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# Community Zone and Central Discovery Index: Two Systems with One Goal

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# Welcome

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# The Community Zone (CZ)

- Centralized service for streamlining end-to-end workflows from selection to acquisitions to electronic resource management.
- Shared space
- Accessible to all Alma institutions
- Managed by Ex Libris
- Maintained collaboratively by Ex Libris and customers.

# What makes up the Community Zone?

## Community Catalog

Bibliographic records  
Electronic resources

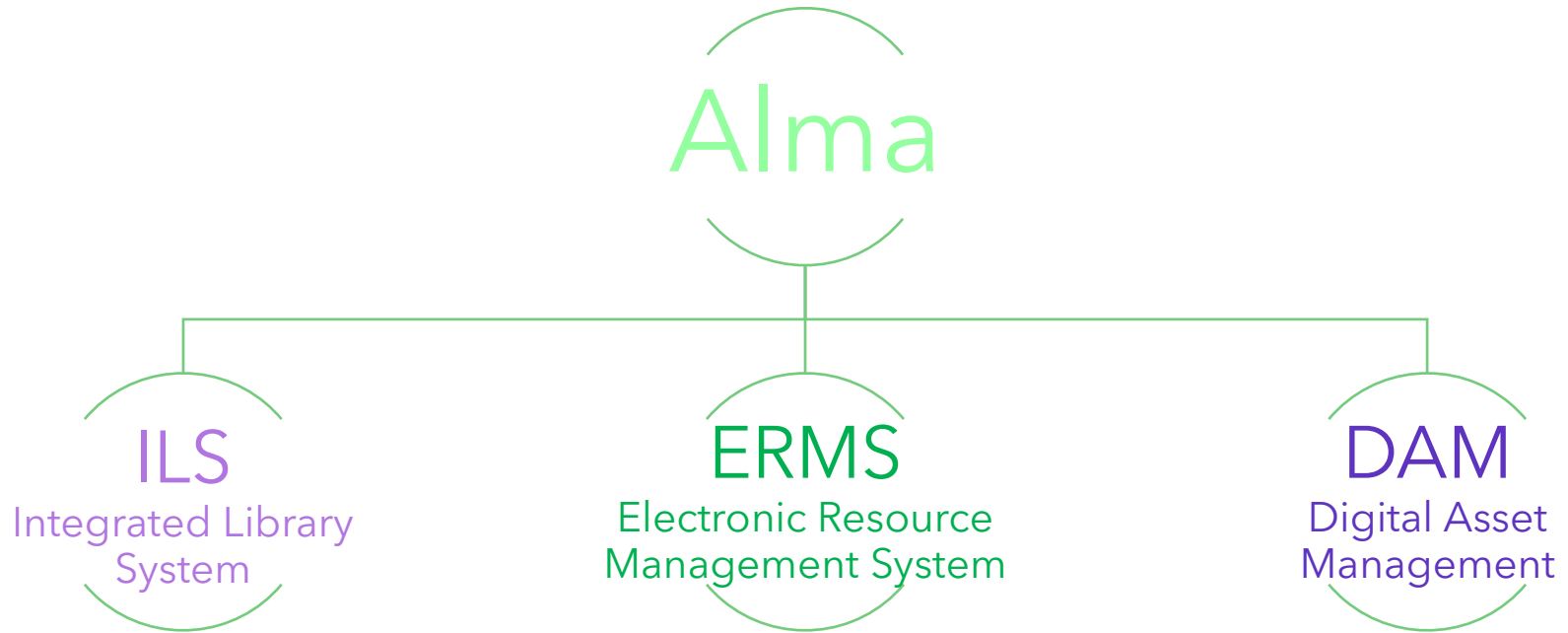
## Central Knowledge Base

Electronic Collections  
Portfolios  
Linking information  
Coverage Service

## Authority Vocabularies

Full list of vocabularies available in the **Customer Knowledge Center**

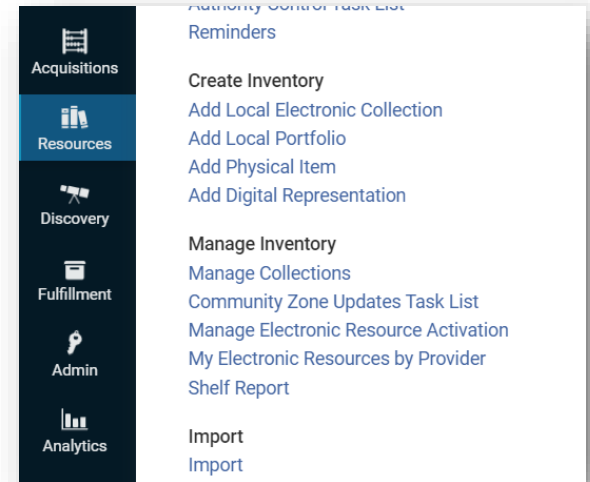
# Unified Resource Management





# Community Zone Updates Task List

- Review changes that were done in the CZ
