
Like-item logic

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

How does the system decide if an item is a like-item for hold request purposes?

Answer

In order for like-item holds to occur, `check_hold_request_o` must be specified in the `xxx50 tab_hold_request` table. As described in the `tab_hold_request` header, routine "o" checks if there is a "like" copy available (same year, volume, part, issue AND depending on `tab100` setup, same sublibrary, collection, status and processing status). If this option is set, then

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1. The program (`check_like_copy_avail`) looks at the `z30_enumeration_a - h` and `z30_chronological_i - m` fields.

Only an items which have exactly the same values will be considered matches.

2. If the above `z30` enum/chron fields match, then the program also considers the values of `tab100` variables:

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SUB-LIBRARY-DIVISION  
HOLD-REQUEST-COLLECTION  
HOLD-REQUEST-ITM-STATUS  
HOLD-REQ-PROCESS-STATUS
```

Note 1: In order for holds to be placed on like-items for items with a particular item status, `tab15.eng`, col. 11 ("Specific item") for that item status, must not be set to "Y" and, in the GUI, the staff member must not check the "Only Selected Item" box on the hold request screen.

Note 2: Regular hold requests look at items for a specific bib record; "Title requests" look at items for all of the bib records connected to the same preferred record {via the `z120` (Union view) record}.