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Upcoming Issues to Note

Sandbox Refresh

As a reminder, premium sandboxes will be updated in February according to [Alma's premium sandbox refresh policy](#).

Alma Roadmap Highlights

The next version of the Alma Roadmap Highlights document will be published in January 2023.

Next Release Sneak Preview

Select [February 2023 Sneak Preview](#) to view the next release sneak preview.

Alma January 2023 Additional Enhancements

- **January 2023 Analytics**

In continuation of the December release, an additional five statistical categories are now available to be reported on in Alma Analytics in the following additional locations:

Note

The additional statistical categories added to Fulfillment > Borrower Details are only available with data added going forward.

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- Borrowing Requests > Requester
 - Fines and Fees > User Details
 - Fulfillment > Borrower Details
 - Requests > Requester

- **January 2023 Analytics**

It is now possible to have the data anonymized in the following fields of the System Events subject area:

To request that these fields be anonymized, contact Ex Libris support.

- Event Details > Event Key Value
- Event Details > Event Creator
- Security Events > Accessing User ID
- Security Events > User ID

- **January 2023 Analytics**

The **Available From Date** and **Available Until Date** fields were added to E-Inventory > Portfolio. They display the start and end dates that the portfolio is available.

- **January 2023 Analytics**

The **Label** and **Label History** fields (Borrowing Requests > Borrowing Request Details and Lending Requests > Lending Request Details) are now available to Alma customers. They display the customized labels added to borrowing and lending requests and the history of label deletions.

- **January 2023 Analytics**

The **Loan Hour** field was added to Fulfillment > Loan Date. It indicates the hour of the loan in 24 hour format.

Alma January 2023 Resolved Issues

- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 05328544**
Public access models could not be added to portfolios in the PDA repository because the portfolio was updated from the PO line before the linkage of the public access model took place. This was fixed by changing the code so that the linkage occurs before the portfolio is updated.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 05314647 06439695 06333864 06457150 06429680**
When PO-line itemized sets contained more than 900 items, opening a page of the task list that was supposed to display members number 900 or above caused an error. This was fixed. All pages of PO-line itemized sets now display properly, even if the set contains 900 members or more.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06368555**
In certain cases, when an API call was used to retrieve purchase requests, an internal server error was generated. This failure was traced to a null PO line, and the problem was resolved.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06340434 06545401 05301789**
When an item that was previously received, so that its PO line had the receiving status 'Yes,' was scanned a second time at the Acquisitions department, its receiving status reverted to 'No.' This was fixed; scanning a received item a second time does not change its receiving status.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06519374**
The properties displayed for a PO line indicated that it had interested users, but no interested users actually existed for it. This was traced to a data-corrector issue, which was fixed.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06525896**
When a PO line was created for a portfolio license upgrade, the MMS ID of the portfolio was not saved in the PO line. This was fixed; the MMS ID of the portfolio is now saved in the PO line of the license upgrade.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06395491**
Invoice searches for invoice numbers that contained certain configurations of special characters failed to locate the invoices as they should have. It was determined that the error was caused by a normalization process that removed special characters from invoice numbers in a faulty way. This was fixed; normalization of this type is no longer performed, and the invoice numbers are saved as is, with the special characters included.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06382103**
When a particular user attempted to move funds within a ledger hierarchy in the the Funds Transfer Page, an error occurred, causing either a blank screen or irrelevant data to be displayed. It was found that this error occurred when the user sorted the list of funds by any column other than 'Type,' which caused the query to the database to be corrupted. This was fixed; the query is no longer corrupted when the table is sorted by any of its columns, and moving funds within the ledger hierarchy works as it should.
- **January 2023 Acquisitions SF: 06557509 06213175**
In the Manage EDI Tasks list, when filtering for a particular Response Date Range, the filtering failed and an error message was displayed. This was fixed; filtering the Manage EDI Tasks list by Response Date Range now works as expected.
- **January 2023 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06485543**
When editing a default Rule and clicking Cancel, the changes are still saved. This was fixed and changes are only saved after clicking the Save button.
- **January 2023 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06325157**
In some languages, an error appeared when trying to dismiss all tasks from Community Zone Update Tasks List. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06368660**
The actions available for Physical holdings records are sorted in a different order in different releases and environments, with no apparent consistency. This was fixed. The order of the actions on the list is now consistent between releases.
- **January 2023 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06295513 06267960**

Users in a digital waitlist were not notified when their item was available. This was fixed and now a daily system maintenance job notifies the user that the item is available.