- Updates are synchronized on Sunday at midnight in your time zone by the Synchronize Changes from the Community Zone job
  - Copies changed authorities and resources from the CZ to your NZ/IZ
  - Adds changes to the Community Zone Updates Task List



**Alma > Resources > Manage Inventory > Community Zone Updates Task List**

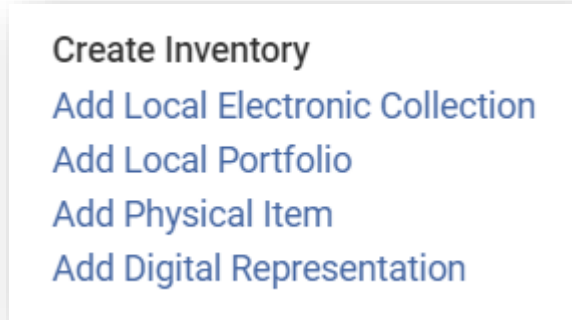
# Central Knowledge Base (CKB)

Alma FAQ on the [Central Knowledge Base](#) in the Customer Knowledge Center.

- What types of metadata are found in the CKB?
- CKB updates.
- User community involvement in the development of the CKB?
- Localization of electronic resources.

# What if the CZ does not have the electronic resource I am looking for?

1. Create a local electronic resource Alma  
> Resources > Create Inventory



2. Suggest that the collection and data be added to the Community Zone via the Content area of Ex Libris Idea Exchange

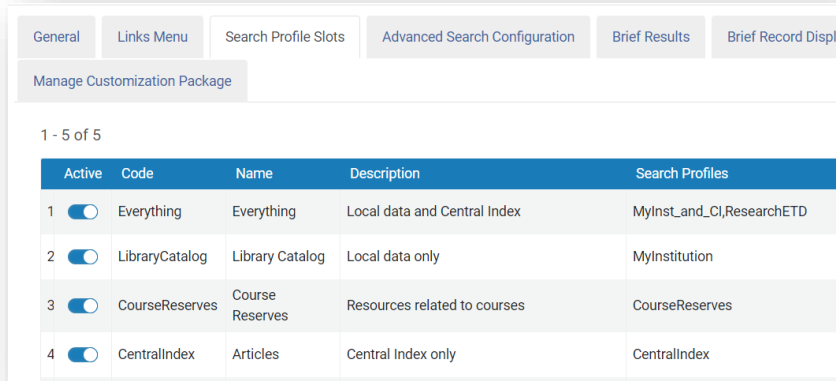


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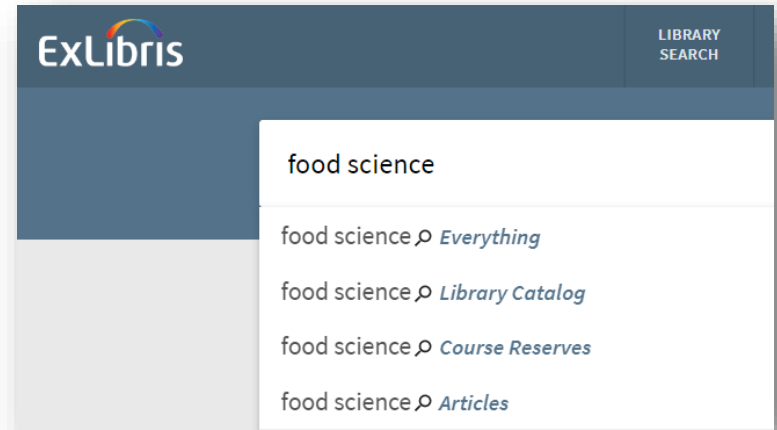
# Central Discovery Index (CDI)

