Jönköping University proudly presents

ALEPH VS VOYAGER

- THE COOD, THE BAD, BUT WHO IS THE UCLY?

A presentation by

DANIEL FORSMAN

with the help of

eva törnblom

URBAN ANDERSSON



IGeLU 2007 3 September 2007 Breakout sessions #1 5a Examining our ILS daniel.forsman@bibl.hj.se





Jonkoping University

2006

6732 full time students 676 staff

Library

24 staff

On ALEPH since 2001

Version 16.2 204825 bibs

MetaLib SFX





Voyager 2005.0.1

Oracle

PC clients

- Circulation

- CAT

- ACQ

- Sysadmin

- Reporter

MS Access

Aleph 16.02

Oracle

PC clients

-Circulation

- CAT

- ACQ

- Administration

- ILL

ARC

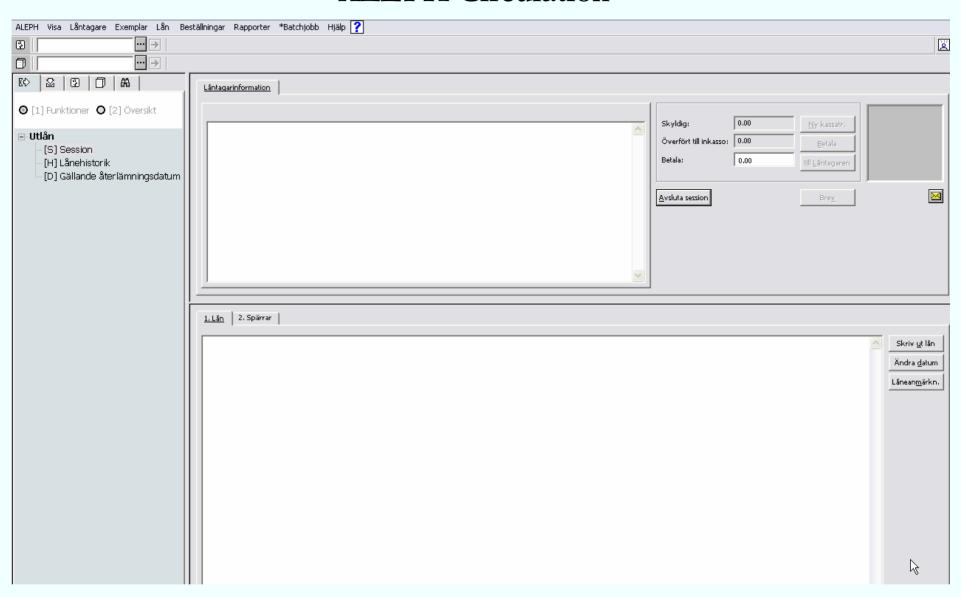
Client GUI

Windows 3.11 client design

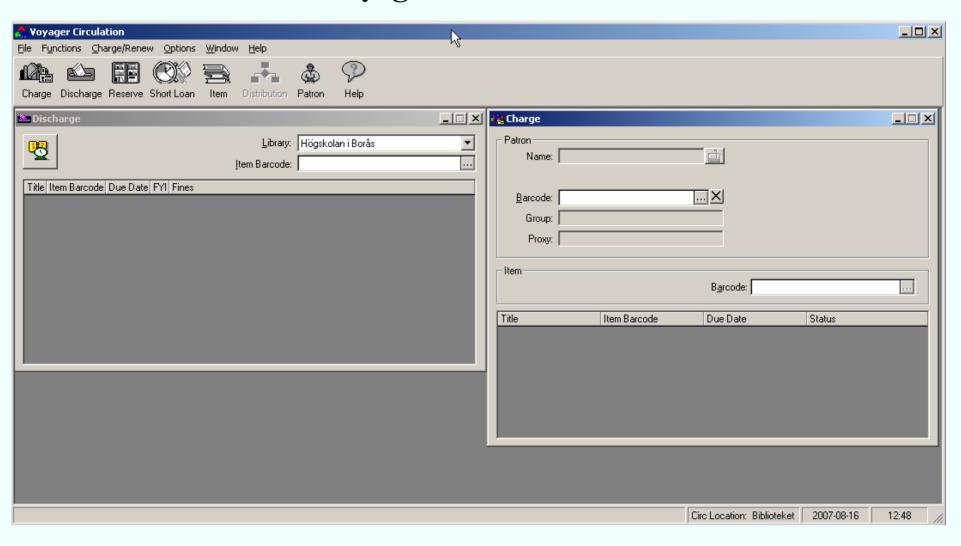
ALEPH: one window with defined sections

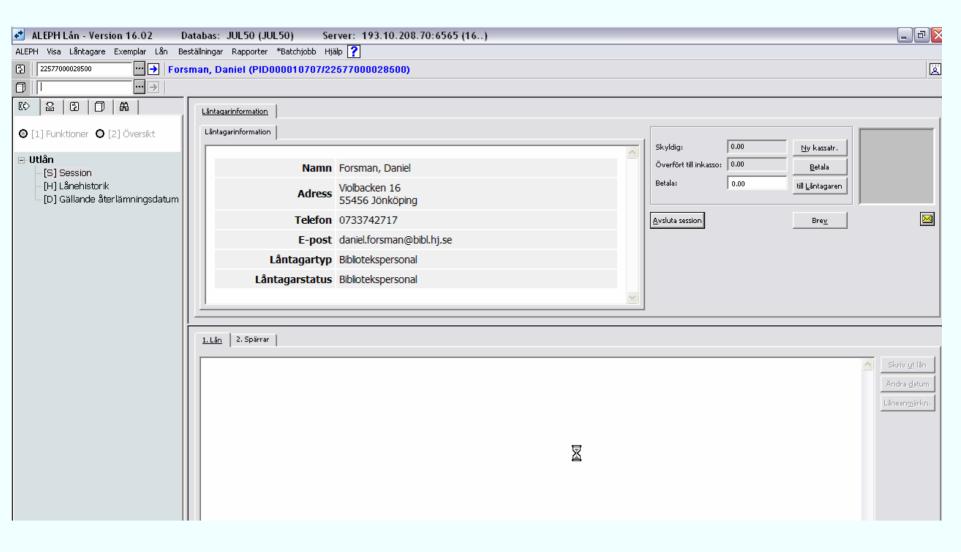
Voyager clients use defined sections, but also pop up windows and separate windows. User can define their own workspace within the program window

