Configuring Ebsco API for Full Text Linking via Alma and SFX link resolvers

- **Product:** Alma, SFX
- **Product Version:** All
- **Relevant for Installation Type:** Dedicated-Direct, Multi-Tenant, Local, Total Care

**Description**

Alma and SFX link resolvers can now use an API on EBSCOHOST to pre-check the availability of an item and retrieve the direct URL. This mechanism improves the availability indication where not all articles in a particular issue are available on the EBSCO platform.

Alma and SFX will only show the full text link if the API provides a positive response. In addition, the retrieved URL increases the accuracy of links, especially if there is more than one article published on the same page. Both link resolvers use a plug-in to retrieve the response from EBSCO full text targets, based on information in the OpenURL. Specifically it helps with:

- metadata mismatches between OpenURL sources and Ebsco targets
- incomplete coverage in some Ebsco targets (only some articles are available in Ebsco in full text, not the complete issue)

**Resolution**

Please see the following resources for more information about the use of the EBSCO API for full text linking:

**For Alma:**

[Alma January 2016 Release Notes](#)

You can find step-by-step instructions how to configure this feature in [Configuring the Validity of EBSCOhost Full Text URLs](#).

This is also described in the “EBSCO_HOST DATABASES by Parsers” section of the document: [SFX Target and Alma E-Collection Configuration](#)

**For SFX:**

An overview of this option is included in the following Release Notes document from December 2015: [SFX_Update_20155000_with_SFX_4.8.2_SP](#). See the section “Plug-in Program for Ebsco” in Chapter 14 of the [SFX Advanced User Guide](#) for instructions on how to configure the Ebsco API. See also the “EBSCO_HOST DATABASES by Parsers” section of the document: [SFX Target and Alma E-Collection Configuration](#)
Additional Information

More information about setting up an EBSCOhost API (EIT) account can be found at: [http://support.ebsco.com/eit/ws_admin.php](http://support.ebsco.com/eit/ws_admin.php)

More information about EBSCOhost API (EIT) can be found at: [http://support.ebsco.com/eit/ws_api_info.php#b](http://support.ebsco.com/eit/ws_api_info.php#b)

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