MARC field 885 were added. The functionality of these new indexes will be fully active following the completion of semi-annual indexing in your environment.

For more information, see [MARC 21 Authority Search Index Mapping](#).

New Source of Description Note Search Index

May 2024 Metadata Management

Following completion of the semi-annual indexing, MARC21 588\$\$a will be searchable as part of a new **Source of Description Note** search index. For more information, see [MARC 21 Bibliographic All Titles Search](#).

Semi-Annual Re-indexing

May 2024 Metadata Management

During May, the semi-annual re-indexing (described in greater detail in [Updates](#)) will be run. Features or resolved issues that require re-indexing to be fully functional will be addressed by the May semi-annual re-indexing. See the list below:

- Retrieval of LOD Enriched MARC Record, see [here](#).
- BIBFRAME Records Are Now Supported in the SRU as a New Record Schema, see [here](#).
- Indexing the Full Call Number for Search and Browse, see [here](#).
- New Source of Description Note Search Index, see [here](#).
- New Authority Search Indexes by 885 Field, see [here](#).
- New "General Note" Advanced Search Option Added to the Electronic Collection Search, see [here](#).

Creating Record Versions for Changes in a Record's Management Tag

May 2024 Metadata Management



Idea Exchange

(Updated September 12, 2024) Previously, management tags like "Suppressed from discovery" were not logged in record versions, making it impossible to track when or by whom a record was suppressed or unsuppressed. With the recent update, this information will be recorded and visible in record versions. Whenever a record's management tag changes, a new version will be generated, displaying the previous tag value. Restoring a previous version will only affect the metadata, not other information on the versions page, such as cataloging level or management tags.

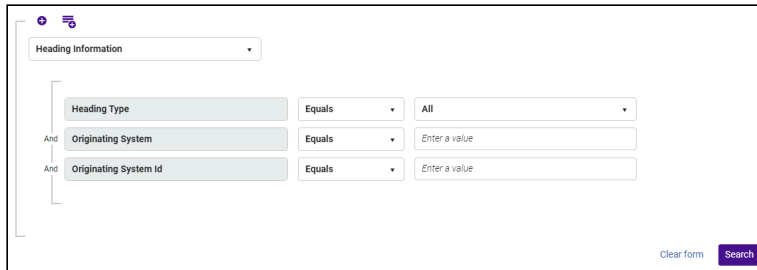
Record versions created before this update have null values for all management tags. The values for management tags will only be recorded when the record undergoes any subsequent update. Therefore, in the version created for that update, it may seem as though the user initiating the first update post-release "updated" the management tags to their existing values.

Note

Record versions for Record's Management Tags are available only for showing changes that were locally done. For seeing locally done changes for Community Zone records, select **View Versions of Original Record**.

based on their heading information linked to a specific authority record. A new option, "**All**", has been included in the **Heading Type** drop-down menu. When selected, users are prompted to specify the authority record's Originating System and Originating System ID. This enhancement enables users to retrieve all bibliographic records with headings linked to the specified authority record, irrespective of the heading type.

For more information, see [Searching in Alma > Search Fields > Heading Information](#).



Advanced Search - Heading Information

Updates to MARC21 Profile

May 2024 Metadata Management

[MARC21 update No. 37](#), December 2023 is now available for bibliographic, holdings, and authority profiles.

Physical Item Templates

May 2024 Physical Resource Management



Idea Exchange

Alma enables users to save an existing physical item as a template and utilize it when manually creating new physical items to pre-fill fields such as notes, item policy, material type, temporary location, and so forth.

The template will encompass all the item's details except for Barcode, Inventory number, Pattern information, Process type, At (request department), Item call number prefix/suffix, and Temporary call number prefix.

Adding a new item from a template is accessible in a holdings' items list and during the editing of a holdings record in the Metadata editor. The new item will open as a draft, enabling the operator to make necessary adjustments before saving.

Watch the [Item Templates](#) video (3:23 mins).

Note

Note that content indicators on the tabs only appear after the item is saved, not in draft mode.

Furthermore, you can select a template to use in the Add Physical Item quick cataloging form, that automatically populates the item created by that form with the template's data.

Note

Once an operator selects a template to work with, Alma remembers the selection for the user, reducing the need to select a template repeatedly, unless there's a change in the types of items being created.

This functionality is particularly beneficial for physical inventory operators who frequently create similar items, streamlining the item creation process and enhancing efficiency.

For more information:

- Quick Cataloging - use an item template when manually adding a physical item, see [Working with Items > Adding a Physical Item to an Existing Title](#).
- Item List - manually adding an item from the holdings' items list and applying a template, see [Working with Items > Working with the List of Items](#).
- Metadata Editor - add an item record to the holdings record by using a template, see [Add Item from Template](#).