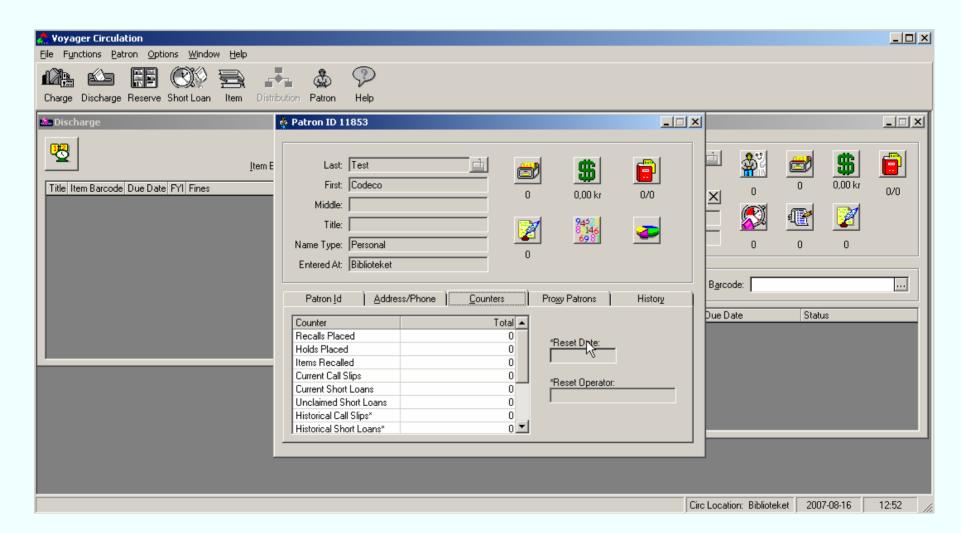
ALEPH Circulation



Voyager circulation





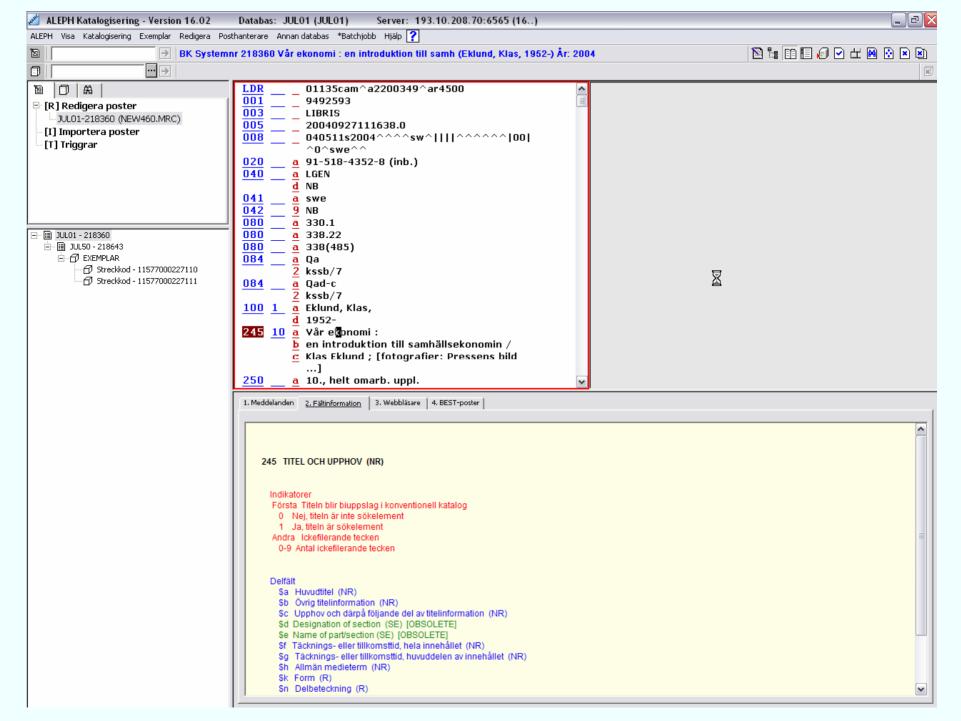


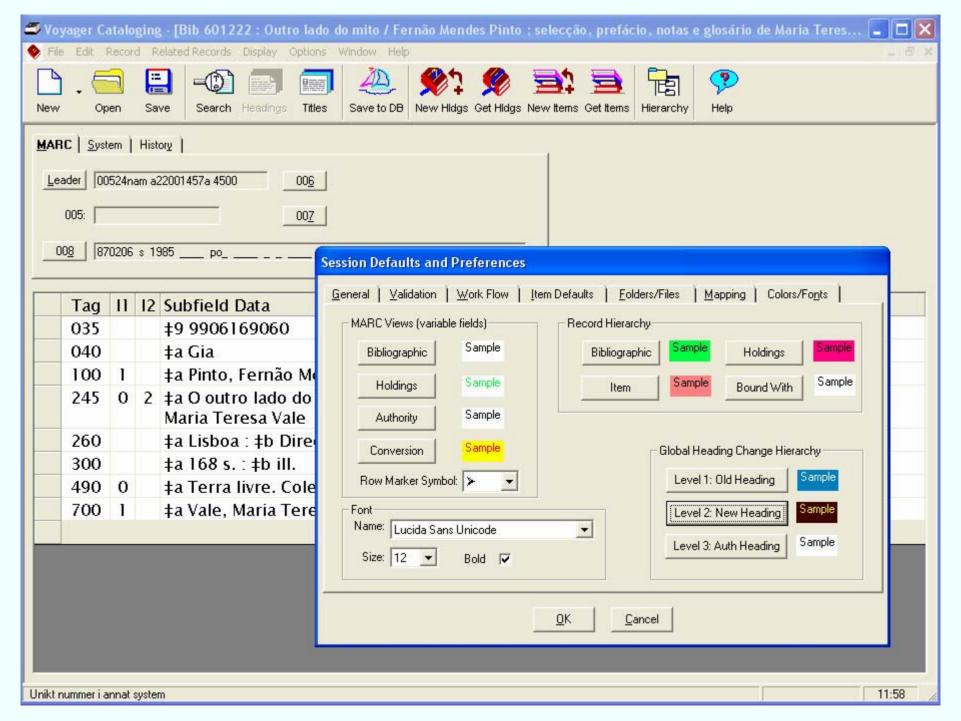
Voyager allows some personalization in the CAT Client where the user can choose font and colors for work area

ALEPH clients can be fully translated

Both systems rely on the use of macros by its users to speed up workflows in circ and cat

