
How often should Aleph be shut down/restarted?

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Question

After moving to a backup method (TSM backup along with Oracle RMAN) that does not require weekly cold backups, there is no need to shut down the database periodically. Given which, is there a need to run `aleph_shutdown/aleph_startup` with any particular frequency?

Answer

There is no official Ex Libris recommendation in this regard, but, since the server and the daemon logs can get very large and unwieldy, and since certain problems can be exacerbated by leaving the processes running for days or weeks, nightly, or at least weekly, restarts of the `www_` and `pc_server`'s (see KB 16384-14609: "How often should the `www_server` and `pc_server` be restarted") and a monthly run of `aleph_shutdown/aleph_startup` to clear out the other servers, the `ue` daemons and the `lib_batch` processes, are informally recommended.

If no backup / restart of Oracle is being done as part of this, the `aleph_shutdown` and `aleph_startup` take no more than 5-10 minutes.

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