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4th and 5th reporting codes added to acquisitions entities

May 2021 Acquisitions

Two new reporting codes have been added to the Purchase Order Line editing screen; 4th and 5th reporting codes. The additions include the following in Alma:

- These new options within the PO line, Invoice line and Fund transaction screens (4th and 5th reporting codes).
- Two new menu links in Alma configuration menu (4th and 5th reporting codes).

Note

- The names of the fields in the Alma UI have been modified and are now called "1st reporting code, 2nd reporting code, 3rd reporting code, 4th reporting code and 5th reporting code".
- There is a new dedicated section for the reporting codes in the POL.
- Only the UI labels have changed. The tags for API and EOD remain the same.

Watch the [Additional Reporting Codes in PO Lines](#) video (1:53 minutes).

Receiving workbench incorporates sticky filters

May 2021 Acquisitions



Idea Exchange

Alma's receiving workbench (Manage items screen) now incorporates sticky filters. These sticky filters (*Sort Routine*, *Receiving Status* and *Location*) enable users to easily re-access these workspaces when either a user leaves the screen and returns after a short while or logs in again to Alma. The filters remember the selections made by users so that they don't have to be re-defined when re-accessing the system.

Note

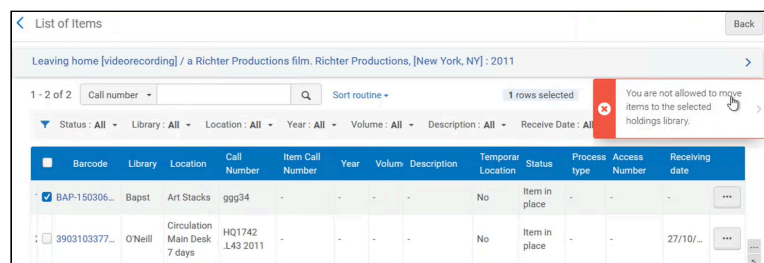
The Filter "Location" will be sticky only if there are items with the same location as previously selected. If a POL, which was opened, does not have items which match the value in the "Location" filter, the filter will automatically move to "All".

If a "Sort Routine" is selected by the user and then deleted by the system administrator, the user who will login to the receiving workbench will not see the **Sort Routine name** listed. The user will need to select a new sort routine.

Changing Holdings or Relinking Item is Possible Only in User Role Scope

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Now when changing holdings for an item or relinking item to a bibliographic record, the target library must be within the scope of the user role. This prevents moving item or changing holdings for an item, if a new holding is not in user scope. When attempting one of these actions and the target library is not in scope, the user receives an error message "You are not allowed to move items to the selected holdings library" and the action is aborted.



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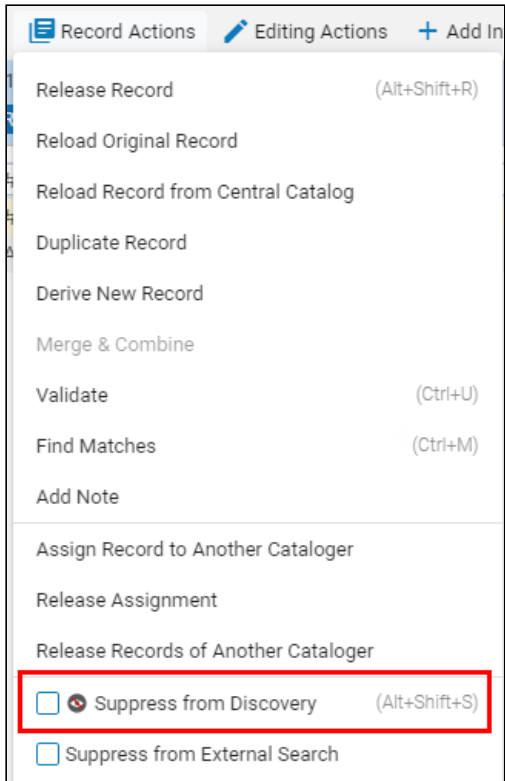
This functionality is disabled by default. To enable it, contact Customer Support.

See [Moving Items Between Holdings and Deleting Holdings Records](#) and [Moving Holdings Between Bibliographic Records \(Relinking\)](#).

