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Ex Libris Leganto for Consortia

Although institutions typically manage teaching and learning individually, even within a consortium, Leganto leverages the Ex Libris Alma® infrastructure and the Alma support of consortial processes and settings to make global implementation and control possible while fulfilling the needs of individual consortium members.

A Leganto instance is defined and configured for each institution in a consortium according to the Alma topology. Typically, every institution in a consortium has its own instance of a learning management system (LMS). Sometimes multiple LMSs are implemented within a consortium (and even within an institution). To enable a member institution's instructors and students to seamlessly access a Leganto course resource list from a course page in the LMS, Leganto is integrated with the institution's LMS through an LTI link, which is configured as part of the course page.

Leganto branding is defined per Leganto instance, to match the institution's branding. However, in a consortial environment, the consortium can manage the following components:

- ## Configuration

Configuration parameters, such as the default language, the maximum size of a file that can be uploaded by an instructor, the maximum size of a file that can be uploaded by a student, and links to external pages can be set for the entire consortium. Afterwards, individual institutions can overwrite the centralized settings.

- ## Implementation

When relevant, Leganto implementation can be planned as a rolling process in which Ex Libris starts off with the more complex implementations while the consortium's staff observe. Then the latter staff take the lead on the rest of the implementations, with the Ex Libris team available for assistance.

- ## Shared resources

When adding items to a resource list, instructors (and librarians) can search in all the collections defined in the consortium's Ex Libris Primo® discovery solution. For example, instructors may be able to search not only

[1] A link adhering to the learning tool interoperability (LTI) standard, developed by the IMS Global Learning Consortium (https://www.imsglobal.org/activity/learning-tools-interoperability).

in their local library collection but also in another member's library collection or in the collections of the entire consortium. To obtain an item that is part of another member's collection, the librarian can issue an interlibrary loan request. The librarian can also launch a purchasing process for the requested resource, using the metadata from the other member's catalog.

- ## Fulfillment workflows

To make course materials on resource lists available to students, librarians employ the various fulfillment workflows—such as digitization, short loan, and acquisition—on locally owned inventory. In the future, library staff will be able to leverage the Alma consortial workflows to directly request a resource from another member institution, which will manage the request—digitization or loan, for example—through routine fulfillment workflows. The outcome will be a blurring of the institutional boundaries for requests.

- ## Resource Lists page

Although each member institution displays its own Resource Lists page, where users can look for specific resource lists, the consortium can create a central page that serves as a gateway to the resource lists of all the member institutions. Instructors and students can therefore search for lists that are available at other institutions of the consortium.

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