Could get better with more short cut definitions



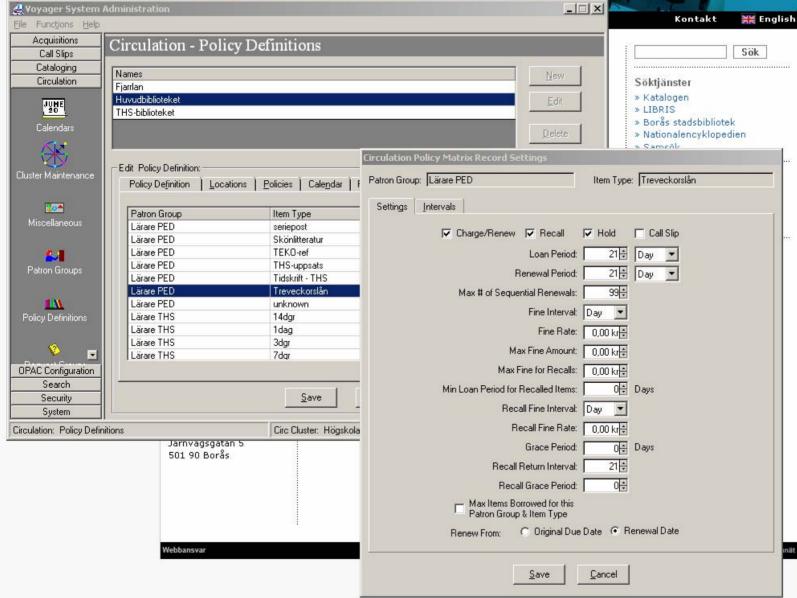


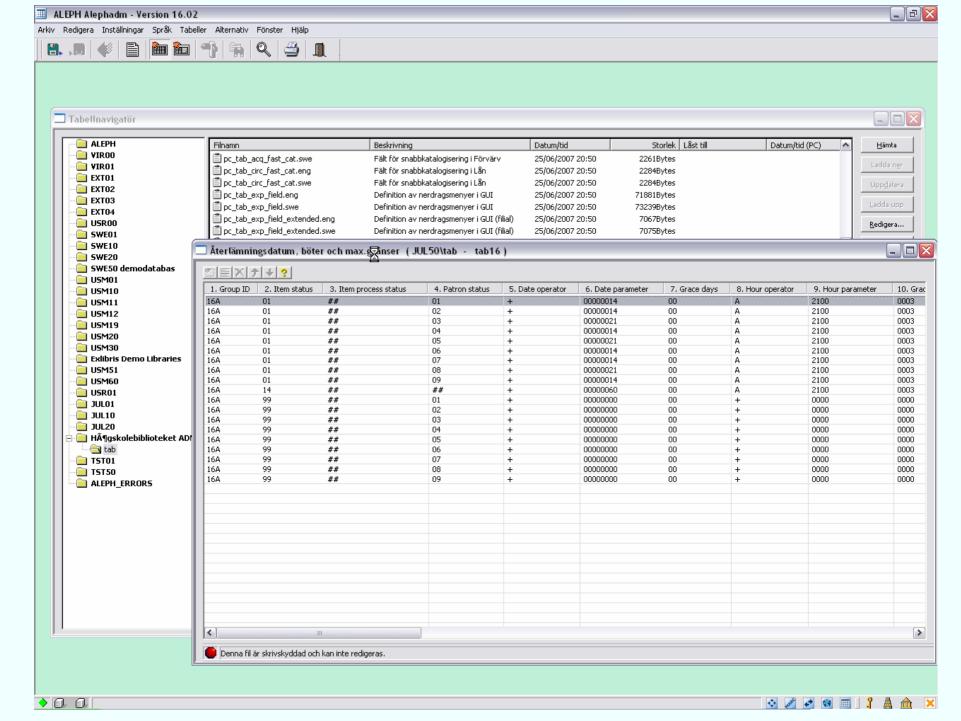
System administration in Voyager is done through the SYSADMIN client, it is intutive and most settings for the system can be done through it

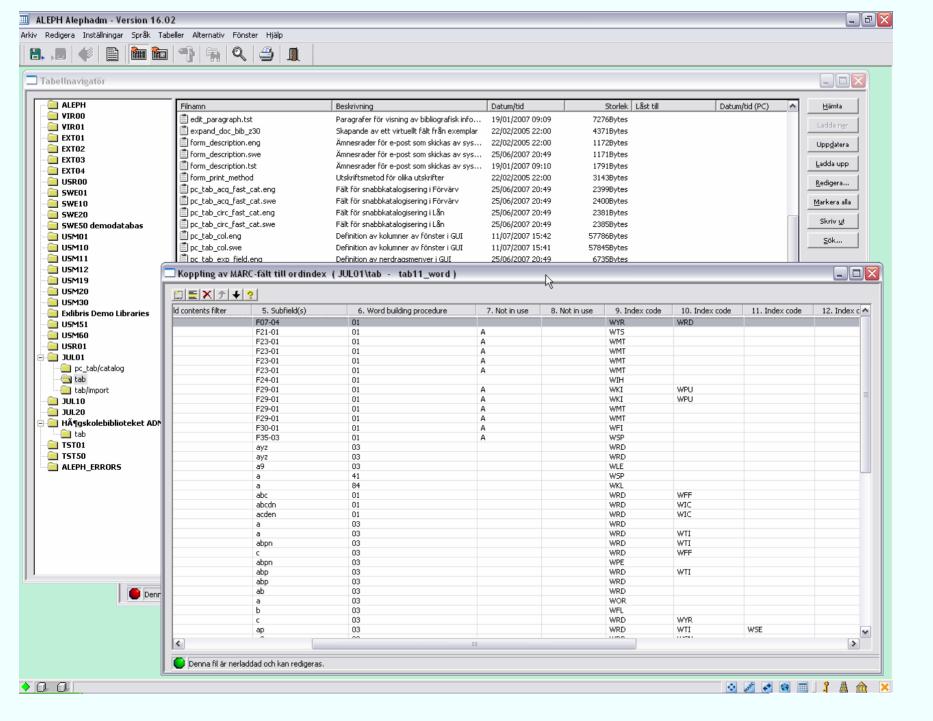
System administration in ALEPH is done either by editing config files on the server or by using the AlephAdm client.

The AlephAdm client demands that you understand the nature of the system and what files or tables data are stored in