'Suppress from Discovery' is Available for Unsaved Records

May 2021 Resource Management

The 'Suppress from Discovery' option is now available in the Record Actions menu of the Metadata Editor for new records before they are saved. This allows you to suppress from discovery new bibliographic records while creating them in the Metadata Editor. In addition, now you can use the new keyboard shortcut **Alt+Shift+S** to suppress records.

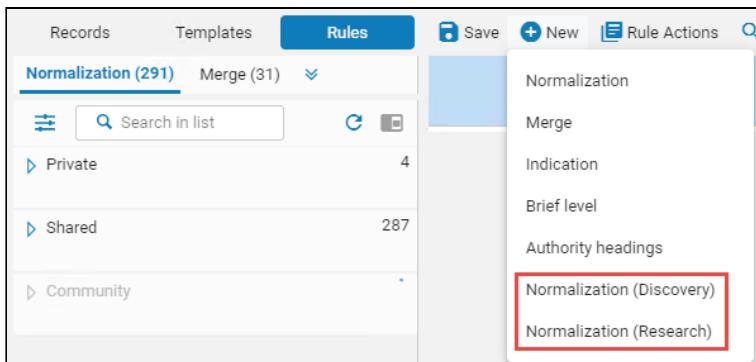


See [Menu Bar of the Metadata Editor](#).

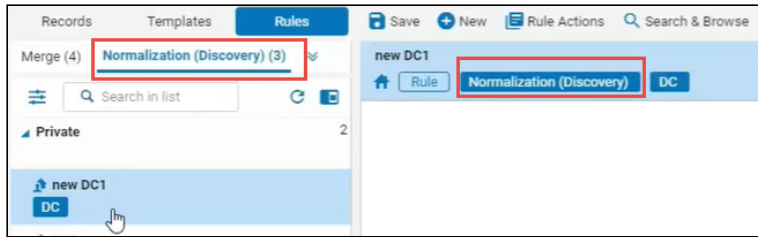
Discovery and Research Rules in the Rules Area

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Now the Discovery Display rules (rules that control the display of information from Alma in Primo VE) and Research rules are easily accessible and easily distinguishable in the Metadata Editor. To create these rules, when clicking **New**, now users can select **Normalization (Discovery)** (appears only if Primo VE is defined in the system) or **Normalization (Research)** (appears only when Esploro is defined in the system).



Each rule that you create has an appropriate badge (for example, "Normalization (Discovery)"), and appears in a dedicated tab (bearing the same name as the badge).



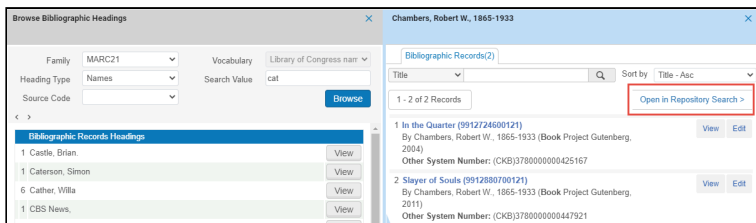
See [Working with Normalization Rules \(Alma\)](#), [Working with Normalization Rules \(Primo VE\)](#), and [Managing Asset Normalization Rules \(Esploro\)](#).

Heading Information in Metadata Editor and Repository Search

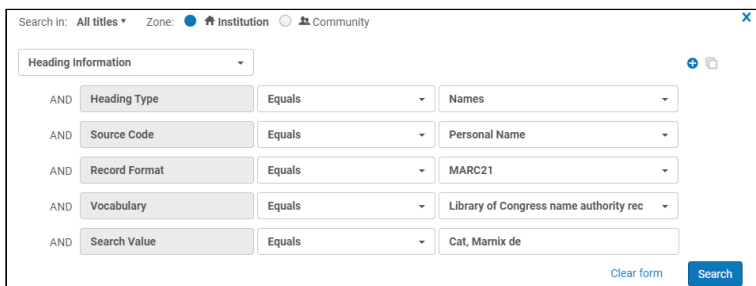
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The ability to search for bibliographic records that are related to a specific heading was improved as follows:

- In the Metadata Editor: When you search for bibliographic records related to a heading by **Browse Bibliographic Headings** > **View**, now you can open the results that display in the **Bibliographic Records** tab in the repository search. To do that, select the new option **Open in Repository Search**. Once the results are in the repository search, you can create a set that would include all these results, and work with the set as usual. This significantly improves the workflow for browsing bibliographic headings.



