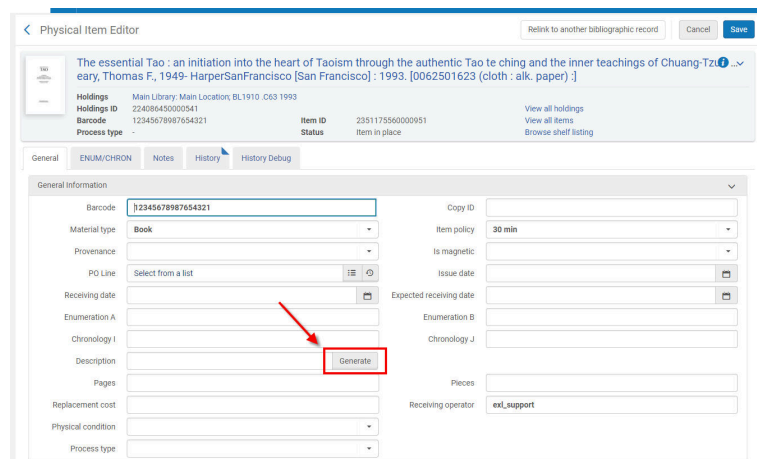


## 'Generate' button functionality in the Physical Item Editor

- **Product:** Alma

### Question

What is the purpose and functionality of the "Generate" button (seen in the Physical Item Editor)?



The screenshot shows the 'Physical Item Editor' interface. At the top, there is a title bar with a back arrow, the text 'Physical Item Editor', and buttons for 'Relink to another bibliographic record', 'Cancel', and 'Save'. Below the title bar, there is a header section with the item title: 'The essential Tao : an initiation into the heart of Taoism through the authentic Tao te ching and the inner teachings of Chuang-Tzu...'. Below the title, there are fields for 'Holdings ID', 'Barcode', 'Process type', 'Item ID', and 'Status'. The 'General' tab is selected, and the 'General Information' section is visible. In the 'Description' field, a red box highlights a 'Generate' button, with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Other fields in the 'General Information' section include 'Barcode', 'Material type', 'Provenance', 'PO Line', 'Receiving date', 'Enumeration A', 'Chronology I', 'Pages', 'Replacement cost', 'Physical condition', 'Process type', 'Copy ID', 'Item policy', 'Is magnetic', 'Issue date', 'Expected receiving date', 'Enumeration B', 'Chronology J', 'Pieces', and 'Receiving operator'.

### Answer

This button automatically populates the 'Description' field of the physical item, based on the values in the Chronology and Enumeration fields and the formatting defined in the relevant Description Template.

Staff can generate the description manually while editing the item or automatically when saving the item.

### Additional Information

Description Templates are configured in Configuration > Resources > General > Description Templates.

More detailed information about configuring Description Templates is available here: [Configuring Description Templates](#)

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