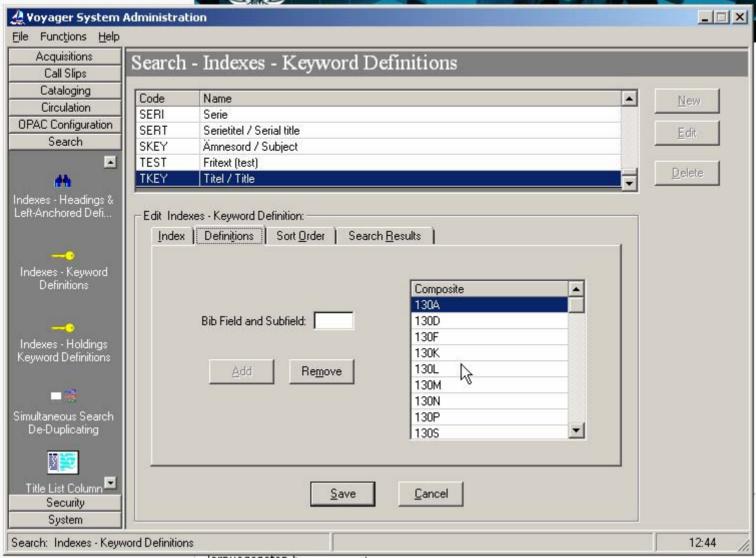


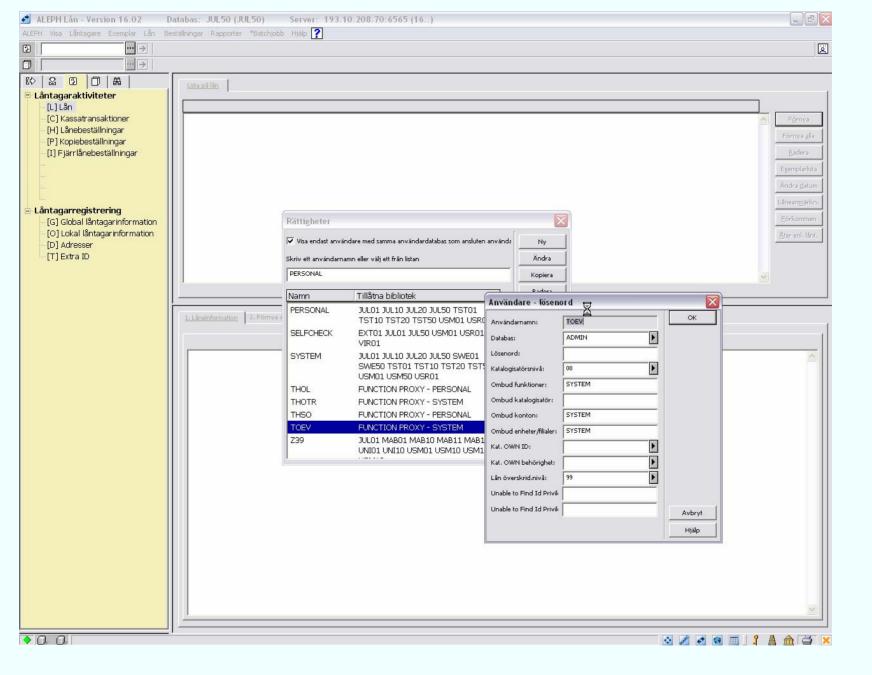


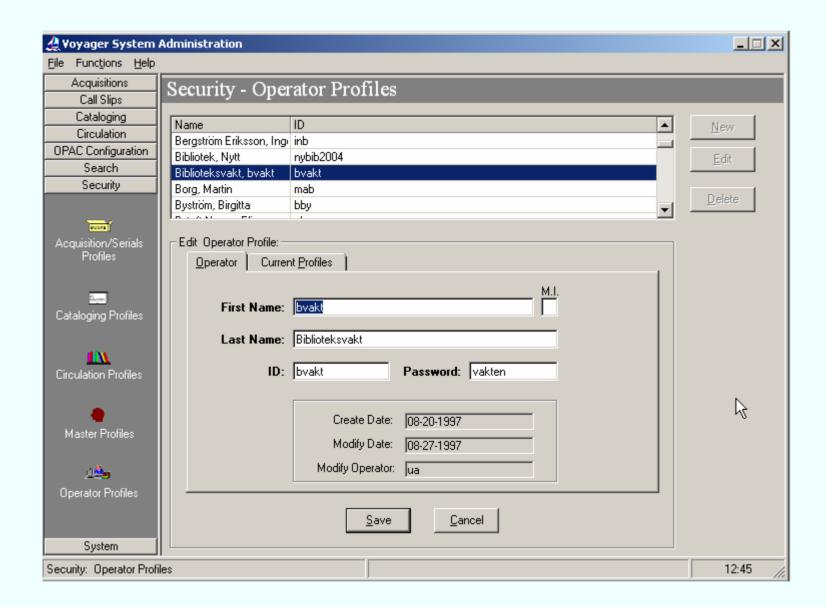


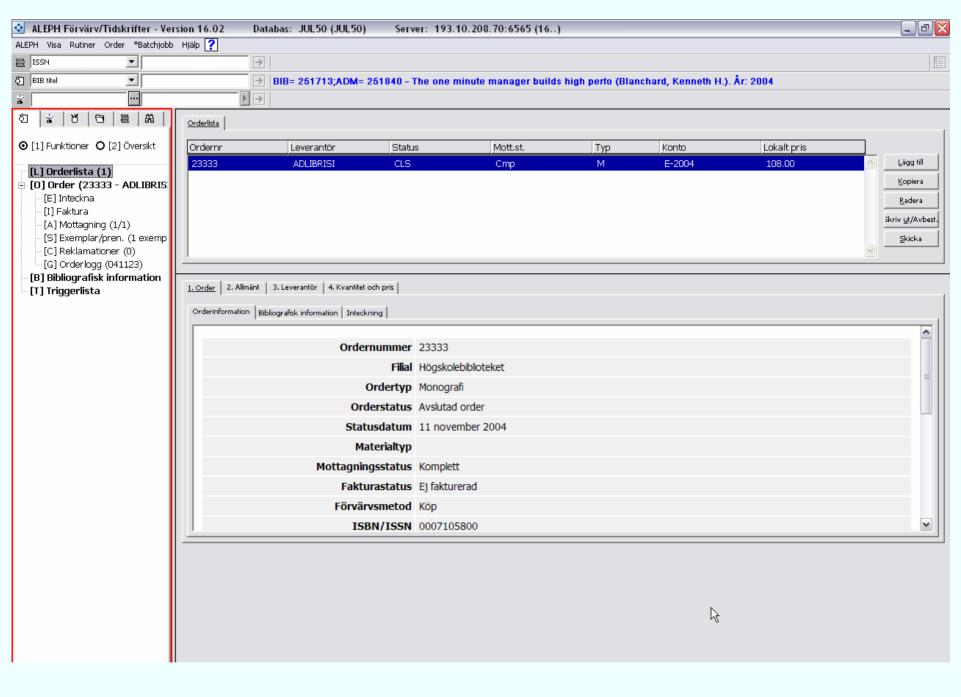


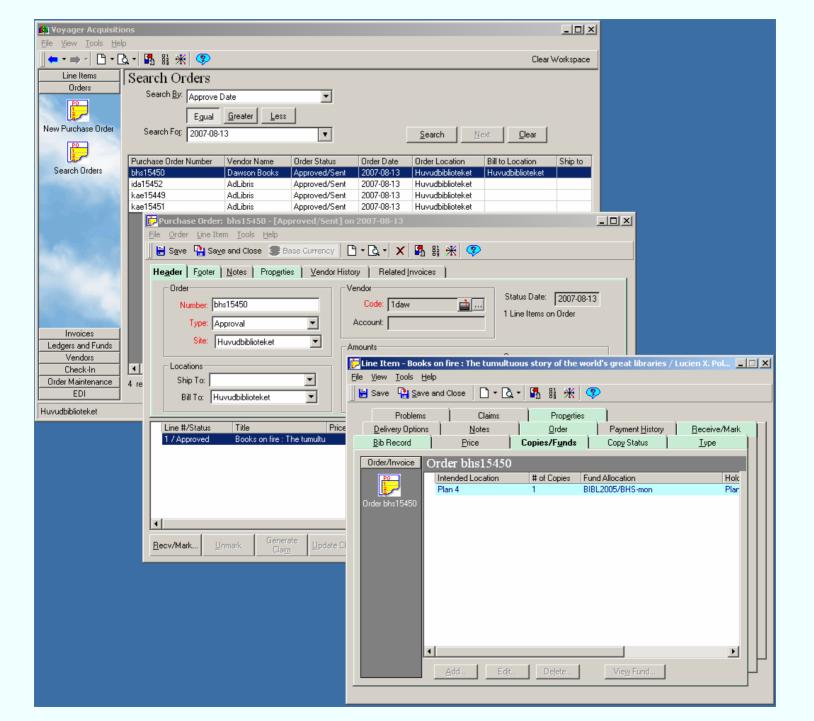


