
Search Indexes

Available Search Indexes

When you search the Alma repository, indexing provides easy access to the information for which you are searching. See the following pages for details regarding the available indexes:

- [MARC 21 Search Indexes](#)
- [BIBFRAME Search Indexes](#)
- [UNIMARC Search Indexes](#)
- [CNMARC Search Indexes](#)
- [GND Search Indexes](#)
- [Dublin Core Search Indexes](#)
- [Classification Search Indexes](#)

All Titles and standard authority searches extract text from a field's subfields according to the alphabetical order of the subfields.

Searchable Fields Lists

For your reference, see the following lists of searchable fields:

- [Electronic Collections](#)
- [Electronic Portfolios](#)
- [Holdings](#)
- [Physical Items](#)
- [Authorities](#)

Updates

Every six months, Ex Libris reindexes all inventory data in order to enhance Alma's search mechanism. The semi-annual reindexing generally starts in May and November and finishes in July and January (completion times can vary from institution to institution). The process always starts a day or two after the respective release and takes some number of days for each institution. Since the reindexing job is triggered gradually, institution by institution, the full process may take up to two months. It is recommended that you start testing indexing fixes or any new features that depend on reindexing after the reindexing job is completed as shown in the Alma Help menu.

Note

The **Full Inventory Indexing Job** is visible to Admin Users from the link in the **Help** menu, but not from the **Job History**.

Searchable Fields

The following sections highlight the searchable fields for electronic collections, portfolios, holdings, and physical items.

Electronic Collections

The following fields are Electronic Collection searchable fields:

- Electronic collection name – includes the electronic collection's **Public name**, **Public name (override)**, and **Alternative title** fields
- Electronic collection content type – this search option is currently not supported
- Title – the search is performed on the Title index of the bibliographic record. This means that the result appears both if the electronic collection is related to the bibliographic record or if the bib record that matches the title search is included in one of the portfolios of that collection.
- Crossref enabled
- Collection PO line ID
- Creation date
- Modification date
- Activate from
- Activate to
- Free
- Authentication note (Electronic Collection)
- Public note (Electronic Collection)
- Internal Description (Electronic Collection)
- Service authentication note
- Proxy enabled
- Availability
- Electronic collection PID — searches an internal field
- License ID
- Linking level
- Title service PID — searches an internal field
- Notes tab — General Notes (Electronic Collection) — enables users to locate text populated within the "General Notes" section for Electronic Collections.
- Notes tab — General Notes (Service) — enables users to locate text populated within the "General Notes" section for Service.
- Service type
- Electronic collection type
- Creator name
- Language
- Category

- Collection Available for group
 - Collection Available explicitly for group
 - Collection available for
 - Collection available explicitly for
 - Interface name
 - Library
 - Proxy name
 - Available for CDI search activation
 - Provider coverage
 - CDI Collection ID
 - CDI Fulltext Linking
 - CDI Fulltext Rights
 - CDI Newspapers
 - CDI Search Rights
 - CDI-only full text activation
 - CDI Suppress full text
 - CDI Activation required (This search field is visible for EasyActive customers only)
 - CDI Provider Coverage
 - CDI Type (Alma subscribes to only some titles in this collection)
 - Provider Collection ID
 - Provider Collection Name
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Note

- The **Provider Collection Name** and **Provider Collection ID** fields are only visible if the data exists and was shared by the provider with Ex Libris.
 - The data presented in these fields is presented exactly as passed to Ex Libris by the provider (the **Provider Collection ID** is not presented in cases where it was not passed to Ex Libris by the provider).
 - There are cases where the provider only shared their collection name but not the collection ID.
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Note

The Provider Collection Name/ID can only be updated by the Alma Content team

When a search is done that uses **Electronic collection**, the search process checks the keywords on both the electronic collection level and the portfolio level for the selected index. This is true for all indexes that aren't specifically labeled as being electronic collection or portfolio. For example, when you search using **Electronic collection** and select **Title**, the search process checks both the electronic collection level and the portfolio level for a match.

Electronic Portfolios

The following fields are Electronic Portfolio searchable fields:

- Notes tab - General Notes
- Proxy enabled
- Access Rights (Electronic Portfolio)
- Available for
- Available for group
- Available explicitly for
- Available explicitly for group
- Interface Name

Note

The **Interface Name (Electronic Portfolio)** subindex is only relevant for standalone portfolios. For portfolios, under an E-collection, the correct index to use is **Interface Name**.