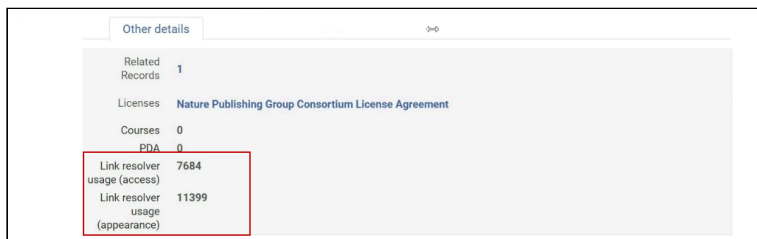
Option to Disable the **Link Resolver Usage** Indication in Search Results and in the Overlap Analysis Tool

May 2024 Electronic Resource Management

Alma has added a customer parameter (**allow_link_resolver_usage_indications**) in **Configuration > Resources > Other settings** that allows users to disable the Link Resolver Usage indication in search results and in the Overlap Analysis tool. The default value for the customer parameter is set to **true**. When set to **true**, data about "link resolver usage" indication in search results and the Overlap Analysis tool is available. When set to **false**, data about "link resolver usage" in search results and the Overlap Analysis tool will not be available.

For more information, see:

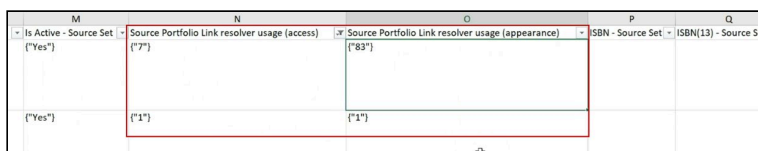
- For customer parameter information, see [Configuring Other Settings \(Resource Management\)](#).
- For a general description on the way Link Resolver Usage is calculated, see [Link Resolver Usage](#).



The screenshot shows a 'Other details' panel with the following data:

Related Records	1
Licenses	Nature Publishing Group Consortium License Agreement
Courses	0
PDA	0
Link resolver usage (access)	7684
Link resolver usage (appearance)	11399

Link Resolver Usage in Search Results



The screenshot shows a search results table with the following columns and data:

M	N	O	P	Q
- Is Active - Source Set {"Yes"}	- Source Portfolio Link resolver usage (access) {"7"}	- Source Portfolio Link resolver usage (appearance) {"83"}	- SBN - Source Set	- ISBN(13) - Source Set
["Yes"]	["1"]	["1"]		

Link Resolver Usage indication in Overlap Analysis

Automatic Upload Electronic Holdings Updates

Automatic Upload Electronic Holdings from JSTOR (Books)

May 2024 Electronic Resource Management

The Automatic Upload of Electronic Holdings feature empowers libraries to effortlessly refresh their JSTOR Books holdings. Upon activation, this functionality automatically retrieves a file containing your holdings data from the JSTOR platform in a standardized format. Subsequently, it seamlessly updates your holdings within the JSTOR collection. This integration streamlines the process, eliminating the necessity for manual updates in response to changes made on the JSTOR side.

For more information, see [Upload Electronic Holdings from JSTOR](#).

Automatic Upload Electronic Holdings from Preselect

May 2024 Electronic Resource Management



Idea Exchange

Automatic Upload of Electronic Holdings enables libraries to update their holdings within the Preselect collection. Once enabled, the process automatically downloads a KBART formatted holdings file from Preselect, uploads the file and updates your holdings in the Preselect collection. This integration will save users the need to manually update the portfolios that were updated on the Preselect side.

For more information, see [Upload Electronic Books Holdings from Preselect](#).

Automatic Upload of Electronic Holdings from Project Muse Now Includes Gratis Content

May 2024 Electronic Resource Management

Up until now, the automated upload of electronic holdings on Project Muse has featured purchased material as part of the books integration and a mix of purchase and gratis material in the journals integration. With the latest May release, both books and journals now incorporate both purchased and gratis material.

For more information, see [Upload Electronic Holdings from Project MUSE](#).

Automatic Upload of Electronic Holdings from Taylor & Francis is Now Based on Unique ID

May 2024 Electronic Resource Management

The autoholdings process matches titles based on ISSN/ISBN. Occasionally, the collection contains multiple portfolios with the same ISBN/ISSN, for various reasons such as different versions (For example, main and supplement). Currently, in the event of a multi-match, the relevant portfolio (or both) must be activated manually. This action is a one-time requirement; subsequent runs of the autoholdings job will not remove these portfolios.

With the May 2024 release, Taylor & Francis autoholdings transitioned from ISSN/ISBN matching to a unique key matching approach. This change aims to decrease instances of multi-match situations and enhance the automation of

the autoholdings process.

Note

Please note that the change was done in both the books and journals for Taylor & Francis autoholdings integrations.

In upcoming releases, we plan to extend this approach to additional providers.

New **General Note** Advanced Search Option Added to the Electronic Collection Search