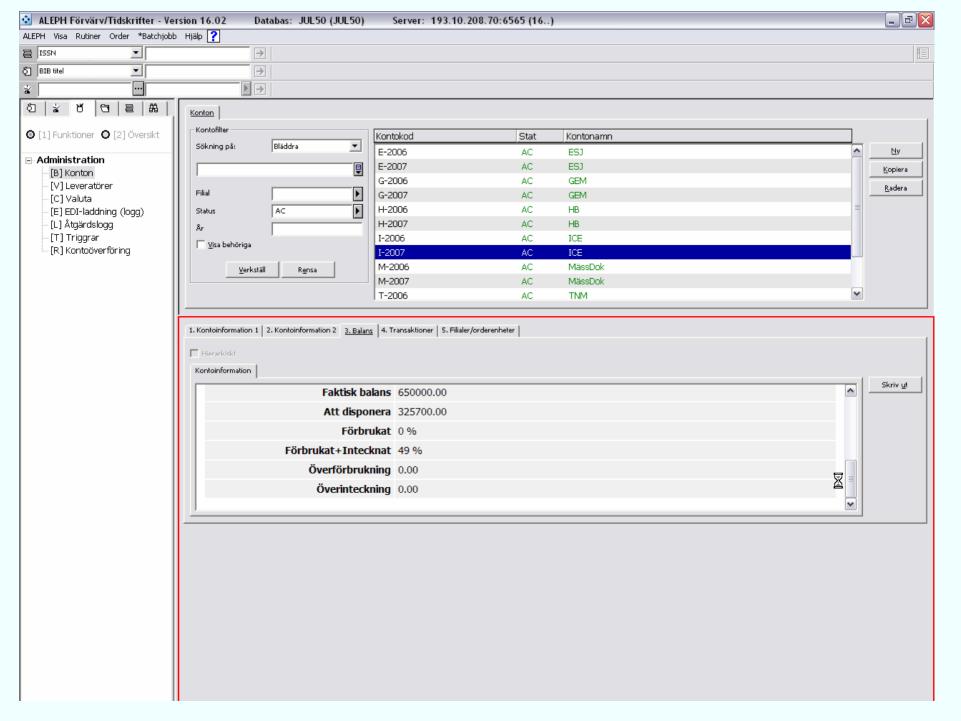


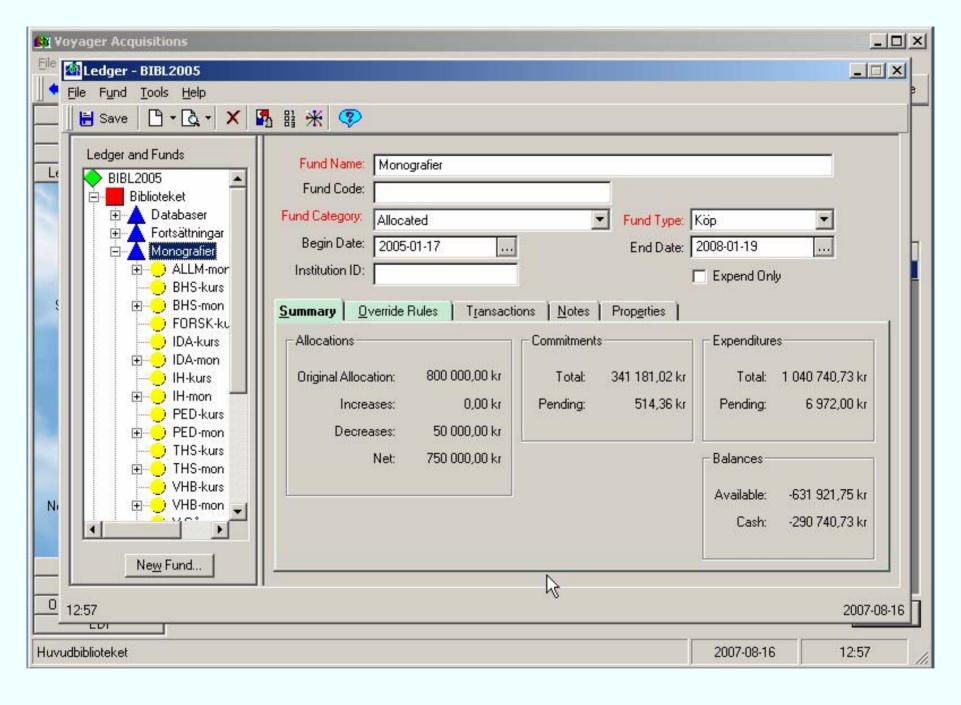


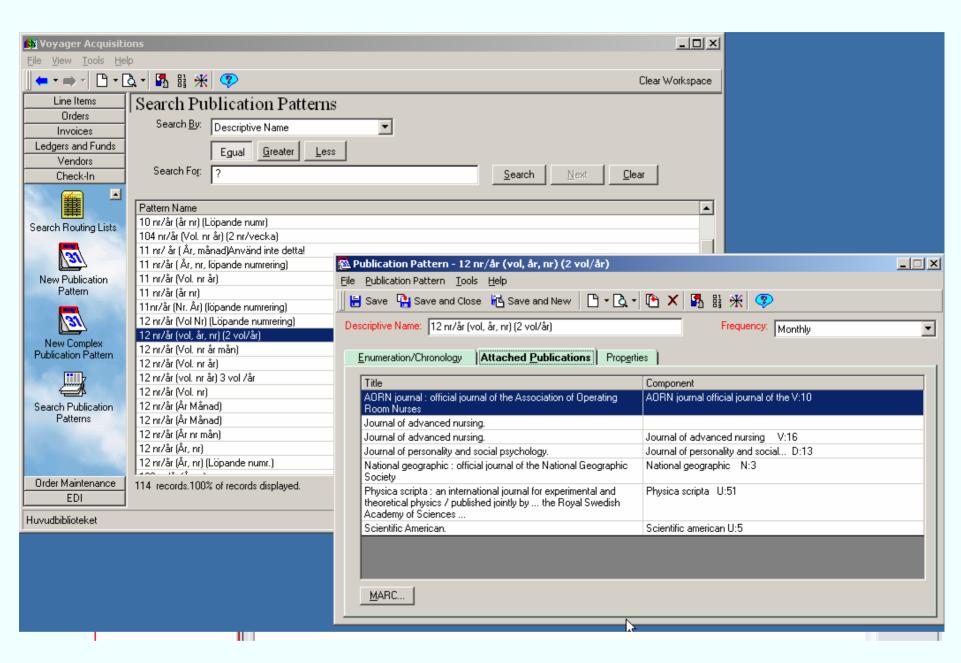












Voyager files are stored in a sort of logical structure and you can guess where things are happening