- Internal Description (Electronic Portfolio)
- Proxy name
- URL
- Authentication note (Electronic Portfolio)
- Public note (Electronic Portfolio)
- Portfolio PO line ID

Holdings

The following fields are Holdings searchable fields:

- Accession Number
- Acquisition Note
- Action note, Action note authorization, Action note note, Action note agent, Action note status
- Binding Note
- Call number prefix
- Call number suffix
- Carrier type term
- Carrier type code
- Completeness
- Control Number
- Creation date
- Electronic Location and Access (856 f,z)
- Encoding level

- General retention policy
- Has items
- Holding note
- Holding PID
- Lending Policy
- Library
- Linkage Number
- Media type code
- Media type term
- Method of acquisition
- Modification Date
- OCLC Control Number (035a, 035 a+z, 035z)
- Other Control Number (035a, 035 a+z, 035z)
- Ownership and Custodial History
- Pattern level of enumeration (first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth)
- Pattern frequency
- Permanent call number
- Permanent call number type
- Permanent physical location
- Receipt, acquisition, or access status
- Reproduction Policy
- Structured Ownership and Custodial History (361 a,f,l,o,s,u,x,z)
- Summary holdings
- Tag Suppressed
- Textual holdings, Textual holdings - nonpublic note, Textual holdings - public note
- Type of record
- URL access status
- URL text link
- URL material specified
- URL method
- URL non public note
- URL public note

Physical Items

The following fields are Physical Items searchable fields:

- Barcode
- New for February! Has Order

- Issue year
- Inventory number
- Item PID
- Public Note
- Fulfillment Note
- Internal note 1
- Internal note 2
- Internal note 3
- Item description
- Item sequence number
- PO Line
- Alternative call number
- Alternative call number type
- Creation date
- Current library
- Current location
- Committed to Retain
- Retention Reason
- Retention Note
- Due back from temp location date
- Expected receiving date
- In temporary location
- Inventory date
- Is Magnetic
- Item policy
- Material type
- Modification date
- On shelf date (This is a legacy field not used by Alma, originally an Aleph field)
- On shelf seq
- Pages
- Pieces
- Process type
- Provenance Code
- New for February! Received
- Receiving date
- Statistics Note - 1
- Statistics Note - 2
- Statistics Note - 3

- Storage Location ID
- Temporary call number
- Temporary call number type
- Temporary item policy
- Temporary library
- Temporary physical location
- Enumeration A
- Enumeration B
- Enumeration C
- Enumeration D
- Enumeration E
- Enumeration F
- Enumeration G
- Enumeration H
- Base status
- Chronology I
- Chronology J
- Chronology K
- Chronology L
- Chronology M

Authorities

- Corporate Name
- Meeting Name
- Name Title
- Names
- Personal Name
- Subject
- Uniform Title
- Genre form
- Classification Caption
- Classification Caption Hierarchy
- Classification Scheme
- Person Names (Classification)
- Corporate Name (Classification)
- Meeting Name (Classification)
- Names (Classification)

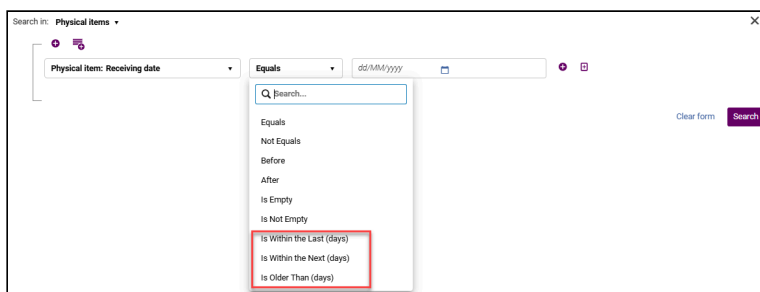
- Uniform Title (Classification)
- Chronological (Classification)
- Subjects (Classification)
- Geographic Name (Classification)
- Classification Number
- Geographic Name
- Other System Number
- Date
- Cataloging Institution
- Cataloging Conventions
- Geographic Area Code
- Classification
- Language Code
- Related Personal Name
- Related Corporate Name
- Related Family Name
- Related Meeting Name
- Related Uniform Title
- Related Chronological Term
- Related Topical Term
- Related Geographical Name
- Source
- Entity Type (GND)
- Cataloging Level (GND)
- TBK (GND)
- NUK (GND)
- Entity Code (GND)
- Mailbox (GND)
- Subject Category Code
- Attributes of Person or Corporate
- Geographical Name, Associated Place
- Field of Activity
- Corporate Name, Associated Group
- Subject, Occupation
- Original Cataloging Agency
- Modifying Agency
- Originating System ID
- Electronic Location and Access

Searching Date Ranges

It is possible to perform an advanced search for titles and inventory using a relative date range, such as titles created in the last month. This is especially useful for users who need to create a logical set based on a time range (such as "within last X days") of records, items, etc., for automated processes such as scheduling a job or creating a logical discovery set, without having to manually update the date range.

Note

A moving range of days search operators, such as **Is Within the Last (days)**, **Is Within the Next (days)** and **Is Older Than (days)**, can get a numeric value input (1 - 2,500,000) to define the time range (where 1 represents "today").



Date Range Search