May 2024 Electronic Resource Management



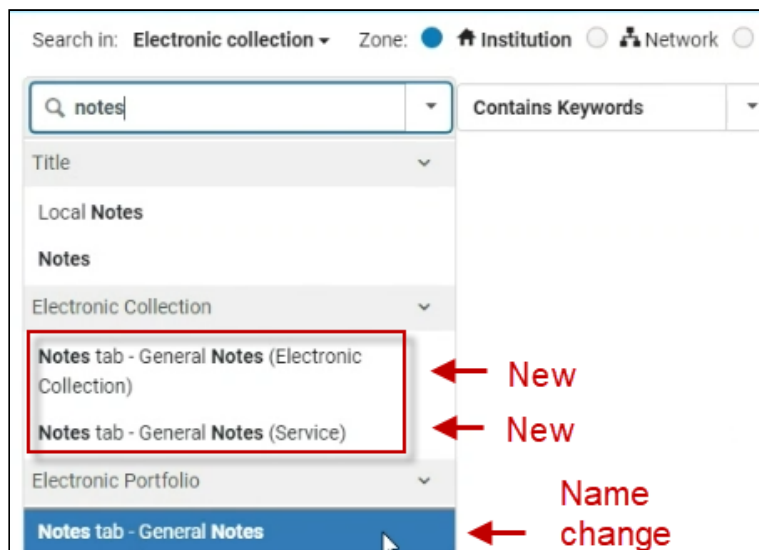
Idea Exchange

This feature will be gradually available during the release as it requires indexing of the collections and services. The search indexes will appear but the result may not reflect the actual status during the first few days of the release.

Two new advanced search options were added to the Electronic Collection Advanced search option:

- Notes tab - General Notes (Electronic Collection)
- Notes tab - General Notes (Service)

These two new options enable users to locate text populated within the "General Notes" section (under the "Notes" tab) for both Electronic Collection and Service.



Notes Tab in Electronic Collections

Note

The name of the existing "Notes tab" search index, which resides under the Electronic portfolio advanced search, was modified to "Notes tab - General Notes" to be consistent with the two new search indexes. This name change has no other implications and the search index will keep functioning as it did.

For more information, see [Search Indexes > Electronic Collections](#).

Digital Titles No Longer Require Collections

May 2024 Digital Resource Management

The requirement for digital titles to be part of a collection is now optional. If you want your institution to be able to create and maintain digital titles without them being part of a collection, contact Ex Libris Support to enable this feature.

MODS Schema Now Available for Metadata Forms

May 2024 Digital Resource Management



Idea Exchange

Forms consists of a template of fields to be used when creating digital titles. You can now create forms based on the MODS metadata schema. For more information, see [Working with Forms](#).

Multi-Language Captions Now Available

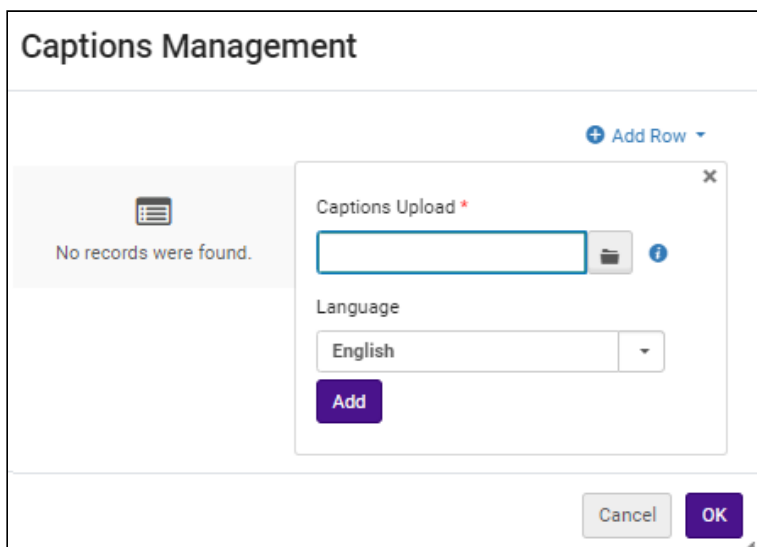
May 2024 Digital Resource Management



Idea Exchange

You can now configure captions in multiple languages for video files. To support this feature, the following enhancements were made:

- The Captions Management dialog box that appears when selecting **Captions** for a video file was enhanced. It now allows the uploading of multiple caption files and a drop-down list of languages, so you can assign a language to the captions file.

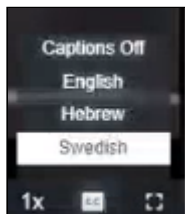


Captions Management

Note

You can configure only one captions file per language.

- When adding files to a representation, you can include multiple files with different language extensions, such as `captions.vtt.en`, `captions.vtt.fr`, and so on. Alma allows you to select from the various caption languages in the supported viewers.
- The Digital Viewer and Universal Viewer support multi-language captions. When viewing a video file, select the language of the captions you want by selecting the closed captions icon at the bottom of the viewer.



Captions Language

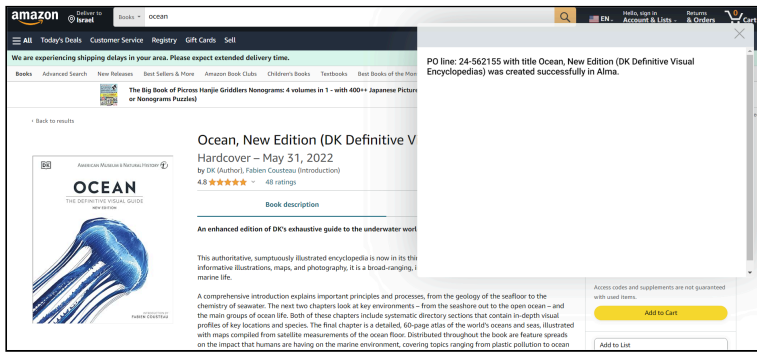
For more information, see [Managing Digital Files from the Digital Representation Resource Editor](#) and [The New Digital Viewer](#).