ALEPH files are spread all over and you need to know where things are happening, I guess it makes sense if you know

hor-photo-head-swe50 hor-photo-no-photo hor-photo-tail hor-profile-display hor-profile-display-swe01 bor-proxy-body bor-proxy-head bor-proxv-no-proxv bor-proxv-tail bor-reg-jul01 bor-renew-all-body bor-renew-all-body-jul50 bor-renew-all-body-swe50 bor-renew-all-obl-error hor-renew-all-head hor-renew-all-head-2 bor-renew-all-head-2-jul50 bor-renew-all-head-2-swe50 hor-renew-all-bead-iul50 hor-renew-all-no-errors bor-renew-all-no-errors-jul50 hor-renew-all-tail bor-sdi-bodv hor-sdi-delete hor-sdi-head hor-sdi-bead-swe50 hor-sdi-bead-swe50-test hor-sdi-no-sdi hor-sdi-tail bor-sdi-update bor-sdi-update-swe0l bor-update bor-update-jul50 bor-update-password bor-update-password-jul01 bor-update-password-jul50 bypass-passwd bypass-passwd-jul01 bypass-passwd-swe01 close-window-ill copyrights copyrights-jul01

item-global-head-l item-global-head-1-jul01 item-global-head-2 item-global-head-3-a item-global-head-3-a-jul01 item-global-head-3-b item-global-head-3-b-jul01 item-global-head-3-bl item-global-head-3-bl-jul01 item-global-head-3-b2 item-global-head-3-b2-jul01 item-global-head-3-b3 item-global-head-3-b3-jul01 item-global-head-3-b4 item-global-head-3-b4-jul01 item-global-head-3-c item-global-head-3-c-jul01 item-global-head-3-c-swe01 item-global-tail item-global-tail-l item-global-tail-1-jul01 item-global-tail-2 item-global-tail-2-jul01 item-clobal-uc-head-l item-global-ug-head-2 item-hold-request-l item-hold-request-body item-hold-request-body-depo item-hold-request-body-jul01 item-hold-request-body-swe01 item-hold-request-details item-hold-request-head item-hold-request-head-depo item-hold-request-head-jul01 item-hold-request-tail item-hold-request-tail-depo item-hold-request-tail-jul01 item-loan item-photo-request-1 item-photo-request-body item-photo-request-head item-photo-request-tail

ALEPH OPAC is more flexible then Webvoyage

You have access to all of the components in use and can change them ... and they are plenty

```
vovager@sid:$more opac.ini
[General
StatStrin=ORHOPACSM
[Options]
PatronRequests=Yes
EmailPrompt=Ange e-postadress:
UseHorizontalRule=N
AllowLineBreaks=V
HsePTN=N
DefaultPIN=1111
CourseReserveBrowse=M
[Search Dialog]
BooleanRelevance=N
SingleDisplay=True
Limits=True
DefaultLocationLimit=
[Date]
Order=1
Century=0
Separator=1
Indefinite=Obegränsat
ShortMonth01=JAN
ShortMonth02=FEB
ShortMonth03=MAR
ShortMonth04=APR
ShortMonth05=MAJ
ShortMonth06=JUN
ShortMonth07=JUL
ShortMonth08=AUG
ShortMonth09=SEP
ShortMonth10=0KT
ShortMonthll=NOV
ShortMonth12=DEC
[Time]
AM=
PM=
Separator =:
24HR=Y
[WebRecon]
ErrorFile=/ml/voyager/orebrodb/webvoyage/html/webconerr.htm
ExitPage=/ml/voyager/orebrodb/webvoyage/html/exit.html
```

Webvoyage doesn't give you total access to how the pages are constructed and there are plenty of things that you have to live with

Database structure

Both systems allow direct access to data in Oracle and provides documentation for structure

Voyager use a descriptive naming convention for tables so you can navigate the Table structure and understand what the different tables hold. Bibliographic and item data are stored in the same database

ALEPH use a non descriptive naming convention for tables making it hard to Navigate if you do not know where to look
Bibliographic and item data are stored in separate databases / schemas

Table names - examples

IMPORT_RULE_BIBTOMFHD IMPORT_RULE_PO		Z1003 Z101	TABLE TABLE	
INDEX_TYPE		Z103	TABLE	
INSTRUCTOR		Z104	TABLE	
INTERVAL_TYPE				
INVOICE		2106	TABLE	
INVOICE_FUNDS		211	TABLE	
INVOICE_LINE_ITEM		2111	TABLE	
INVOICE_LINE_ITEM_FUNDS		Z13	TABLE	
INVOICE NOTE				
INVOICE_STATUS				
IN TOTOL DIA INTO		TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
TABLE_NAME				
		Z14	TABLE	
		Z16	TABLE	
INV_LINE_ITEM_NOTES		Z18	TABLE	
ISSUES_RECEIVED		Z20	TABLE	
ITEM		Z22	TABLE	
ITEM_BARCODE		Z30	TABLE	
ITEM_BARCODE_STATUS		Z301	TABLE	
ITEM_NOTE		Z305	TABLE	
ITEM_STATS		Z30H	TABLE	
ITEM_STATUS		Z31	TABLE	
ITEM_STATUS_TYPE		Z310	TABLE	
ITEM_STAT_CODE		2010	11222	
ITEM_TYPE				
TABLE_NAME		TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
		Z311	TABLE	
ITEM_TYPE_MAPPING		Z313	TABLE	
ITEM_TYPE_POLICY		Z320	TABLE	
LEDGER		Z321	TABLE	
LEDGER_LOCATIONS				
LEDGER_NOTE		Z325	TABLE	
LIBRARY		235	TABLE	
LIBRARY_ADDRESS_DEFAULT	1	Z36	TABLE	
LINE_ITEM	ı	Z36H	TABLE	
LINE_ITEM_COPY		237	TABLE	
LINE ITEM COPY_HISTORY		Z37H	TABLE	
LINE_ITEM_COPY_STATUS		Z38	TABLE	
	**** Hit return to continue ****			

TABLE_NAME

jul50@ALEPH6> describe z30			
Name	Null?	Туре	
Z30 REC KEY	NOT NULL	CHAR (15)	
Z30 BARCODE	NOI NOBB	CHAR(30)	
Z30_SUB_LIBRARY		CHAR(5)	
Z30_MATERIAL		CHAR(5)	
Z30_ITEM_STATUS		CHAR(2)	
Z30 OPEN DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z30 UPDATE DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z30 CATALOGER		CHAR(10)	
Z30_DATE_LAST_RETURN		NUMBER(8)	
Z30_HOUR_LAST_RETURN		NUMBER (4)	
Z30_IP_LAST_RETURN		VARCHAR2(20)	
Z30_NO_LOANS		NUMBER(3)	
Z3O_ALPHA		CHAR(1)	
Z30_COLLECTION		CHAR(5)	
Z3O_CALL_NO_TYPE		CHAR(1)	
Z3O_CALL_NO		VARCHAR2(80)	
Z30_CALL_NO_KEY		CHAR(80)	
Z3O_CALL_NO_2_TYPE		CHAR(1)	
Z3O_CALL_NO_2		VARCHAR2(80)	
Z30_CALL_NO_2_KEY		CHAR(80)	
Z30_DESCRIPTION		VARCHAR2(200)	No.
Z3O_NOTE_OPAC		VARCHAR2(200)	. 0
Z3O_NOTE_CIRCULATION		VARCHAR2(200)	
Z3O_NOTE_INTERNAL		VARCHAR2(200)	
Z30_ORDER_NUMBER		VARCHAR2(30)	
Z30_INVENTORY_NUMBER		VARCHAR2(20)	
Z30_INVENTORY_NUMBER_DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z3O_LAST_SHELF_REPORT_DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z30_PRICE		CHAR (10)	
Z30_REC_KEY_2		CHAR (19)	
Z30_REC_KEY_3		CHAR (40)	
Z30_PAGES		VARCHAR2(30)	
Z30_ISSUE_DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z30_EXPECTED_ARRIVAL_DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z30_ARRIVAL_DATE		NUMBER(8)	
Z30_ITEM_STATISTIC		CHAR (10)	