- **January 2023 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 06359250**
When assigning new DARA recommendations, an Oops error was displayed. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Administration and Infrastructure SF: 05302586**
In the "Recommendations on job" report, the IDs are now separated by a space and a comma.
- **January 2023 Analytics SF: 06426789**
When adding fields from Fines and Fees > Staff Operator Details to reports not all data was displayed. This was fixed, and now all data appears as expected."
- **January 2023 API SF: 06552293**
Previously, the Retrieve-Letter API failed with an Internal Server Error for letters that did not have an XSL template. This was fixed; the Retrieve-Letter API now works correctly even for letters that do not have XSL templates.
- **January 2023 API SF: 06473890**
The Get User Fines and Get User Fees APIs did not display the correct VAT amounts. This has been fixed; the VAT amounts are now correct.
- **January 2023 API SF: 06561715 06564755**
With the November 2022 Release, REST APIs used with JSON were unintentionally modified in 2 aspects. Applications calling the APIs could have broken because of these changes, and we are therefore reverting those changes: 1. Empty fields returned as 'null'. They will now again be omitted. 2. Enumeration-based fields such as request_status returned the textual description such as 'On Hold Shelf'. They will now again be returning codes such as ON_HOLD_SHELF.
- **January 2023 Cloud Apps SF: 06514523**
The Multiple Item Edit Cloud app was allowing the editing of items by users who did not have the required Physical Inventory Operator role for the relevant scope. This was fixed. The Update Item API now checks the scope of the user's Physical Inventory Operator role before performing an action. If the user doesn't have the proper scope, the item is not updated.
- **January 2023 Digital Resource Management SF: 06499792**
The Universal Viewer is configured to not allow users to download videos, but users were still able to download videos. This was fixed by preventing the Save As menu from appearing when right-clicking the video.
- **January 2023 Digital Resource Management SF: 06519750**
New digital copyrights statements added by the customer under Configuration > Fulfillment > Copyright Management > Copyrights Statements - Digital did not appear in the Copyrights field drop-down list under Configuration > Fulfillment > Copyright Management > Access Rights. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Electronic Resource Management SF: 06340451 05327330**
Extended export failed if a portfolio or collection's license had been deleted. This issue was fixed and Extended export works correctly.
- **January 2023 Electronic Resource Management SF: 06317072**
Upload holdings scheduled job skips since the Distribute Resource Sharing Member Configuration job is enabled and running at the same time. This was fixed and the distribute resource sharing configuration job will not block the upload electronic holdings job.
- **January 2023 Electronic Resource Management SF: 06424449 06412133 06492138 06595180 06563317 06402571 06338698**
The Upload Electronic Holdings Job for Ovid was not activating all of the relevant portfolios in the input file. This was fixed and now all relevant portfolios in the input file are activated.
- **January 2023 Electronic Resource Management SF: 06481447**
When the user clicked on Save for the first time in the portfolio editor, a change in the coverage statement field was recorded in the history tab without any changes made by the user. This issue was fixed.
- **January 2023 Electronic Resource Management SF: 06481670 06487846**
The Link Resolver Usage Analytics for Electronic Collection Name displayed the Interface Name instead of the Electronic Collection's Public Name. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Electronic Resource Management SF: 06513533 06480900**
A bug in the Upload Electronic Holdings job prevented matching for some ISBNs. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06509132 06465328**

It was not possible to check out Fulfillment Network (FN) items on self-check machines that send Alma an Item Information message before sending the Checkout message. This was because Alma only supported FN items in Checkout and Check-in messages. The issue was fixed by adding support for FN items in Item Information messages. Note: The Item Information response for FN items only includes the 'title' and 'owner' item fields.

- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06478892**
Previously, the Fulfillment > Manage In Process Items page did not enable users to choose how many items to display per page; a maximum of 20 items was displayed. This was fixed, and the page now offers pagination options.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 05312724**
In the **Fulfillment > Manage Patron Services** page, in the Requests tab of a patron, the order of the options in the 'Task' dropdown list changed arbitrarily. This was fixed; the list is now in alphabetical order in every language.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06517349 06504182 06564653 06502652 06567809**
Fines and fees were created wrongly when loaned items with fines or fees were recalled and then later the recall was cancelled and the status of the loans returned to normal. This occurred when the Terms of Use of the items were configured for either 'Automatic Renewal' or 'Restore Due Date'; the due date wasn't changed when the recall was cancelled, but the profile was removed, which caused overdue fines to be levied again and overdue-fine notification letters to be resent when they should not have been. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06389698**
Under certain circumstances, if a circulation desk assigned to handle a patron request used the Skip Location option to reassign the request to a different circulation desk, Alma's confirmation message showed the ID number of the new location rather than its name. This was fixed; the location name is now shown in the confirmation message.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06488346 06353076 06447887 06457136 06504406 06239189 06515020**
The Alma Link Resolver failed to return a related service when the institution did not have a required service. The problem arose when information about related services was in the Community Zone. This issue has been fixed; the Link Resolver now returns related services that are active in the institution based on relationships that are defined in the Community Zone.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06559054 06521087 06453571 06038384**
Changes that were made to user accounts in the Network Zone when user accounts are centrally managed were not consistently distributed to the Institution Zone. This was fixed; changes to user accounts that are implemented in the Network Zone are now reliably distributed to the Institution Zone.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment SF: 06504717**
Previously, some Overdue and Lost Item jobs failed due to location codes that contained special characters. This problem was fixed; special characters in location codes no longer cause this job to fail.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 06373844 06465218 06422934 06388482**
Previously, the Resource Sharing Completed Request Cleanup job would fail when there were a large number of requests to process. This problem was fixed; the job now runs properly even when there are a large number of requests.
- **January 2023 Fulfillment - Resource Sharing SF: 06476218**
The job would fail for large populations. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06379248**
An error resulted when 'Push Selected to MDE' button was pressed when adding a title to a collection. This was fixed and the 'Push Selected to MDE' button was removed from adding titles to collections.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06433257**
Japanese: The U+202F NARROW NO-BREAK SPACE character was not converted to a normal space character (as was already done for U+3000 IDEOGRAPHIC SPACE (also known as double-width space)). It has now been added to the list of character conversions done when the customer parameter solr_searching_language = jp.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06426835**
Display of Additional Staff Search Fields does not support special characters. This was fixed and the fields now support special characters.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06477906**
In some cases, sorting search results by a field other than the default 'Rank' led to zero results. This has been fixed by introducing a new customer parameter - 'temp_apply_schema_template_for_non_rank_sort'. Its default value is 'false'. When it is set to 'true', changing the sorting field does not change the results in such cases.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06463158**
Creating a set using an Excel file with empty lines caused an error. This was fixed and these lines are now skipped.

- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 05315795**
New Metadata Editor: Clicking CMD + click for rows multi-selection in the editor in macOS does not work. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06288070**
When testing a normalization rule, changes made without saving in the bib record are not considered in the preview. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 05331510**
New Metadata Editor: When the CP 'font_for_special_characters' is enabled, the font size is smaller. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 05301855**
There were some values of the KORMARC control-field 008 that were missing for the rare book record type. This was fixed and all values were added.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06372926**
New Metadata Editor: The 'expand from template' menu action was incorrectly enabled for Community Zone records. This was fixed and the menu action is now disabled in such cases.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06546700 06560319 06546746 06513152**
New Metadata Editor: When a user with the correct role tries to duplicate a template, the new template can't be saved or edited. This was fixed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06207291**
Analytics is lacking the labels for 2 values in the Authorities Heading Subject details (Chronological Subdivision, General Subdivision). This was fixed. The labels have now been added.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06338499**
Linked 880 fields were using punctuation rules for 8XX fields instead of from the linked field. This has been fixed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06513357**
Metadata configuration list - Authority vocabularies list was not displayed when there was a local authority of type 'DCMI'. This was fixed and now the authority vocabularies list is displayed.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06333927**
For some users, opening the 'Monitor and View Imports' page took a long time. This was fixed. The loading time for this page was enhanced and the performance was improved.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06441333**
Sequence number Maintain job: When running on a set that includes more than one record, the sequence number was not updated in the database. This was fixed. Saving sequences that already existed in the DB (compare based on prefix and sequence number), will 'skip' over all the existing sequences instead of creating duplications. In addition, the Job report will reflect all the skipped sequences.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06345071**
Records marked for merge are sometimes not merged correctly in Alma. This was fixed. Two new counters were added to the job report for the SBN alignment jobs: 'Record not merged - non-preferred record doesn't exist in Alma' and 'Record not merged - preferred record doesn't exist in Alma'. This should reduce the number of records that are included in the 'Failed to merge records' without explanation.
- **January 2023 Resource Management SF: 06548112**
SBN Alignment job - Adding a new schedule option was added (everyday at 20:00).