Quick Ordering from Amazon

May 2024 Acquisitions

Previously, when ordering a resource from Amazon, users needed to access Alma in order to record the order information. Now with the new Order It! browser add-on, the user can easily create the order automatically in Alma directly from Amazon.

Watch the [Order It!](#) video (2:47 mins).



For more information see [Ordering from Amazon with the Order It! Plugin](#).

Permanently Delete Licenses in Alma

May 2024 Acquisitions



Idea Exchange

From now, the **Delete** action will permanently delete a license from Alma. In addition, the **Deactivate** action was added, enabling the user to keep such licenses in the list, with the new "Inactive" status. The **Activate** action was added to licenses in the Inactive status, enabling users to quickly set the license to the Active status. Previously deleted licenses which up until today had the "Deleted" status, will now have the "Inactive" status.

Watch the [Delete Licenses](#) video (1:19 mins).

ID	License Name	License ID	License	Engine	Status	Accepted	Start	End	Actions
51	All former License	13103	License	OXFORD	Accepted	01/06/2012	-	-	Edit
52	Admission and Transfer License for Institutional Subscribers	13303	License	OXFORD	Inactive	01/06/2012	-	-	Edit, Create amendment, Duplicate
53	African Affairs License	13090	License	OXFORD	Retired	01/06/2012	-	-	Print License, Deactivate, Delete
54	Agreement for the Joint Project between the Institute of History and Philology, Academia Sinica	13312	License	HFAS	Retired	02/06/2012	-	-	Print License, Deactivate, Delete
55	AMA Multi-Year Terms and Conditions (HealthCare Guidelines)	13333	License	AMWSP	Active	01/06/2012	-	-	Print License, Deactivate, Delete

Deactivate License

If a shared license was distributed to members and was then deleted in in the network institution, it will be 'detached' from the network institution and will continue to be managed locally in the member institution. For more information, see [Managing Licenses and Amendments](#).

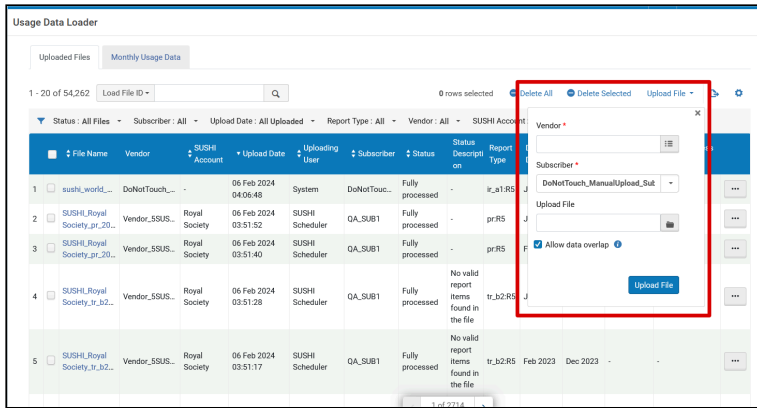
The delete license API will continue to function as today by default. The only difference is that instead of setting licenses to the "Deleted" status it will change them to "Inactive". A new query parameter was added: <permanent delete>. It is set to false by default. When true, it permanently deletes the license from Alma.

For more information, see the [Developer Network](#).

Improvement to Usage Report Performance

May 2024 Acquisitions

COUNTER files are now manually loaded by a background job in order to improve the performance and avoid timeouts.



Upload COUNTER File

In addition, the **Allow data overlap** checkbox was added to give users more flexibility for handling cases of overlap between data in the system and in the uploaded file. When checked, existing data in the system will be overwritten with data from the uploaded file. When not checked, if there is data duplication, the entire file will be ignored i.e., it will not be uploaded. For more information see [Managing COUNTER-Compliant Usage Data](#).

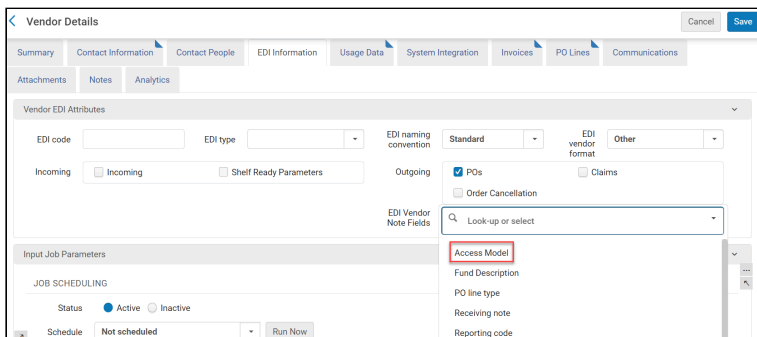
Enhancements for Sending POL Information with EDIs

May 2024 Acquisitions



Idea Exchange

When sending the **Quantity for pricing** for electronic PO Lines, instead of sending the value of 1 by default, the actual quantity in the PO line is sent. In addition, in the **EDI Vendor Note Fields** drop down list, the Access Model now appears as an option that can be selected for sending with the EDI.