Name	Null?	Туре	
ITEM ID		NUMBER(38)	
PERM_LOCATION		NUMBER (38)	
TEMP_LOCATION		NUMBER (38)	
ITEM_TYPE_ID		NUMBER (38)	
TEMP_ITEM_TYPE_ID		NUMBER (38)	
COPY_NUMBER		NUMBER (38)	
ON_RESERVE		CHAR(1)	
RESERVE_CHARGES		NUMBER (38)	
PIECES		NUMBER (38)	
PRICE		NUMBER (38)	47
SPINE_LABEL		VARCHAR2(25)	٥
HISTORICAL_CHARGES		NUMBER (38)	
HISTORICAL_BROWSES		NUMBER (38)	
RECALLS_PLACED		NUMBER(38)	
HOLDS_PLACED		NUMBER (38)	
CREATE_DATE		DATE	
MODIFY_DATE		DATE	
CREATE_OPERATOR_ID		VARCHAR2(10)	
MODIFY_OPERATOR_ID		VARCHAR2(10)	
CREATE_LOCATION_ID		NUMBER (38)	
MODIFY_LOCATION_ID		NUMBER (38)	
ITEM_SEQUENCE_NUMBER		NUMBER(38)	
HISTORICAL_BOOKINGS		NUMBER (38)	
MEDIA_TYPE_ID		NUMBER (38)	
SHORT LOAN CHARGES		NUMBER	

Initializing ... 1 -- Undate Shelving Status 2 -- Overdue Notices 3 -- Recall Notices 4 -- Fine Fee Notices (new fines/fees only) 5 -- Hold Recall Available Notices 6 -- Hold Recall Cancelled Notices 7 -- Courtesy (Due) Notices 8 -- Archive and Expire Call Slip Requests 12 -- All Daily Jobs (1 - 8) 14 -- Fine Fee General Statements (all patrons with an outstanding balance) 19 -- Hold Shelf Expired Report (date range required) 20 -- Reserved Items Active Report (date range required) 21 -- Reserved Items Expired Report (date range required) 22 -- Missing in Transit Report 23 -- Transaction Statistics Report (date range required) 24 -- Transaction Exceptions Report 25 -- Global Transaction Statistics Report (date range required) 26 -- Export OPAC Requests 27 -- Archive Short Loans 28 -- Automatic Orders for Distribution Items 29 -- Purge UB Patron Stub Records 30 -- Accrued Fines/Demerits 31 -- Apply Suspensions 32 -- UB Request Promotion 33 -- Update Remote Circulation Cluster Cache 34 -- Place Items on Active Course Reserve List 35 -- Place Recalls and Holds for Items on Active Course Reserve List 36 -- Take Items on Inactive Course Reserve Lists Off Reserve 37 -- Forgive Patron Demerits 38 -- Retain Patron IDs (the number of patron IDs to retain required)

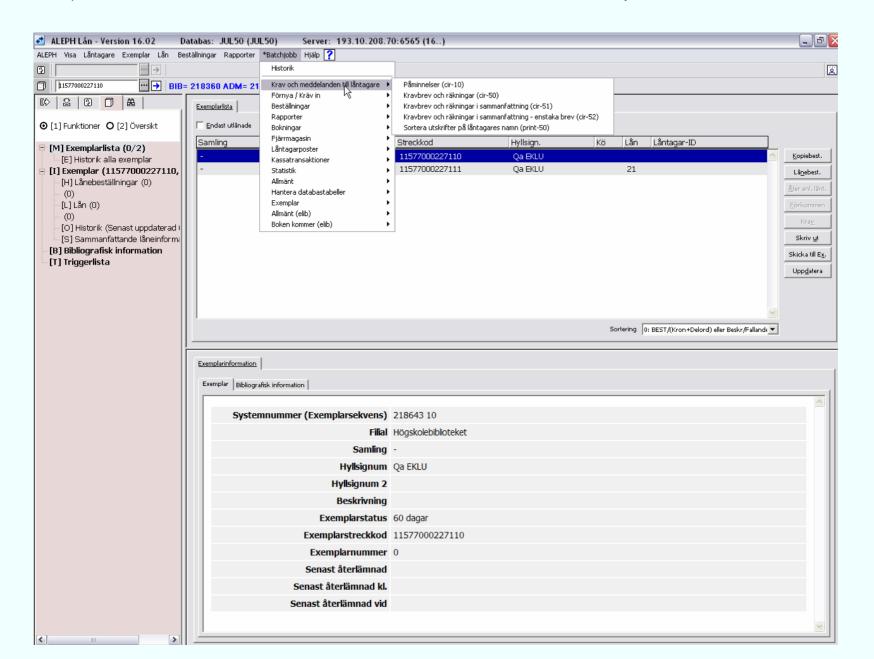
Batch jobs in Voyager are initiated on the server and processed with the Reporter module and MS Access

