

Aleph Item availability information in z39.50 server

- **Product:** Aleph
 - **Product Version:** 20, 21, 22, 23
 - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct, Direct, Local, Total Care
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Question

How is Item availability retrieved from Z39_server?

Answer

1. The Z39.50 OPAC format has an "availableNow" variable. "1" means "available / not on loan", "0" means "not available / currently on loan".
2. AVA field created by expand_doc_bib_avail expand routine has available/unavailable information based on items and holdings data. Created per Collection.
 1. Add expand_doc_bib_avail program to routine Z39_SERVER in ./xxx01/tab/tab_expand.
 2. Add AVA field to ./xxx01/tab/tab04.

Additional Information

For an explanation of the expand_doc_bib_avail program, refer to the "Aleph Publishing Mechanism" document (attached).

Also, see article: [How to display Item information in z39 server](#). It does not have availability information, but has a good example for tab04 setting for z39.50.

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