

DARA Recommendations

Recommendations

How can DARA help optimize usage of SUSHI vendors?

DARA can determine when it is beneficial for you to create a SUSHI account and have usage information harvested automatically from the vendor. DARA guides you through the steps to implement the recommendation.

DARA will identify that your institution does not upload usage data from a vendor even though your institution has active collections from the vendor. DARA suggests that you create a SUSHI account and have the usage information harvested automatically. This is only recommended if DARA knows that other institutions are able to harvest successfully from this vendor.

Can DARA validate order information for orders created by an API?

With the Validate Order Information for Orders Created by API feature recommendation, DARA will identify that although you have the New Order Integration profile configured in your institution, and you have PO lines created by an API, you did not select any of the Validation of Order Information options for the New Order API integration profile. These options will prevent the API from creating new orders without proper funding.

The Validate Order Information for Orders Created by API recommendation is an Acquisition feature type of recommendation, and can be found under category Use Acquisition Features:

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Recommendations' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a back arrow and the text 'Manage Recommendations'. Below this, there is a search bar and a 'DARA' logo. The main content area displays a list of recommendations. The first recommendation is highlighted with a red box around the category name 'Use Acquisitions Features'. The recommendation details include: '1 Use Alma feature: Validate order information for orders created by API', 'Category: Use Acquisitions Features', 'Type: Validate Order Information', 'Created on: 07/08/2019', 'Updated on: 07/08/2019', 'Updated by: System', 'Notes: 0', and 'Attachments: 0'. The description of the recommendation states: 'Your institution has 13612 order line(s) that were created by API. It is possible to configure Alma to block creation of order lines by API if fund information is not sufficient: order is not fully funded, fund is invalid or fund balance is not enough. Configuring this can help you by keeping order line information correct. I recommend configuring the New Order API integration profile to block creation of order lines by API if fund information is not sufficient.'

Can DARA suggest recommendations for unavailable electronic portfolios?

Using an Alma Analytics report, DARA can identify unavailable electronic portfolios and recommend that you activate them. The report can be found in the analytics institution folder under /Alma/DARA. You can customize the report to produce recommendations that better suit the needs of your institution.

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Category: Unavailable Portfolios Status: Active Clear all

1 Unavailable portfolios in the "Ebook Central Business" electronic collection, service: "Full Text"

Category: Unavailable Portfolios

There are 773 unavailable portfolios out of the total 22008 portfolios in "Ebook Central Business" electronic collection, service: "Full Text".

The following information was used for generating the recommendation:
Electronic Collection Public Name: Ebook Central Business, **Total number of Portfolios:** 22008, **Number of unavailable Portfolios:** 773, **Service Type:** Full Text, **Percentage of unavailable Portfolios:** 4

These portfolios are not getting published to discovery and are not visible to your patrons.

I recommend reviewing the portfolios and activating or deleting as needed.

Created on: 07/08/2019
Updated on: 12/20/2019
Updated by: System
Notes: 0
Attachments: 0

What recommendations are available for configuring integration profiles?

DARA can determine if you have electronic collections that were not uploaded with an integration profile from vendors that support automatic upload of electronic holdings.

DARA will recommend that you configure the integration profile, for supported vendors. One recommendation is produced for each supported vendor.

Does DARA recommend linking local electronic portfolios to the Community Zone?

DARA will identify when you have local portfolios in your electronic collections that are available in the Community Zone and recommends that you link them. Linking to the Community Zone enables you to receive updates automatically, without the need to update the portfolios manually.

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Category: Link Electronic Resources to the Community Status: Active Clear all

1 Local portfolios in the "Nurimedia KRPIA" electronic collection, service: "Full Text"

Category: Link Electronic Resources to the Community
Type: Local Portfolios in Community-Linked Collection

There are 262 local electronic portfolios in "Nurimedia KRPIA" electronic collection, service: "Full Text".