- A new option Heading Information was added to the Advanced Search. This option allows searching for bibliographic records related to a specific heading in the same way as by using **Browse Bibliographic Headings** in the Metadata Editor.



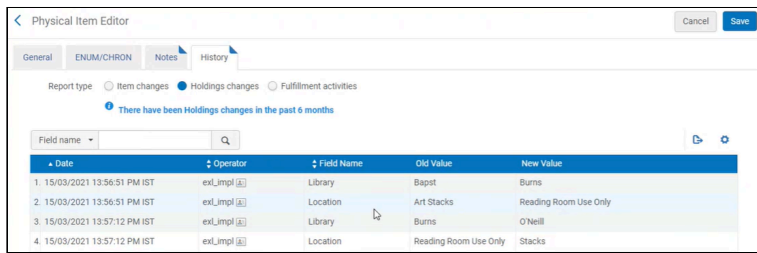
See [Browsing Bibliographic Headings](#) and [Performing an Advanced Search](#).

Information Loss Prevented when Changing Item Location by Moving the Last Item to a New Holdings

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When a holdings record holds only a single item, and you move this item to a different location (via the "Change Physical Items" job), now the item remains associated to the same holdings record, and only its details are modified. Previously a new holdings record would be generated, and the information related to the previous holdings record, such as versions, notes, etc., would be lost. Now this information loss is prevented.

To notify users that there have been recent changes to the holdings record, an indication now appears in the **History** tab of the Physical Item Editor that states "There have been Holdings changes in the past 6 months". This indication appears when any type of change in the holdings took place, not only when the location has changed. Click the **Holdings changes** button to view the history of item changes.



Note that this behavior only takes place for a holdings record with a single item. When the holdings record has several items and you want to move some of these items, the existing functionality remains - a new holdings record is created and all the selected items are moved to that holdings record.

See [Updating Item-Level Information](#).

Field 060 Added to Search Index 'National Library of Medicine Call Number'

May 2021 Resource Management

MARC 21/KORMARC field 060 \$\$a,b was added to the index "NLM (National Library of Medicine)-Type Call Number". This in addition to MARC 21 field 096 \$\$a,z, which continues to be available for this index. Now searchers retrieving records from NLM can find records by using "NLM-type Call Number" index based on both fields 060 and 096.

Note

Full inventory indexing must be run for this development to take effect.

Metadata Editor Accessibility Improvements

May 2021 Resource Management

The following improvements were done with the purpose of making Alma meet Level A and AA of the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1) and Section 508 of the US Rehabilitation Act for features and functions.

On the search result panel in the Metadata Editor (for example, Browse Shelf Listing panel), the users can use the mouse to navigate between the records and pages. However, some users might find the repetitive use of the mouse problematic. Now, these users can navigate the results list by using the keyboard's keys.

You can navigate as follows:

- Use **Tab/Shift +Tab** to navigate from the fields panel to the results panel.
- Use **Tab/Shift +Tab** to navigate the different results panel tabs.
- Use **Tab/Shift +Tab** to browse next and previous pages. Press **Enter** to open the desired page.
- Use **Tab/Shift +Tab** to navigate between results in the panels. Press **Enter** to open the desired result.
- Use the **Enter** to open the ellipsis button, and use the up/down arrows to move between the options. To close the options, press **Esc/Tab** (focus on the next button) or **Shift +Tab** (focus on the previous button).



In addition, more accessibility improvements were made to improve the ability of screen readers to correctly convey the state of elements to the reader, on Browse Bib Heading panel, in the Editing panel and in the Filter and Sorting panel.

Alma Accessibility Improvements

May 2021 Resource Management

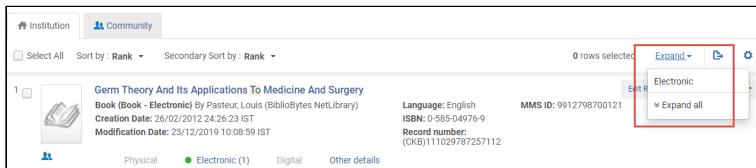
The following improvements were done with the purpose of making Alma meet Level A and AA of the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1) and Section 508 of the US Rehabilitation Act for features and functions:

- **Form fields** – A label was added for the "X" button. Page sections now have group labels.
- **Record List View** – In internal search the labels of the search box and the search icon are now accessible by keyboard.