- Unified index that supports Summon, Primo and Primo VE.
- Search profile slots that have been configured to use the CentralIndex search profile search CDI content and includes that content in search results.



The screenshot shows the 'Search Profile Slots' configuration page in ExLibris. It features a table with 5 columns: Active, Code, Name, Description, and Search Profiles. There are 4 rows of search profile slots, each with an active toggle switch.

Active	Code	Name	Description	Search Profiles
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Everything	Everything	Local data and Central Index	MyInst_Land_CI,ResearchETD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LibraryCatalog	Library Catalog	Local data only	MyInstitution
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CourseReserves	Course Reserves	Resources related to courses	CourseReserves
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CentralIndex	Articles	Central Index only	CentralIndex



# What's in the CDI?

- Over 5 billion *citations*
- Commercial and Open Access content from global and local providers
- Most resources are free to search—some require a subscription
- Content includes 29 CDI resource types that were determined in collaboration with the IGELU and ELUNA user groups.

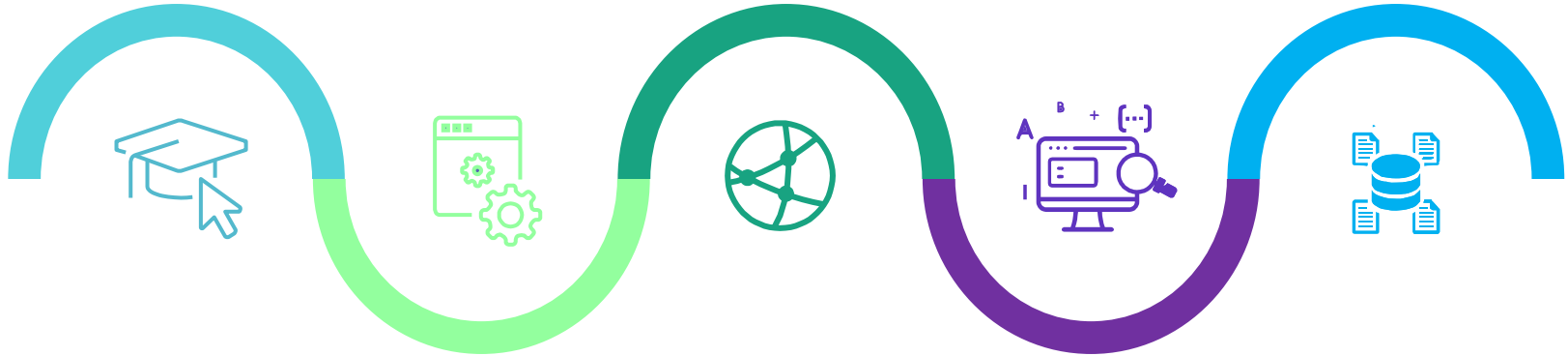
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# Alma/CZ/CDI Workflow

2. Order/Activation  
Workflow in Alma

4. Central Discovery  
Index harvests the  
file



1. Locate electronic  
resource in the  
Community Zone

3. Alma creates  
CDI holdings file

5. Electronic  
holdings display in  
Discovery in 48-72  
hours



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# Knowledge Base Resources

- [Working with Community Zone Electronic Resources](#)
- [CDI–The Central Discovery Index](#)
- [Community Zone Contribution Guidelines](#)
- [EasyActive Collections List](#)–Resources that are not searchable without a subscription.
- [Alma Single Activation Source for CDI](#)
- [CDI Record Summary and Sources](#)

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Questions?

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