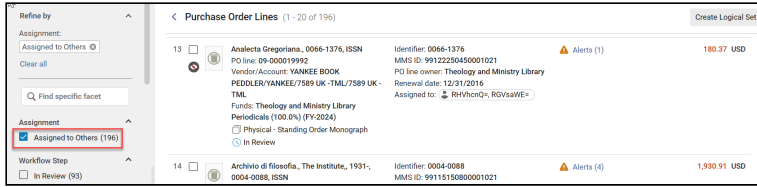
Access Model for EDI

For more information on working with EDI in acquisitions see [Electronic Data Interchange](#).

View PO Lines that are Assigned to Others

May 2024 Acquisitions

Users with the Purchasing Operator role can now view PO Lines that are assigned to others. Note that users with this role will not be able to edit or take any action on such orders - only viewing is enabled.



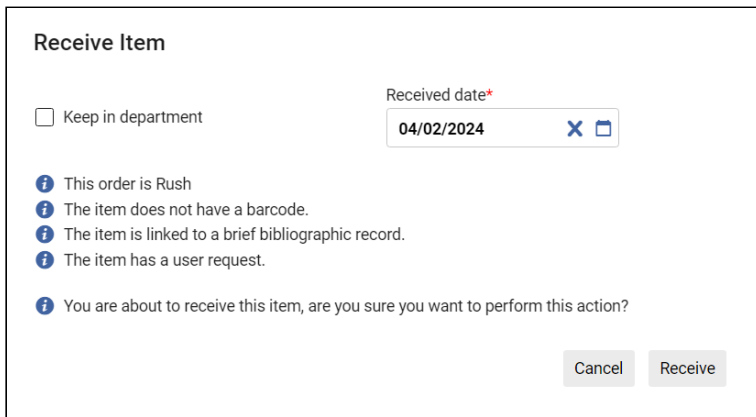
Assigned to Others PO Lines

See [Reviewing PO Lines](#) for more information.

Enhancements when Receiving from PO Line

May 2024 Acquisitions

When performing the Receive action in the PO line for Ordered Items, in the dialog box that appears, the receiving alerts now display.



Receive Items

In addition, the **Item Call Number** field was added to the Ordered Items table (disabled by default).

Library	Location	Call Number	Item Call Number	Barcode	Availability	Item Policy	Item Description	Receiving Date
1 Central Library	Main	PZ8.3.R1463 B 2019	100200300	3903103572	Received			08/10/2020

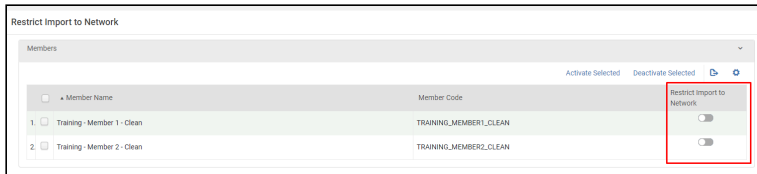
Item Call Number

For more information see [Receiving Physical Material](#).

Consortia Import Permission Per Member

May 2024 Collaborative Networks

The Consortia administrator now can control which member can import records into the Network Zone repository. For more information, see [Selecting Where to Create New Bibliographic Records](#).



Restrict Import to Network Zone

Restrict Deletion of Network Zone Bibliographic Records with Related Records and/or Local Extensions

May 2024 Collaborative Networks

The Consortia central office holds the authority to manage the deletion of Network Zone Bibliographic records and decide what would be the behavior in various cases. For example, when the records have related records and/or local extensions, the deletion of such records can be either blocked or a warning message is triggered to the operator.

For more information, see [Restrict Deletion of Network Zone Bibliographic Records with Related Records and/or Local Extensions](#).

Support Parallel Work in Multiple Tabs in Internet-Browser

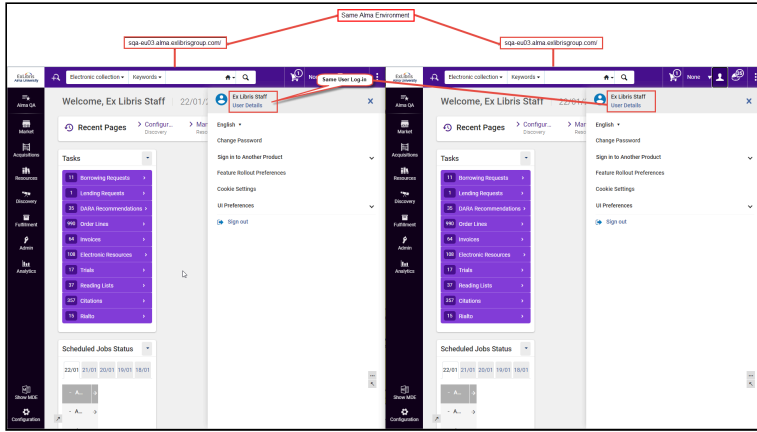
May 2024 User Experience, Accessibility & Infrastructure

Alma introduces a new feature that enables users to open and login to the same Alma environment through multiple tabs. This improvement enhances productivity and efficiency by enabling users to simultaneously work on multiple workflows, for example, open records in distinct internet browser tabs, facilitating seamless copying of information between tabs and performing various tasks or workflows concurrently.

