
Multiple z303, z304, and z308 tables in multi-ADM environment?

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Question

Is it possible to have z303 (global patron), z304 (patron address), and z308 (patron ID) records in the ADM library in a multi-ADM environment? {The document "ExL_Shared_System_Recommended_Model (2006)", on page 11 states that "Non-shared patrons have separate global records for each institution in which they are registered".}

Answer

No. There is only one Z303, one Z304, and one Z308. The one occurrence of each of these tables is in the \$usr_library. For example, the z303.pdf doc says: "The Z303 table must be included in the file_list of the library defined for the usr_library [of which there is only one] variable of the aleph_start file"

Additional Information

The \$data_tab tab100 header says this about USER-SHARING:

Y = The library participates in a shared user environment; patrons created by this library are NOT identified in the user record (Z303-USER-LIBRARY is blank), and will display in the Patron List when a staff operator is connected to ANY library that is defined as "Y"; patrons that are identified as "belonging" to a library (Z303-USER-LIBRARY=an ADM library code) are NOT included in the Patron List.
<end tab100 USER-SHARING entry>

This means, with an ADM library "STU50", that when USER-SHARING = "N" the:

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Z303-USER-LIBRARY = STU50
Z305-SUB-LIBRARY = STU50
Z308-USER-LIBRARY = STU50
Z353-USER-LIBRARY= STU50
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When USER-SHARING = "Y" the:

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Z303-USER-LIBRARY, Z308-USER-LIBRARY, and Z353-USER-LIBRARY should be blank; and Z305-SUB-LIBRARY = ALEPH.
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Thus, USER-SHARING plays no role in how many z303/z304/z308 libraries there are; there is always just one of each and it is in the \$usr_library.

What USER-SHARING *is* determining is the value of the z303_user_library column and the Z308-USER-LIBRARY and

Z353-USER-LIBRARY fields (which are components of the z308 and z353) record keys: whether they should be blank or be the ADM library.

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