
852 subfield a - how to ensure it is populated?

- **Product:** Alma
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Question

Is it possible to map a default 852 subfield a to be used by all import profiles?

Currently the holdings 852 looks like this:

852 0_ |b MAIN |c MAIN |h PR2827 |i .G44 2017

we want it to look like this

852 00 |a **AA-BB** |b MAIN |c MAIN |h PR2827 |i .G44 2017

Answer

Shared by an Alma customer:

We found the following in "[Working with Templates](#)":

For holdings records, the default holdings template can be used outside the MD Editor such as when placing orders through Acquisitions if the **use_marc_record_holdings_template** customer parameter is set to **true** in Other Settings (Configuration Menu > Resources > General section > Other Settings). See "Configuring Other Settings (Resource Management)" ([Configuring Other Settings \(Resource Management\)](#)) for more information.

So, we changed **use_marc_record_holdings_template** to **true** and confirmed that records added to an import profile were using the default holdings template.

We also discovered that the 852 subfield a (852 \$a) was not marked as mandatory in Configuration–Resources–Metadata Configuration for MARC21 Holdings. We updated it to be required and double-checked to make sure that (e.g.) *AA-BB* is the only code in the **controlled vocabulary**.

So now, we have that all holdings records, no matter how they are created, are getting their 852 |a *AA-BB*.

Additional Information

Regarding search on 852 \$\$a please follow Release Notes, and potential updates via:

<https://ideas.exlibrisgroup.com/foru...-tag-and-subfi>

<https://ideas.exlibrisgroup.com/foru...records-in-alm>

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