
Format of Z39.50 server OPAC “availabilityDate

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Description:

Is there a way to configure the date format in the Z39.50 server OPAC “availabilityDate”? Ours now shows this format “Jan/09/2012’ and a vendor we work with is expecting the traditional “9/01/2012”.

Resolution:

This seems to be controlled by the value of the `date_style_s` environment variable.

As described in SKB 8192-9002, the `date_style_s` can be in the `pc_server_defaults` where it will take precedence over the `date_style_s` value in `aleph_start`.

Thus, you could have a different setting for the Web vs the GUI (--and the `z39_server`).

For details on `date_style_s` and `date_style_f` values, consult the "Aleph System Librarian's Guide - General". “25/01/2012” format would be `date_style_s 12`. (d/m/y with century)

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