Gives you control of output, but you must use Reporter and MS Acess

99 -- Quit

39 -- Patron Purge

Batch jobs in ALEPH can be initiated from inside a client by a user with sufficient rights



```
sid: /ml/voyager/orebrodb/sbin => ./Pacqjob

Initializing...

1 -- Order Claim/Cancel Processing

2 -- Open Order Report

3 -- Fund Snapshot Report -- Global Distribution

4 -- Rollover Status Report -- Global Distribution

5 -- Fix Exchange Rate

99 -- Quit
```

```
crcnotes.HBP.20070117.0928
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070313.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1218
                                  cronotes. HBP. inn. hkn. 070314.0515
                                                                     renlace.imn.20060929.1408
cronotes.HBP.20070118.0923
cronotes.HBP.20070119.0903
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070315.0515
                                                                     renlace.imn.20060929.1412
cronotes.HBP.20070120.1110
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070316.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1446
crcnotes.HBP.20070121.1110
                                  cronotes. HBP. inn. hkn. 070317.0515
                                                                     renlace.imn.20060929.1503
crcnotes.HBP.20070122.0909
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inn.bkn.070318.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1507
crcnotes.HBP.20070123.0958
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070319.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1510
crcnotes.HBP.20070124.1154
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070320.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1513
crcnotes.HBP.20070125.0908
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070321.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1517
crcnotes.HBP.20070126.0922
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070322.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1648
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070323.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1649
cronotes.HBP.20070128.1122
crcnotes.HBP.20070129.0901
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070324.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20060929.1702
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070325.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061002.1342
crcnotes.HBP.20070130.1032
crcnotes.HBP.20070131.0920
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070326.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061003.0828
crcnotes.HBP.20070201.1006
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070327.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061221.1700
crcnotes.HBP.20070202.0929
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070328.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061221.1708
crcnotes.HBP.20070203.1122
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070329.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061221.1749
crcnotes.HBP.20070204.1125
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070330.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061221.1803
                                  cronotes. HBP. inn. hkn. 070331. 0515
                                                                     renlace.imn.20061221.1809
cronotes. HBP, 20070205, 0920
                                                                     replace.imp.20061221.1812
crcnotes.HBP.20070206.0845
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070401.0515
crcnotes.HBP.20070207.0910
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070402.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1408
crcnotes.HBP.20070208.1005
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070403.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1414
crcnotes.HBP.20070209.0905
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070404.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1421
crcnotes.HBP.20070210.1105
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070405.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1430
crcnotes.HBP.20070211.1133
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070406.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1443
crcnotes.HBP.20070212.0905
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070411.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1445
crcnotes.HBP.20070213.0903
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070412.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1505
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1508
cronotes. HBP, 20070214, 1002
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070413.0515
crcnotes.HBP.20070215.0921
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070414.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1511
crcnotes.HBP.20070216.0918
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070415.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1520
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1522
crcnotes.HBP.20070217.1116
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070416.0515
crcnotes.HBP.20070218.1134
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070417.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1530
crcnotes.HBP.20070219.1029
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070418.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20061222.1542
crcnotes.HBP.20070220.1039
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070419.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070112.1410
crcnotes.HBP.20070221.0911
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070420.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070112.1411
crcnotes.HBP.20070222.0850
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070421.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070129.1137
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070422.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070301.0843
crcnotes.HBP.20070223.1103
crcnotes.HBP.20070224.1127
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070423.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070326.1014
crcnotes.HBP.20070225.1125
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070424.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070326.1642
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070425.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070502.0912
crcnotes.HBP.20070226.0907
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070426.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070502.1427
crcnotes.HBP.20070227.0931
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070427.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070528.0933
crcnotes.HBP.20070228.0928
crcnotes.HBP.20070301.0856
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070428.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070620.1452
crcnotes.HBP.20070302.0832
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070429.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070730.1557
crcnotes.HBP.20070303.1136
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070430.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070731.0940
crcnotes.HBP.20070304.1133
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070501.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070731.1034
crcnotes.HBP.20070305.0859
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070503.0515
                                                                     replace.imp.20070802.1629
crcnotes.HBP.20070306.1013
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070504.0515
crcnotes.HBP.20070307.0843
                                  crcnotes.HBP.inp.bkp.070505.0515
```

```
vovager@sid:$ls *.inp
acomotes.GR.inn
                acomotes.HBP.inp catrorts.HBP.inp crcrprts.HBP.inp
vovager@sid:$more acomotes.HBP.inp
00|97.2|sally.barber@dawsonbooks.co.uk|3|Dawson Books||Foxhills House|||||Rushden||NN10 6DB|United Kingdom||08/14/2007|Örebro unive
nQub.oru.se|af019311|06/13/2007||Bylines in despair : Herbert Hoover, the Great Depression, and the U.S. news media / Louis W. Lieb
ovich||ISBN 0-275-94843-9 :||1||1
02|97.2|sallv.barber@dawsonbooks.co.uk|3|Dawson Books||Foxhills House|||||Rushden||NN10 6DB|United Kingdom||08/16/2007|Örebro unive
n@ub.oru.se|eu018296|01/18/2007|Cancer atlas|0-944235-63-8|2|Copies not received|1|
02|97.2|sallv.barber@dawsonbooks.co.uk|3|Dawson Books||Foxhills House|||||Rushden||NN10 6DB|United Kingdom||08/16/2007|Örebro unive
rsitetsbibliotek|1. Huvudbibl|Örebro universitetsbibliotek|Fakultetsgatan 1|SE-701 82 Örebro||||019-30 32 40|019 331217|cirkulatio
n@ub.oru.se|eu018333|01/22/2007|Metabolic man : ten thousand years from Eden / by Charles Heizer Wharton|0-9706560-0-9 ;|1|Copies n
ot received[]
02|97.2|sally.barber@dawsonbooks.co.uk|3|Dawson Books||Foxhills House|||||Rushden||NN10 6DB|United Kingdom||08/16/2007|Örebro unive
rsitetsbibliotek|1. Huvudbibl|Örebro universitetsbibliotek|Fakultetsgatan 1|SE-701 82 Örebro||||019-30 32 40|019 331217|cirkulatio
n@ub.oru.se|eu017851|11/15/2006|Nameless diseases / Terra Ziporyn|0-8135-1800-8 ;|1|Copies not received|1|
02|97.2|sally.barber@dawsonbooks.co.uk|3|Dawson Books||Foxhills House|||||Rushden||NN10 6DB|United Kingdom||08/16/2007|Örebro unive
rsitetsbibliotek|1. Huvudbibl|Örebro universitetsbibliotek|Fakultetsgatan 1|SE-701 82 Örebro||||019-30 32 40|019 331217|cirkulatio
n@ub.oru.se|eu017946|11/23/2006|Flexible robot manipulators|0-86341-448-6|4|Copies not received|1|
02|97.2|sally.barber@dawsonbooks.co.uk|3|Dawson Books||Foxhills House|||||Rushden||NN10 6DB|United Kingdom||08/16/2007|Örebro unive
rsitetsbibliotek|1. Huvudbibl|Örebro universitetsbibliotek|Fakultetsgatan 1|SE-701 82 Örebro||||019-30 32 40|019 331217|cirkulatio
n@ub.oru.se|eu017351|09/28/2006|Handbook of behaviour thNrapy and psychological science : an integrative approach / edited by Paul
R. Martin | 0-08-036129-3 | 2 | Copies not received | 1 |
```

ALEPH offers nifty serverside tools

```
Library Utilities
       -----
   A. File Administration and Building
    C. Monitor Batch Jobs
   D. Online Store/Restore Administration
   E. Monitor Background Johs
   F. View Procedures and Files
   G. Tables for Defining Database Structure
   H. Library and Installation Report (Files, Tables and Definitions)
   I. Formatting Data (PC, WWW, Reports)
   J. Web and Server Configuration
   K. ILL Tables
   L. GUI Tables
   M. GUI CATALOGING Tables
   N. Z39.50 Management
   O. ORACLE Management
    P. Unicode Tables
   Q. Data Loading, Import and Export Tables
   R. Multimedia
    S. Statistics
   W. Server Management (Monitor, Stop, Start, Log Files)
   X. Clean Up
   Y. Node Management
Please select [exit]:
```

ALEPH offers no certification

Voyager offers certification 100, 300, 400, 500

User community culture

A tradition of communicating problems user to user in the Voyager community.

The user group has become a problem solving resource. A lot of people are solving things bythemselfs, sometimes by being very creative. We are in the same boat mentality

ALEPH has a very loyal user group with confidence in the vendor and its ability to fix problems.

Interesting to see how these two user group cultures will blend

Both ALEPH and Voyager are fine systems, they get the job done Both are patchworks with functionality added along the way

ALEPH gives the libraries more or less control of every aspect of the system, more then most libraries are interested in?

Voyager provides intutive tools for interaction and maintenance, the drawback is that you don't have control of the system if you wish to tailor it to your unique needs.

Best of both worlds?

Voyager – table naming convention, sysadmin functionality, client gui, intuitive file/data structure

ALEPH – OPAC, server util, client functionality (batch job), control of system files

GOOD, BAD, UGLY?



