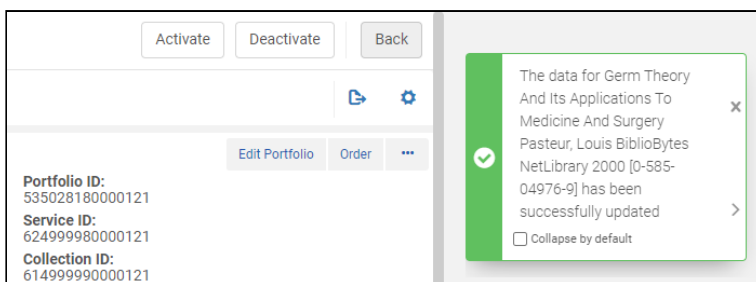
The **Sort Routing** action is now accessible by keyboard:



The **Expand** action is now accessible by keyboard, and you can open and close the list using keyboard keys, see the selection there (if any), and remove or change it:



- **Floating Messages** – the floating messages are now accessible by keyboard navigation. You can press on the icon to open the message and to navigate to the **Collapse** and **Close** buttons with keyboard keys. In addition, now the message indicates if there is a list of comments in the message or a single comment.



Holding Search - Additional Indexes

May 2021 Resource Management

Additional indexes were added to holdings search. This allows you to conduct a more refined search for physical title and physical items. All these indexes are part of Advanced search only.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing 'encoding|'. Below the search bar, a dropdown menu is open, showing 'Holdings' and 'Encoding level'. The 'Encoding level' option is highlighted with a red box. The interface also includes a 'Zone' selector with 'Institution' selected, a 'Contains Keywords' dropdown, and 'Clear form' and 'Search' buttons.

New indexes

Index name	Taken from	Possible Values	Show in	Part of Keywords
Encoding level	LDR pos17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Holdings level 1 2 - Holdings level 2 3 - Holdings level 3 4 - Holdings level 4 5 - Holdings level 4 with piece designation m - Mixed level u - Unknown z - Other level 	Advanced	no
Type of record	LDR pos06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> u - Unknown v - Multipart item holdings x - Single-part item holdings y - Serial item holdings 	Advanced	no
Receipt, acquisition, or access status	008 pos06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 - Unknown 1 - Other receipt or acquisition status 2 - Received and complete or ceased 3 - On order 4 - Currently received 5 - Not currently received 6 - External access 	Advanced	no
Method of acquisition	008 pos07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c - Cooperative or consortial purchase d - Deposit e - Exchange f - Free g - Gift l - Legal deposit m - Membership n - Non-library purchase p - Purchase q - Lease u - Unknown z - Other method of acquisition 	Advanced	no

Index name	Taken from	Possible Values	Show in	Part of Keywords
Completeness	008 pos16	0 - Other 1 - Complete 2 - Incomplete 3 - Scattered 4 - Not applicable	Advanced	no
Creation date (physical holdings)	HOL creation date	date field	Advanced	no
Modification date (physical holdings)	HOL modification date	date field	Advanced	no
URL method	856 \$2	text	simple and advanced	no
URL materials specified	856 \$3	text	simple and advanced	no
URL access status	856 \$7	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern first level of enumeration	853 \$a	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern second level of enumeration	853 \$b	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern third level of enumeration	853 \$c	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern fourth level of enumeration	853 \$d	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern fifth level of enumeration (NR)	853 \$e	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern sixth level of enumeration (NR)	853 \$f	text	simple and advanced	no
Pattern frequency	853 \$w	text	simple and advanced	no
Textual holdings	866 \$a 867 \$a 868 \$a	text	simple and advanced	no
Linkage Number	014 \$a	text	simple and advanced	yes
Control Number (Holdings)	001	text	simple and advanced	yes
Other System Number (035a)	035 \$a	text	simple and	yes