With the multi-tab capability, each browser tab is assigned a random ID, serving as a unique suffix for the corresponding session entries. This advancement facilitates the simultaneous operation of the same Alma session across multiple internet browser tabs. A user can now open and login to the same Alma environment in two or more tabs and work concurrently without one tab impacting the others.

- Multiple tabs functionality **ONLY** works if multiple browser tabs are opened for the same:
 - Alma environment
 - Logged-in user account
- An Alma session opened from "**Open in a new tab**", e.g. Opening a new tab in the browser by right-clicking a function in the Alma UI and selecting "Open in a new tab" will not work. Users will receive a "block" message.
- Trying to sign in as different users of the same institution simultaneously from the same internet browser (through different tabs of the internet browser on the same computer) – will not work (the last signed-in user will override the user in the other tab(s)).

For more information, see [Alma Environment Multi Tabs](#).



Multiple open browser tabs on an Alma session

Scheduling Support for Manual Jobs (Run a Job)

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Idea Exchange



NERS Enhancement (ID #8373)

Manual tasks necessitate the direct intervention of a user for execution. Tasks may need to be performed at a later time, potentially during the evening or even at night. Similarly, there is a demand for clients to schedule routine job runs, whether on a weekly, monthly, or other recurring basis.

Note

When scheduling a manual job, the scheduled time is the time where the job run is triggered, and the actual run may start later (depending on system resources).

Alma now implements a new scheduler that users can proactively schedule jobs, whether they are periodic tasks or one-time operations. This feature enables jobs to be executed automatically, accommodating scenarios where tasks need to be performed outside regular working hours or when a staff member is unavailable to execute them manually. This scheduling enhancement is applied to all manual jobs that can be run via **Admin > Manage Jobs and Sets > Run a Job**. The Schedule form has been added to the last step of the 'Run a Job' wizard. For more information on the Schedule section of the 'Run a Job' wizard, see [Manual Jobs](#).

Schedule

SCHEDULE THE JOB TO RUN REGULARLY WITH THESE PARAMETERS ⓘ

Frequency Hourly Daily Weekly Monthly Once Run Now

Every day(s)

Next run on Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

At

Schedule Name

Schedule Manual Jobs Form

The scheduled manual jobs are displayed in the newly added **Scheduled Manual Jobs** tab (**Admin > Manage Jobs and Sets > Monitor Jobs > Scheduled Manual Jobs**). This list enables users to manage the scheduled jobs, edit the schedule, delete the schedule and so forth. For more information on the Scheduled Manual Jobs tab, see [Scheduled Jobs](#).

Active	Schedule Name	Job	Content Type	Set Name	Creator	Schedule	Next Run
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Update/Notify Users - Users set - Scheduled	Update/Notify Users	User	Users set	exLmpl	Every 1 month(s) on day 15 at 10:00	15/02/2024 10:00:00 IST
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Update PO Lines Interested Users - Orders set - Scheduled	Update PO Lines Interested Users	Purchase order line	Orders set	exLmpl	Every 2 week(s) on Monday at 10:00	12/02/2024 10:00:00 IST

Scheduled Manual Jobs

Sorting of Facets

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Alma introduces alphabetical sorting for facets, providing enhanced organization.

Alert
<input type="checkbox"/> At least one o... (3784)
<input type="checkbox"/> Created from i... (339)
<input type="checkbox"/> Duplicate acti... (3812)
+ More (19)

Purchase Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Access Service -... (14)
<input type="checkbox"/> Database - One... (175)
<input type="checkbox"/> Database - Sub... (399)
+ More (27)

Vendor
<input type="checkbox"/> 2SIMPLEUSA INC. (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> 52 WOMEN (2)
<input type="checkbox"/> 5MTL.COM (5)
+ More (4872)

Facets

Notably, the unified PO Lines list maintains its existing sorting for specific facets.

- Workflow step
- Creation date
- Sent date
- Renewal date

- Reporting code

Additionally, the "Library" facet within the physical holdings search retains its current configuration, ensuring that institutions configured to showcase their library first will continue to experience this feature as before.

For more information see [Using Facets to Refine Search Results](#).

"Hebrew Fuzzy Search" Added to Alma Menu Search Bar

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Expanding the functionality of the Alma search menu to include "smart" search capabilities in Hebrew. Historically, this feature has exclusively supported English. However, beginning in May 2024, it will also be extended to the Hebrew interface. Consequently, the search functionality will now offer suggestions for synonyms, interchangeable terms, and even assist with simple spelling errors. This improvement enhances user navigation, simplifying the process of locating items within the Alma Hebrew search menu.

