

A screenshot of the ExLibris Alma login interface. The top left features the ExLibris Alma logo and a circular image of hands joined in a circle, with the year '2017' overlaid. The top right contains a login form with fields for 'User Name:' and 'Password:', and a blue 'Login' button. The bottom left text reads 'Alma September 2022 Release' and the bottom right text reads 'Looking Back at 10 Years of Alma Login Themes'.

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User Name:

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Upcoming Issues to Note

SAML Certificate Workflow Update

Starting in August 2021, to accommodate the updated expiration policy of the certificate vendors, the signed certificate will be issued twice yearly.

For example, the certificate made available in August 2021 will expire in June 2022 and the certificate made available in February 2022 will expire in December 2022. This means that institutions that wish to use the signed certificate must update it twice a year.

Ex Libris highly recommends using the provided self-signed certificate to reduce the frequency of certificate updates.

Alma September 2022 Resolved Issues

- **September 2022 Acquisitions SF: 06340297**
In certain interface languages, when a user selected the **Approve** and **Order** option in a purchase request, the PO-line link was missing from the pop-up window that opened. This has been fixed: the PO-line link appears in the pop-up window in all supported interface languages."
- **September 2022 Acquisitions SF: 06405670**
The **Note to Vendor** field was not displayed in the PO-line list for electronic PO lines. This was fixed: the **Note to Vendor** field now appears in the PO-line list for all types of PO lines.
- **September 2022 Acquisitions SF: 05325907 06271550 05317796 06329721**
EDI invoices lines were created in the institution scope, making it impossible for a user with a role in the library scope to edit them. This was fixed: invoice lines are now created in the library scope.
- **September 2022 Acquisitions SF: 06297238 06312886**
When a user attempted to receive an item for which the PO contained no billing address or shipping address, the receiving process failed. This has been corrected: even if a PO is missing these addresses, the receiving process is completed successfully.
- **September 2022 Acquisitions SF: 06431925**
Searching for PO lines in the Receiving Workbench only displayed some of the PO lines that were returned from the SOLR index. This was fixed: all PO lines that are returned from the SOLR index are now displayed in the Receiving Workbench. Note that the PO lines in the SOLR index must be fully re-indexed in order to ensure that all data is returned and displayed correctly in the Receiving Workbench.
- **September 2022 Acquisitions SF: 06306300**
The PO Line - Send EDI job placed the EDI file on the vendor's FTP server twice when the attachment was not successfully added to the PO. This was fixed: the EDI file is sent once even when adding the attachment to the PO fails; in this case, the file is not attached to the PO, but it is always attached to the vendor record.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 05763604 05619123 05300591 06280469**
When two work-order departments had the same code in different scopes, for example, library A and library B, deleting the circulation desk from one of the scopes caused the receiving-operator roles from the other scope to be removed from all users who had them. This was fixed; deleting a circulation desk in one scope has no affect on other scopes.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06234530 05317851**
After running the User Synchronization job, the expiration date that appeared in the User Details General Information was updated correctly but the expiration date that appeared in the History tab was not. This was fixed; the correct date now appears in the History tab.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06436053**
When an external user account is opened for update, an Open for Update message appears, warning that the changes will be overwritten at the next synchronization, but giving the option of protecting a specified list of fields from being overwritten. The list of fields did not previously include the three user-preferred-name fields, as it should have. The list was corrected and now includes these fields.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06436217 06473326 06404153 06469286**
An error was generated when a staff user was forced to change their password. This was fixed; the error is no longer generated.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06267031**
Previously, when configuring working days in the work order department with a large number, e.g. 9999999 (247,000 years from now), caused problems with the expiration date of the request and the request was not created. This was fixed and now the work order days are limited to 999999 days and the expiration date limited to 9999 years.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06054332**
Printing more than one printout from the Printouts Queue wasn't working well with some fonts. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06378935**
"When printing multiple printouts from the Printing Queue, special characters were not displayed. This was fixed."

- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06402886**
The **From** address when sending 'Fine Fee Payment Receipt Letter' was set according to the Order-response email type. This was fixed and now the 'Circulation communication' type is used.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 05317352**
Environment indication in the Alma menu is no longer visible, it only re-appears when the language of the UI is changed. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06223057**
Accessibility: the right-hand side menu icons, both regular and configuration, are missing labels and are thus not announced by the screen-reader. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06401272**
Simple search > Physical Holdings search indexes drop-down filtering behaves differently than other types. This was fixed and the search indexes drop-down now has a search box.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06399050 06381931**
The widgets on the Alma dashboard are not loading when using the Firefox browser. This was fixed and the widgets now load properly.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06306521**
The RFID icon is not visible when customizing the Alma menu. This was fixed and the icon is now visible.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06366901**
The font size of the user card pop-up was reduced significantly. This was fixed and the font size has been increased.
- **September 2022 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06441163 06271739**
The delivery URL for the Alma viewer in the item available notification letter is the default institution. This is fixed. The delivery URL will be the delivery URL that the user has logged in and registered in the wait list for the currently available resource.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 05332119**
Users with the Fulfillment Administrator - Read Only role could not see Overdue and Lost Loan Profile locations. This is fixed; users with this role now see this information.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06361884 05333165 06379760 05318125**
In certain cases, a single item was listed as checked out multiple times at the same time to the same patron. This has been fixed; in this type of case, a single item only appears as checked out once to the patron. Note that corrupted data created as a result of this bug may still exist in the Alma database.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06367457 06375315**
Previously, work orders always had expected-completion dates, and these dates were displayed in Primo. It is now possible to configure a work-order department to have no expected-completion dates for their work orders, by entering '999999' in the 'Work Time (days)' field of the department's configuration.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06386238**
Previously, when a patron using Primo in a non-English interface attempted to renew a single item, and the item could not be renewed, the explanatory message that appeared was in English. These messages now appears in the language of the interface.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06434526 06440811**
Following data migration, some data was corrupted, causing errors when certain lost loans were marked as found. The Alma code has been adjusted to be able to handle data that is corrupted in this way.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06409164 06295346**
Previously, the Ful Hold Shelf Request Slip Letter did not show the expiration date for AFN requests. The letter now includes this date.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06433183**
Previously, digitization requests for items whose descriptions contained more than 1,000 characters failed with no error message. Now, digitization-request item descriptions that are longer than 1,000 characters are trimmed, so that only the first 1,000 characters are included in the request, and the request is processed correctly.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 05307515 06211259**
Previously, the days of the week in date-range calendars appeared in English, regardless of the interface language. Now, the days appear in the language of the interface.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 05312355 05302150**
When a resource-sharing item was returned through the Return Items page, Alma incorrectly marked the item as In

Place instead of putting it in transit to the owning library. Alma now marks these items correctly as in transit to the owning library.

- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06224498**
Previously, when a user generated a query to a patron for a borrowing request, and while doing so, a new borrowing request was created in Primo, the query to patron action was performed on the wrong request. This was fixed; even if new borrowing requests are created while a user is generating a query to a patron about an existing borrowing request, Alma generates the query for the borrowing request that was originally selected by the user.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06280172**
Previously, when an Alma institution sent a renewal request to an NCIP-P2P non-Alma partner, and the lending institution responded to the request, in some cases the borrowing request at the Alma institution was not updated correctly. This was fixed; the information is now updated correctly in Alma borrowing requests when a response to a renewal request is received from an NCIP-P2P non-Alma institution.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06345222**
Previously, when a local request was converted to a resource-sharing request, existing patron notes were not moved to the Request Note field of the resource-sharing request. This was fixed; existing notes are now transferred correctly when local requests are converted to resource-sharing requests.
- **September 2022 Fulfillment SF: 06462997 06372148 06362002**
Previously, when a resource-sharing item was returned, both a transit letter and a resource-request letter were printed. This was fixed; when a resource-sharing item is put in transit, only a transit letter is printed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06263131**
Field 773 with subfield \$\$w and subfield \$\$g was not working as expected. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06375348 06362013 06284405**
When a work order was cancelled while the item was in work order, there was an issue handling the item and closing the request from the item editor and Change Physical Items job. This was fixed, and now when a work order is cancelled while the item is in work order, it is still visible in the item editor and can be removed there and using the job - closing the request and changing the item to be in place.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06041711**
Running export electronic portfolios job using TXT format completed with errors. The number of portfolios that failed was almost the amount of records in the collection "Ebook Central Perpetual, DDA and Subscription Titles". This error was fixed and the job completes successfully.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06404460**
Loading the digital/collection import profile page lagged. This was fixed and now the collection dropdown was changed to a pickup field, thus enhancing the loading time of the page.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06327183**
Delete Bibliographic Records job progressing in some cases in Network institutions slowly. This was fixed and the performance was improved.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05327518**
When a search term contains an apostrophe ('), a record cannot be found. This was fixed and search results now include an apostrophe.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06226441**
Searching for names in the P/E/D/All Titles search (keywords or specific index) is not working for multilingual vocabulary in specific cases. This has been fixed and the indexing issue that caused this error is resolved.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05332016**
List of libraries in advance search is not according to UI language. This was fixed by having the SAML login now also working with JIT.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06262791 06375474**
Physical Holdings Advanced Search > Add search term. Press **Enter** on the keyboard and nothing happens. This was fixed and now pressing Enter commences the search.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06304766 06221734**
When signing in to Alma, sometimes the search is covered by a 'pale bar' for an extended period of time. This is fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06387654**
Sets list: The filter set option incorrectly appeared on this page for a set with content origin Network and Institution. This was fixed by removing the option for Network and Institution sets.

- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05314946**
Add members to set job completed with warnings, although members were added to set successfully. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06287576 06289557 06286366**
After filtering records in the favorite list using labels and trying to export them in an excel sheet or send them in an email, the results contain all the records from the filtered label. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06054573 06306259 06300999**
Proxy is not applied to Quicklink in Primo VE. This was fixed and all Quicklinks are now proxied.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06410190**
The filter for volumes displays wrong descriptions coming from other tables. This was fixed and the volume filter in the Get It section has only the list of available volumes.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06399073**
DC:type and **DC:publisher** were missing from the analytics report. The operational record was fixed to contain the referring fields.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05311602**
In the New Metadata Editor, the creation and modification dates of Community Zone records and the versions creation dates of Community Zone records were displayed with the community time zone. This was fixed and now all date information of Community Zone records are displayed with the current institution time zone.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05319325**
The subjects list of a record in External Search results is ordered bottom up. This has been fixed. The subjects are now displayed in their original cataloging order.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05322106 05319106**
New Metadata Editor: The item editor screen shows up briefly when performing a search after an item was created before. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05306536**
Some lines in the New Metadata Editor were not translated to Czech. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06044606**
Intermittently in the New Metadata Editor, the cursor turns into a 'prohibited' symbol when trying to use the persistent search bar after save/release of a record. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06398844 06387340 06400023 06374699 05323610**
Matching Headings are not found for Other Classification Numbers. This was fixed and now the bibliographic records list displays the records with the same heading.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05332907**
New Metadata Editor: When adding directional characters to a field and saving using CTRL+S, the characters are removed from the field. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05314904**
Headings for tag 830 with subfield \$\$v are showing the half-binocular icon for partial linking and can't be fully linked without removing subfield v. This was fixed and the linking on field 830 is now a full linking, regardless of the subfield v, which is not a subdivision field in this context but a volume.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 06296813**
When running an import job from a member institution, it may fail on some files with 'Failed in Commit after calling Network Zone'. This was fixed and a new action named 'Rerun selected' was added to the import job details screen, allowing to rerun multiple selected failed files at once.
- **September 2022 Resource Management SF: 05323340**
New Metadata Editor: Search External Resources > 'SBN': The T140 section became disabled while entering 'strings' into the SBN search form. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Analytics SF: 05707447 05809011 05959895 05320828**
The Loan Note field (**Fulfillment > Loan Details**) did not display data. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Analytics SF: 06423498 06265143**
The **Physical Items > PO Line > PO Line Notes** field displayed deleted notes. This was fixed and now this field displays only active notes.
- **September 2022 Analytics SF: 06216771**
The "Forecast" option was not working in Data Visualization. This was fixed.

- **September 2022 Analytics SF: 06311014**
Some LC classifications were being displayed as "Unknown". This was fixed.
- **September 2022 Analytics SF: 06402840**
Adding LC Classification fields was creating discrepancies. This was fixed.
- **September 2022 API SF: 06237495 06257607 05312839**
GOBI clients encountered a problem when creating an order in parallel-run mode, in which the match/merge method of the bibliographic record did not work properly. It is now possible to control the parallel run and change it to a serial run; doing this ensures that the match/merge method of the bibliographic record works correctly.
- **September 2022 API SF: 06354993**
When using the API POST command to create users, if two users are created with identical identifiers at exactly the same time, the system does not recognize that the identifiers are duplicate. A new Customer Parameter, `block_user_creation_multi_thread`, was created to prevent this from happening. Customers who use the create-user API in parallel mode without populating the primary identifier in the payload, can prevent user duplication by setting the value of `block_user_creation_multi_thread` to true.
- **September 2022 API SF: 06422413**
Item-level requests created by API sent webhooks without the item information. This was fixed; the item information is now sent with the webhooks.
- **September 2022 API SF: 06420545**
The item creation or modification date was not appearing correctly in the Get item API. This was fixed; the dates now appear correctly.
- **September 2022 API SF: 06374980**
The Retrieve Job Instance Details API was missing some information when retrieving an instance of the Users Synchronize job. Now all counters that appear in the UI are included in the API output.
- **September 2022 API SF: 06022856**
The institution to decide whether to allow Cloud Apps to update user information by adding `CLOUDAPP_UPDATE_USER` privilege to the circ desk operator/manager (default is "not allow").