Index name	Taken from	Possible Values	Show in	Part of Keywords
			advanced	
Other System Number (035z)	035 \$z	text	simple and advanced	yes
Other System Number (035a+z)	035 \$\$a,z	text	simple and advanced	yes
OCLC Control Number (035a)	035 \$a (OCLC prefix)	text	simple and advanced	yes
OCLC Control Number (035z)	035 \$z (OCLC prefix)	text	simple and advanced	yes
OCLC Control Number (035a+z)	035 \$\$a,z (OCLC prefix)	text	simple and advanced	yes
Action note note	583 \$\$x,z	text	simple and advanced	yes
Action Note Authorization	583 \$f	text	simple and advanced	yes
URL	856 \$u	text	simple and advanced	yes
URL non public note	856 \$x	text	simple and advanced	yes
URL link text	856 \$y	text	simple and advanced	yes
URL public note	856 \$z	text	simple and advanced	yes
Textual holdings nonpublic note	866 \$x 867 \$x 868 \$x	text	simple and advanced	yes
Textual holdings public note	866 \$z 867 \$z 868 \$z	text	simple and advanced	yes

Note

Full inventory indexing must be run for this development to take effect.

See [Search Indexes](#).

Overlap Analysis Tool - Support for Sites with Distributed Electronic Resources

May 2021 Resource Management

Sites who manage distributed electronic resources using the 'Available For' group setting can now use the Overlap and Collection Analysis tool for collection development analysis. Using the Overlap and Collection Analysis tool it is possible to analyze the overlap of electronic resources for specific library/campus according to the 'Available For' group settings.

See [Working with Overlap and Collection Analysis](#) and [Overlap and Collection Analysis Job Reports](#).

Note

This feature is not activated by default. Please contact Ex Libris support in order to enable it.

Semi-Annual Re-indexing

May 2021 Resource Management

During May, the semi-annual re-indexing (described in greater detail in [Updates](#)) will be run. Features or resolved issues that require re-indexing to be fully functional will be addressed by the May semi-annual re-indexing. See the list below.

- Holding Search - Additional Indexes. See [here](#).
 - Field 060 added to search index 'National Library of Medicine Call Number'. See [here](#).
 - Support for Czech Alphabet. See [here](#).
 - Extended Lookup for Authority UNIMARC Classification. See [here](#).
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Solution for Institutions with 'Active for Search' restricted collections

May 2021 Resource Management

Alma now allows institutions to use the search activation function for collections that require a subscription for search (for example, A&I databases). Such collections are marked on Alma as 'CDI search rights: Subscription'. Previously, it was only possible to activate these collections in Alma in the same way you activate a full text collection (or use the 'CDI only full text: Yes' setting) to indicate the institution had a subscription and the collection would become searchable in CDI. This was not intuitive and led to a lot of confusion, not least because such collections do not usually contain any full text. With this release, both types of activations are now possible. No changes are needed for collections that you already activated, and you can continue to fully activate these types of collections. Additionally, activation for search in CDI is now also possible and has the same effect as the full activation: both types of activations will ensure the collections will be discoverable in CDI.

Note

This change is relevant for Fully Flexible setting customers only.

Generate Representation Labels from Templates

May 2021 Digital Resource Management



Idea Exchange

You can now add labels to representations based on a template that you configure. The labels can be fixed text or based on a field from the bibliographic record with an optional regular expression. Labels can be added to representations individually or in bulk using a job. In addition, a job can be used to remove the labels from representations in bulk.

You configure the representation templates from the Representation Label Template Setup Editor ([Configuration > Resources > General > Representation Label Templates](#)). To create a template for representation labels, create a parameter with an entity type equal to **None**.

Name: Entity Type

Operator: =

Value: None

Clear Add Parameter

Entity Type - None

The following fields are displayed.

Name	Operator	Value
1 Entity Type	=	None

Output Parameters

Prefix Marc Field Marc Subfield

DC Field Regex Suffix

Representation Label Output Parameters

Enter information in the fields to determine the text of the label. For more information, see [Configuring Representation Label Templates for General Representations](#).

You can add the labels defined in the templates to representations:

- To a single representation:

The **Auto-Generate Label** button now appears for all representations.

Digital Representation Resource Editor

General Information | Files List | Notes | History

Properties

Active Inactive

Usage Type: Master Library: Main Library Access rights: [icon]

Label: Artist and his bride
Auto-Generate Label [button]

Public Note: Accessible to All

Entity Type: [dropdown] Provenance ID: [input]

Thumbnail Upload: [input] Thumbnail Selection Use default thumbnail

Auto-Generate Label

Select the button to add a label to the representation according to the template you configured.