Manage Sets Updates

Manage Sets - Toggle Active/Inactive Set in Record View and Bulk Action

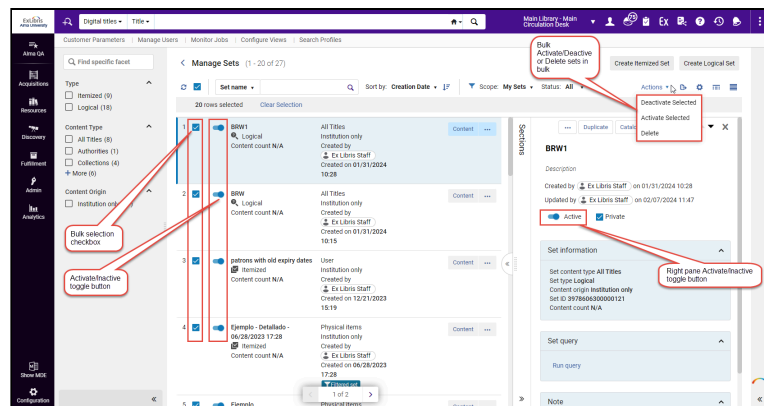
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Currently, the existing active/inactive parameter of managing sets within the record list-view is currently restricted to read-only access. Users are required to access the right panel, navigate to the set details form, and modify the status to effect any changes.

Alma now enables the 'Active/Inactive' parameter editable directly within the record list-view. Users are able to manage the status seamlessly from both the record list-view and the dedicated details section in the right panel. This enhancement is applicable to both List and Grid views.

Furthermore, the feature extends to support of bulk actions, allowing users to perform 'Activate Selected' or 'De-Activate Selected' for multiple sets selected.

For more information, see [Managing Search Queries and Sets](#).

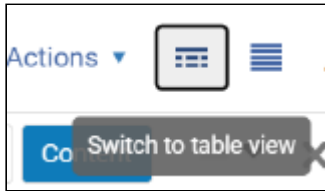


Activate-Deactivate sets in Record list and Details section

Manage Sets - Implement Grid Table View

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Alma now presents the manage sets record list in a grid table view. The outcome is a user-friendly interface that enables users to seamlessly toggle between the existing List view and the new Grid view.



List-Grid View Toggle Button

This toggle-view option empowers users to select between List and Grid views for the record display. Consistency is maintained with the List view through the inclusion of facets, search functionality, filters, and sorting options in the Grid view. Each row in the Grid view features a selection box, aligning with the existing support for bulk Delete actions.

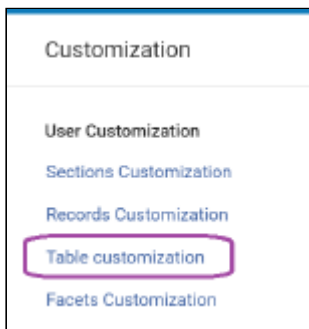
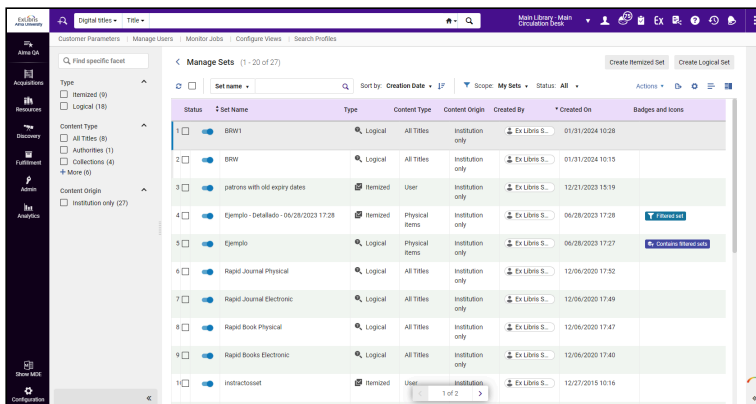


Table Customization

This implementation enhances user flexibility and engagement by offering a dynamic and comprehensive view of the record list.

For more information, see [Manage Sets Toolbar](#) and [Manage Sets List Customization](#).



Grid View - Manage Sets

Manage Sets - Implement Quick Access

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Alma empowers users with the ability to efficiently search and concentrate on specific form fields by introducing a dedicated **"Quick Access"** module. This module is accessible exclusively when operating in the Manage Sets side-by-side mode, as opposed to the list view.

Note

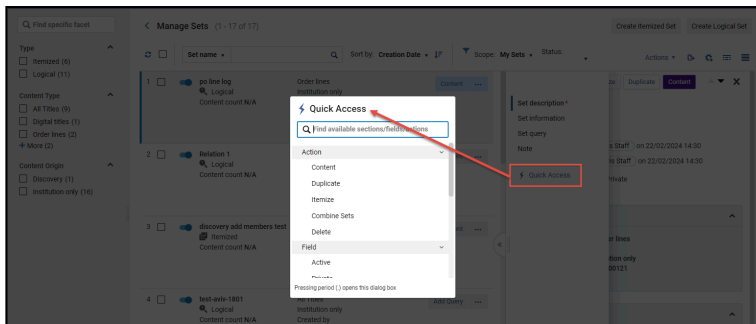
The Quick Access functionality will be gradually implemented in additional list pages that support the side-by-side mode.

Functionality within the module extends to conducting searches for sections, fields, and actions within the form. Users can initiate the module through two distinct methods:

- By utilizing the keyboard shortcut (period '.') or
- By selecting the last link labeled "Quick Access" situated below the sections links in the side menu section.

These access points provide users with streamlined and intuitive means to engage with the form-focused search module.

For more information, see [Quick Access Module](#).



Quick Access Module

Support for OpenID Connect for Authentication Self Registration

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OIDC based authentication facilitates self-registration, driven by the settings configured in the integration profile. This includes ongoing support for self-registration and updates using this authentication method.