Some of these electronic portfolios can be linked to the community (based on ISSN/ISBN matching). Linking to the community will enable you to receive community updates automatically, without the need to update the portfolios manually.

I recommend linking these local electronic portfolios to the community. Note that this is done using a background job.

Created on: 11/04/2019
Updated on: 11/25/2019
Updated by: System
Notes: 0
Attachments: 0

Is DARA able to identify highly requested titles?

Using an Alma Analytics report, DARA can identify highly requested titles in your institution. This allows you to take steps to reduce patron waiting time for these items, such as modifying their terms of use, moving them to a short loan location, and purchasing additional copies of the items.

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Category: High Request Load Status: Active Clear all

1 High Request Load for "Behavioral economics Sendhil Mullainathan, Richard H. Thaler." title
Category: High Request Load

Multiple patron physical requests were placed on Behavioral economics Sendhil Mullainathan, Richard H. Thaler.. The time until an item became available for this title was relatively long. The following information was used for generating the recommendation:
Number of orders (last year): 0, Number of requests (last year): 7, Number of items: 1, Average number of days to available: 11

I recommend reviewing the title to potentially reduce the patron waiting time; you may want to modify the terms of use for these items, move them to a short loan location or purchase additional copies of this title. These options might reduce the time until a requested item becomes available and improve patron satisfaction.

Can DARA identify digital files requiring conversion?

DARA can identify when you have files that are incompatible with HTML5 formats and cannot be viewed using native viewers in Alma. DARA will recommend that you run the Media Conversion job on files of formats wmv, avi, m4v or mp4v and convert them to MPEG-4 or HTTP Live Streaming (HLS) formats:

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Category: Use digital inventory features Status: Active Clear all

1 Use Alma feature: Convert Audio/Video files to streaming/HTML5 format
Category: Use digital inventory features
Type: Media Conversion

Your institution has audio/video files that can be optimized for delivery.

I recommend converting audio / video files to a supported format

Recommendation Configurations

Can access to DARA recommendations be based on roles and authorizations?

You can configure DARA Recommendations on the Configuring DARA Recommendations page (Configuration > General > General Configuration > DARA Recommendations):

Active	Type	Category	Roles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Description Templates	Use physical inventory features	Physical Inventory Operator, General System Administrator	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unavailable Portfolios	Unavailable Portfolios	Electronic Inventory Operator, Repository Manager, Purchasing Operator, Purchasing Manager	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upload Electronic Holding	Use Electronic Inventory Features	General System Administrator	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local Portfolios in Community-Linked Collection	Link Electronic Resources to the Community	Electronic Inventory Operator, Repository Manager, Purchasing Operator, Purchasing Manager	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Automatic Usage Data	Automatic Usage Data	Vendor Manager	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	High Request Load	High Request Load	General System Administrator, Fulfillment Services Operator, Selector, Fulfillment Administrator, Purchasing Operator, Purchasing Manager, Acquisitions Administrator	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Media Conversion	Use digital inventory features	Digital Inventory Operator, Editor Full, Repository Manager	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Validate Order Information	Use Acquisitions Features	General System Administrator	...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Load Usage Data	Load Usage Data	Vendor Manager	...

Select the **Actions** button to display the list of roles that are configured for the recommendation. You can remove or add one of the configured roles.

Recommendation Type Roles Cancel Save

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Repository Manager ✕ Purchasing Operator ✕

- Electronic Inventory Operator
- ✓ Repository Manager
- ✓ Purchasing Operator
- Purchasing Manager

Is it possible to limit DARA recommendations?

It is possible to limit the types of recommendations that DARA displays. This is useful if certain types of recommendations are not relevant for your institution.

Limiting DARA recommendations can be achieved as part of the Configuring DARA Recommendations page (**Configuration > General > General Configuration > DARA Recommendations**). When deactivating a recommendation, an option to dismiss all existing recommendations of that type is displayed.

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