- To a set of representations:

Create the set of representations to which you want to add the labels. Configure the Global Representation Changes job to run on the set.

Change Fields

Active Inactive Suppress bib without active inventory: Yes No

Usage Type: Master

Library: [dropdown]

Label: Empty Generate Condition: Unconditionally

Public Note: [input] Condition: If field empty

Global Representation Changes

From the Label row, select **Generate**.

To remove labels from the set, from the Label row, select **Empty**.

For more information, see [Global Representation Changes](#).

Suppress Bibliographic Records Without Active Inventory

May 2021 Digital Resource Management



Idea Exchange

You can now configure the Global Representation Changes job to suppress bibliographic records that have no active inventory after the job is run. To configure this feature, select the **Suppress bib without active inventory** option when selecting Inactive from the Label row.

Change Fields

Active Inactive Suppress bib without active inventory: Yes No

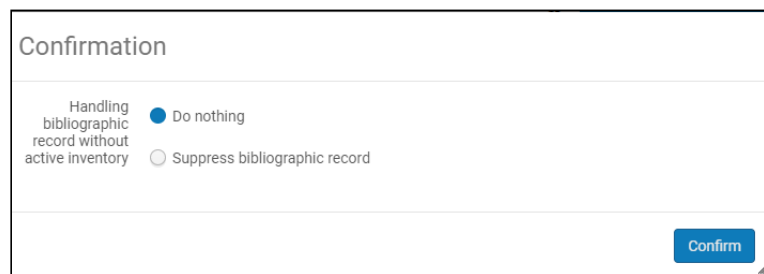
Usage Type: Master

Library: [dropdown]

Suppress Bib Without Active Inventory

For more information, see [Global Representation Changes](#).

Additionally, when manually setting an individual representation to **Inactive**, if there are no other active representations on the bibliographic record, a pop-up appears asking if you want to suppress the record.



The image shows a confirmation dialog box titled "Confirmation". It contains two radio button options under the heading "Handling bibliographic record without active inventory". The first option is "Do nothing" with a selected radio button. The second option is "Suppress bibliographic record" with an unselected radio button. A blue "Confirm" button is located at the bottom right of the dialog box.

Handling Bibliographic Record Without Active Inventory - Confirmation

In addition, a parameter was added to the Update Representation Rest API to suppress bibliographic records without active representations.

Support ability to Waive All/Large lists of Fines/Fees in User Record (Fines and Fees tab)

May 2021 Fulfillment

Alma now enables user to select fines and fees across the full paginated fees list (among multiple pages) and waive them. A 'Waive All' option is added to the Fines\Fees tab. Previously, users could only waive selected fines and fees on a currently displayed page.

For more information, see [Managing User Fines and Fees](#).

Note

The new ability to select fines and fees across the full paginated fees list (i.e. selecting from different pages) implies that any personalization a user may have previously done for the fees' list columns will have to be redone following this release.

It is not possible to waive more than 100 selected fees in one action.

Watch the [Waive All the Fines and Fees of a Patron](#) video (1:13 minutes).

Search user records by phone number

May 2021 Fulfillment

In Alma, phone numbers are now a searchable user field. Phone numbers can now be entered in the simple or the advanced search to find users. Previously, this was not a supported search user field in Alma.

Note

Since phone numbers are encrypted upon save, a phone search will be an exact match search (e.g. if country code is entered in the phone number it should be used when searching), on numeric values only (any non-numeric values, e.g. hyphens, spaces or brackets, will not affect the search).

Sort user list by User Group Code and Expiration/Purge Date

May 2021 Fulfillment



Idea Exchange

Alma now enables the User List to be sorted by User Group Code, Purge Date and Expiration Date. When using the advanced search, a set can be created to include multiple user groups. These groups or the expiry/purge date can now be sorted. The purge date column is hidden by default and can be added to the displayed columns.

Pop-up message when scanning in an item with a request note

May 2021 Fulfillment



Idea Exchange

A new 'Requester Note' message has been added to the *Scan In Messages Configuration* screen. By default, this message is enabled and will appear as a 'Pop-Up'. The message will be displayed when an item that is scanned in has a 'Requester Note' associated to it.