For more information, see [OpenID Connect](#) in the Developers Network.

Add Countries to Country List

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Institutions can now add or remove countries from the country list. For more information, see [Countries](#).

Enabled	Code	Description	Translation	Default Value	Updated By	Last Updated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ESP	Spain	Spain	<input type="radio"/>	ext_lmpl	02/29/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHE	Switzerland	Switzerland	<input type="radio"/>	ext_lmpl	02/29/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SYR	Syria	Syria	<input type="radio"/>	ext_lmpl	02/29/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TWN	Taiwan	Taiwan	<input type="radio"/>	ext_lmpl	02/29/2024
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LKA	Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka	<input type="radio"/>	ext_lmpl	02/29/2024

Country Codes screen

Support Filter by Enabled/Disabled Rows in Mapping and Code Tables

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Alma introduces a new **"Enabled"** filter in all relevant Mapping and Code Tables that incorporate enabled/disabled fields. The filter enables users to display **All**, **Enabled (Yes)** or **Disabled (No)** values. When filtering a table list, only lines within the relevant scope will be displayed. For instance, If the list is currently filtered by 'Disabled' and the user enables a line, the list will refresh to remove the recently enabled line. The same applies vice-versa if the list is filtered by 'Enabled'.

For more information, see [Code Tables](#) and [Mapping Tables](#).

Springshare Integration with Alma

May 2024 Analytics and Insights

Alma Analytics now offers integration with Springshare Gate Counts and Reference data. This allows you to display LibInsights information in Alma Analytics reports.

To support this feature, the following enhancements were made:

- The new **Springshare Integration Profile** is now available to enable Alma to import data from the Springshare API.
- The new **Import Data from Springshare** job is available that imports the data from Springshare when the integration profile is configured.
- In Alma Analytics:
 - The new **External Vendor Data** subject area is now available, which allows you to create reports that display information imported from Springshare LibInsights concerning Gate Counts and References. For more information, see [External Vendor Data](#).
 - The **Library Services to Individuals** and **Gate Counts** tabs were added to the ACRL and IPEDS dashboard. They display reports of the number of library services provided to patrons by method and the number of individuals entering or leaving the library, respectively. For more information, see [ACRL and IPEDS Dashboard](#).

For more information concerning Springshare Integration with Alma, see [Springshare Integration](#).

New Limited Design Analytics Roles

May 2024 Analytics and Insights

New design analytics roles are now available that give the user access to specific subject areas only. With these roles, administrators can limit users to view only the subject areas that are within their responsibility. All reports, both those in the catalog and those in the Shared with me area, are visible to users with the limited roles, but only ones in the subject areas

to which they have access run successfully.

The new roles are the following:

- **Designs Analytics – Fulfillment:** limits access to the API Usage, Analytics Objects, Analytics Usage Tracking, Borrowing Requests, Course Reserves, DARA, Fines and Fees, Fulfillment, Lending Requests, Local Authorities, Requests, Resource Sharing, System Events, Title, and Users subject areas.
- **Designs Analytics – Resources:** limits access to the Analytics Objects, Analytics Usage Tracking, API Usage, DARA, Digital Inventory, Digital Usage, Digital Waitlist, E-Inventory, Licenses, Link Resolver Usage, Local Authorities, Physical Items Historical Events, Physical Items, System Events, Title, and Users subject areas.
- **Designs Analytics – Acquisition:** limits access to the Purchase Requests, Analytics Objects, Analytics Usage Tracking, API Usage, DARA, Funds Expenditure, Local Authorities, System Events, Title, Usage Data (COUNTER), and Users subject areas.

Note

To enable these roles, set the `support_partial_analytics_designer` parameter ([Configuration > Analytics > General Configuration > Other Settings](#)) to `true`.

For more information on Design Analytics roles, see [Design Analytics Roles](#).

Limited Anonymization of Report Details

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Report details can be anonymized to protect patrons' privacy. Besides the option for anonymization of all user details, there is now an option to anonymize all user details, except for the following which remain visible in reports. This hides patron information while leaving information regarding library staff activities visible.

The following fields in the Users subject area:

- User Details > First Name
- User Details > Last Name
- User Details > Primary Identifier
- Email > Email

The fields in the following dimensions:

- Analytics Objects > Created by
- Analytics Usage Tracking > User Details
- Borrowing Requests > Assigned to
- Course Reserves > Librarian
- DARA > Assigned to
- DARA > Modified by
- E-Inventory > Electronic Collection PO Line Approver
- E-Inventory > Portfolio PO Line Approver
- Fines and Fees > Staff Operator Details
- Fulfillment > Loan Operator Details
- Fulfillment > Return Operator Details
- Funds Expenditure > PO Line Approver

- Lending Requests > Assigned to
- Physical Items > PO Line Approver
- Physical items > Receiving Operator
- Purchase Requests > PO Line Approver
- Purchase Requests > Purchase Request Approver
- Purchase Requests > Purchase Request Assigned To
- Purchase Requests > Purchase Request Creator
- Purchase Requests > Purchase Request Modified By

For more information, see [Anonymizing Analytics Report Details](#).

Note

To have anonymization configured, contact Ex Libris Support.
