

360 Resource Manager release includes Acquisitions Data Import feature

Release includes details on column sorting options, reports enhancements and Consortia Support

July 28 – This past weekend we deployed a new Acquisitions Cost Data Import feature and added column sorting options to the Contacts, Licenses, and Notes sections of 360 Resource Manager. Both are described below and are the first of several free, significant enhancements to 360 Resource Manager over the coming months. These improvements to 360 Resource Manager are part of our continued commitment to decrease your effort in the e-resource acquisitions/renewal process.

Column sorting option

We have improved usability of 360 Resource Manager by enabling you to sort columns within the Contacts, Licenses, and Notes sections. Select one of the following links under "Advanced 360 Resource Manager Tools" and sort the listed column headings:

- Contacts: Contact Name, Resource Type, Contact Type
- Licenses: License Name, Resource Type, License Type, Status, Start Date, End Date
- Notes: Note Title, Date Added, Coverage, Type, Status

Acquisitions Cost Data Import feature

A new automated process for importing cost and acquisitions-related data from your ILS into 360 Resource Manager's existing cost fields is now available. *No library has enough staff to enter data multiple times into multiple systems.* This new enhancement provides interoperability between your ILS acquisitions module and 360 Resource Manager, providing a way of importing the cost and related data (such as fund code and fiscal year) from your acquisitions system into your ERM. Using the Acquisitions Cost Data Import feature improves your workflow and saves you time:

- Eliminates the need for manual cost data entry into 360 Resource Manager
- Provides you the ability to upload and revise cost data at any time

This functionality was developed in conjunction with several customers, including Johnson County Community College (Overland Park, Kansas) and University of Adelaide (Adelaide, South Australia), with several more beta testing over the past four weeks.

To use this new functionality through the Client Center, you simply link to 360 Resource Manager's Cost Data Upload page where you can select the files to download or upload, or check status of any files you have previously uploaded. Detailed instructions on how to use this valuable new tool can be found at:

http://support.serialssolutions.com/cgi-bin/serialssolutions.cfg/php/enduser/std_adp.php?p_faqid=514

Reports enhancements (coming soon!)

A new report capability is in programming now for 360 Resource Manager. It will enable you to select from a set of reports related to the e-resources in 360 Resource Manager, print them, and also export them. This new feature includes a number of standard reports, based on your feedback, such as:

- License Details
- License Terms of Use
- Vendor Statistics Sets
- Resource Administrative Information
- Subscription and Cost Information
- Resource Holdings and MARC Availability
- Contact Lists
- Proxy Configuration
- Others

We expect that this feature will be available in the fall 2008.

Consortia support (coming soon!)

Libraries procure many of their e-resources through one or more consortia. A major new set of features for 360 Resource Manager is in development that will enable consortia to manage resources and push the data to member libraries. A member library will be able to simply "inherit" data from the consortium's 360 Resource Manager. Data can be entered once by the consortium and automatically passed to the individual libraries, reducing local data entry.

There are lots of great features in this package, such as the ability to inherit from multiple consortia. It is in development now, for release by the end of 2008. Data entered now by consortiums will be handled by these new developments.

For any questions about your current service, or these announcements, please "Ask a Question" through the Support Center.