Watch the [Requester Note Appears Upon Scanning In an Item](#) video (1:39 minutes).

Enhanced export when sending requests to remote storage

May 2021 Fulfillment

The integration profile for exporting requests to remote storage was enhanced in the following ways:

1. Privacy enhancement: For integration types XML and XML/NCIP (regardless of system type), a new configuration, "Include patron info in physical item requests", now allows libraries to have patron information in the exported XML for physical requests.

Note

For digital requests, patron information is controlled by an existing configuration ('Handles digitization requests locally' in the remote storage). In the past, this affected physical requests as well - this was fixed, and digital requests handling will no longer affect physical requests. Libraries that wish to include patron information in physical requests will need to enable the new checkbox in the integration profile.

It is our recommendation that libraries that choose to export patron information will use an encrypted sFTP connection (see [FTPing encrypted files to Alma using PGP](#)).

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2. XML file changes: For integration types XML and XML/NCIP (for system "BIBSYS" and "XML" only), the following information is added to the exported file:
 - Request note
 - Title (exists today for manual description requests only, will be added for all request types)
 - Author

- ISSN/ISBN
 - Place & date of publication
 - When patron information is exported, it will now include requester's preferred address
3. Request itemization enhancement: A new "itemize remote storage requests" option was added to the remote storage integration profile (export request section). This allows libraries to choose if remote storage requests are itemized upon export (as today) or when waiting for export to remote storage.
For more information, see [Requests to Remote Storage Facilities](#).
 4. The label "System (for EXL purposes...)" is modified to "System" – as the remote storage system may impact the XML file format for integration types XML and XML/NCIP.

Locate status added to the audit trail of borrowing and lending Resource Sharing requests

May 2021 Fulfillment-Resource Sharing

Locate status has been added to the audit trail of borrowing and lending RS requests. This allows librarians to see when locate status changed between "Locate not run", "Resource located" and "Locate failed". This change in the 'locate status' is reported in the request history.

Prefer electronic format in lender locate

May 2021 Fulfillment-Resource Sharing

Alma can be configured to show preference to electronic format articles in the lender side locate process. If a requested article is found in electronic format then that resource will be considered the only option for the lender. Other potential physical options are considered only if no electronic resources are found. This behavior is activated by the new "Prefer Uresolver locate results" switch that can be switched on at the Lending Setup section of the resource sharing library. Note that electronic resources are considered a match only if their coverage matches the details of the request. This affects both the automatic and the manual locate process on the lender side.

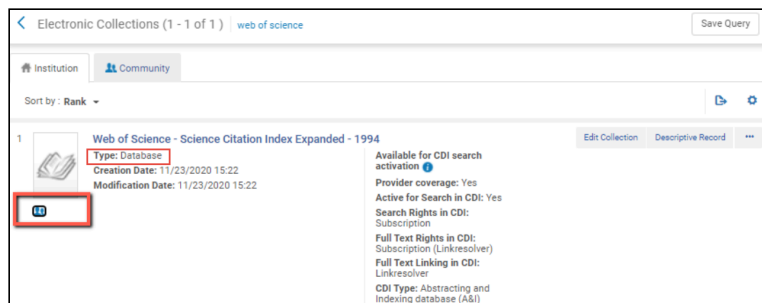
For more information, see [Configuring Parameters of a Resource Sharing Library](#).

Combined Search - Support For Electronic Collections of Type Database

May 2021 Collaborative Networks

Electronic collection of type 'Database' (electronic collection with no portfolios) managed in the Network Zone for all members or for specific members (using an 'Available For' group) will now be included in the Institution Zone's combined search for the relevant member.

Using combined search results provides consortia members quick access to electronic resources that are managed for them in the Network Zone.



Note

This functionality is supported for institutions where combined search is enabled. Contact Customer Support to enable combining Institution and Network Zone search results. For details, see [Combining Institution and Network Zone Search Results](#).

New Acquisitions and Fulfillment Dashboards

May 2021 Analytics

The following new out-of-the-box dashboards were added to Alma Analytics. For each dashboard, a new analytics object of type **Dashboard** was added. The dashboards are now available as links from the Analytics menu in Alma according to the following roles:

- Acquisitions – Claims Dashboard (Ex Libris) and
- Acquisitions – Fund Reports (Ex Libris):
 - Acquisitions Administrator
 - Fiscal Period Manager
 - Fund Manager
 - Invoice Manager
 - Invoice Operator
 - Invoice Operator Extended
 - Ledger Manager
 - Purchasing Manager
 - Purchasing Operator
 - Purchasing Operator Extended
 - Receiving Operator
 - Receiving Operator Limited
 - Vendor Account Manager
 - Vendor Manager
- Fulfillment Loans Returns and Overdue Dashboard (Ex Libris):
 - Circulation Desk Manager
 - Circulation Desk Operator
 - Fulfillment Administrator
 - Fulfillment Services Manager
 - Fulfillment Services Operator

The old **Acquisitions – Claims** dashboard is now marked to be deprecated and will be removed for the June release.

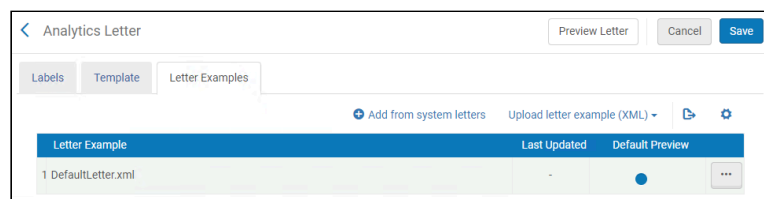
Improved Letter XML Examples

May 2021 Administration and Infrastructure



Idea Exchange

When configuring letters, users can make use of out-of-the-box XML examples. These examples were now enriched to provide more detail that can help users to customize the letters. To view these examples, open the DefaultLetter.xml file that is located in the **Letter Examples** tab of the Letters Configuration page for the desired letter.



See [Configuring Alma Letters](#).

Testing Authentication on SAML Integration Profile

May 2021 Administration and Infrastructure

Alma supports the SAML 2.0 Web Browser SSO profile. This enables Alma to exchange authentication and authorization information, allowing a user to sign in or out of an external system and be automatically signed in or out of Alma, or vice versa. For the details of configuring this profile, see [SAML-Based Single Sign-On/Sign-Off](#).

The **Save And Test** button has been added to the log-in integration profiles (SAML, CAS, LDAP and social log-in profiles). This removes the need to log out from Alma and log in again, and if the authentication fails, provides a clear indication of what went wrong.

Currently, this is available for the SAML integration only. In the upcoming releases, this will be supported on all authentication integrations.

See [Testing Authentication on SAML Integration Profile](#).

Download Staff Login Report via API

May 2021 API

Previously in Alma, creating a login report required a staff member to login, produce and download the Excel spreadsheet, and convert it to CSV. Alma now enables institutions (via API) to retrieve staff login data via a new API and further execute processes as they desire, e.g. export it to a CSV file. For more information on creating the report via the API, click [here](#) and scroll to section labeled **Staff Login Report**.

Fund Management APIs

May 2021 API

Alma enables institutions to create a richer integration with their finance systems with updated capabilities of retrieving funds and associated transactions. The Fund Management APIs have added the following two capabilities:

- Search and Retrieve Ledgers and Funds
- Search and View Transactions for a fund

For more information, see [Fund Management APIs](#).

API for running Import profile on a single BIB record

May 2021 API

Alma introduces a new API designed for running Import profiles on a single BIB record. The new API, labeled "Importing a single record" will execute the following:

- Receive an import profile ID as a parameter
- Receive a BIB record as payload
- Run the import profile on the BIB and return the resulting BIB record:
 - If **no** match found - a new record is created.
 - If match found - the matched record is used.

Note

This will be done in a similar way to the existing "[Import a single record](#)" option in Alma: In order to run the API you will need to have a defined import profile. The API will import a bibliographic record only – not inventory records.

This API is intended for individual record imports. Bulk imports should be performed via the MD Import functionality.

New fields added to the REST Item APIs

May 2021 API

A number of existing item fields in Alma (previously not supported by API) have now been added and are supported in the REST Item APIs. Listed below are the added item fields:

- Issue date (get, put, post)
- work_order, process_at (currently will be added only to GET and will not be supported in PUT/POST)
- temporary location source (get, put, post)
- break indicator (get, post, put)
- pattern type (get, post, put)
- linking number (get, post, put)
- type of unit (get only)