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**LIBstick**

the future of library label printing

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- 2.5 years Head of library information systems
- Software engineer
- Love programing, technology, traveling and sport







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center  
library

14  
faculty  
libraries

80  
databases



15,000  
magazines

12  
computer  
systems

5  
developers

# LIBstick - the future of library label printing



# Why?

- Manual maintenance of 15 local installations spread around the campus
- Security and permission issues to download and install
- Template alignment between libraries
- Difficulties in text editing
- A handful support tickets from library non technical staff





Usability



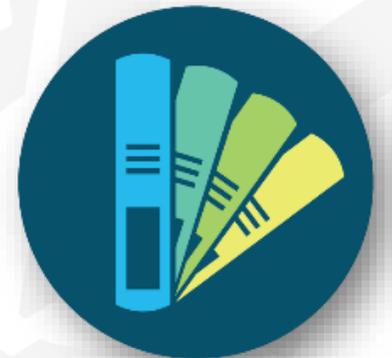
Efficiency

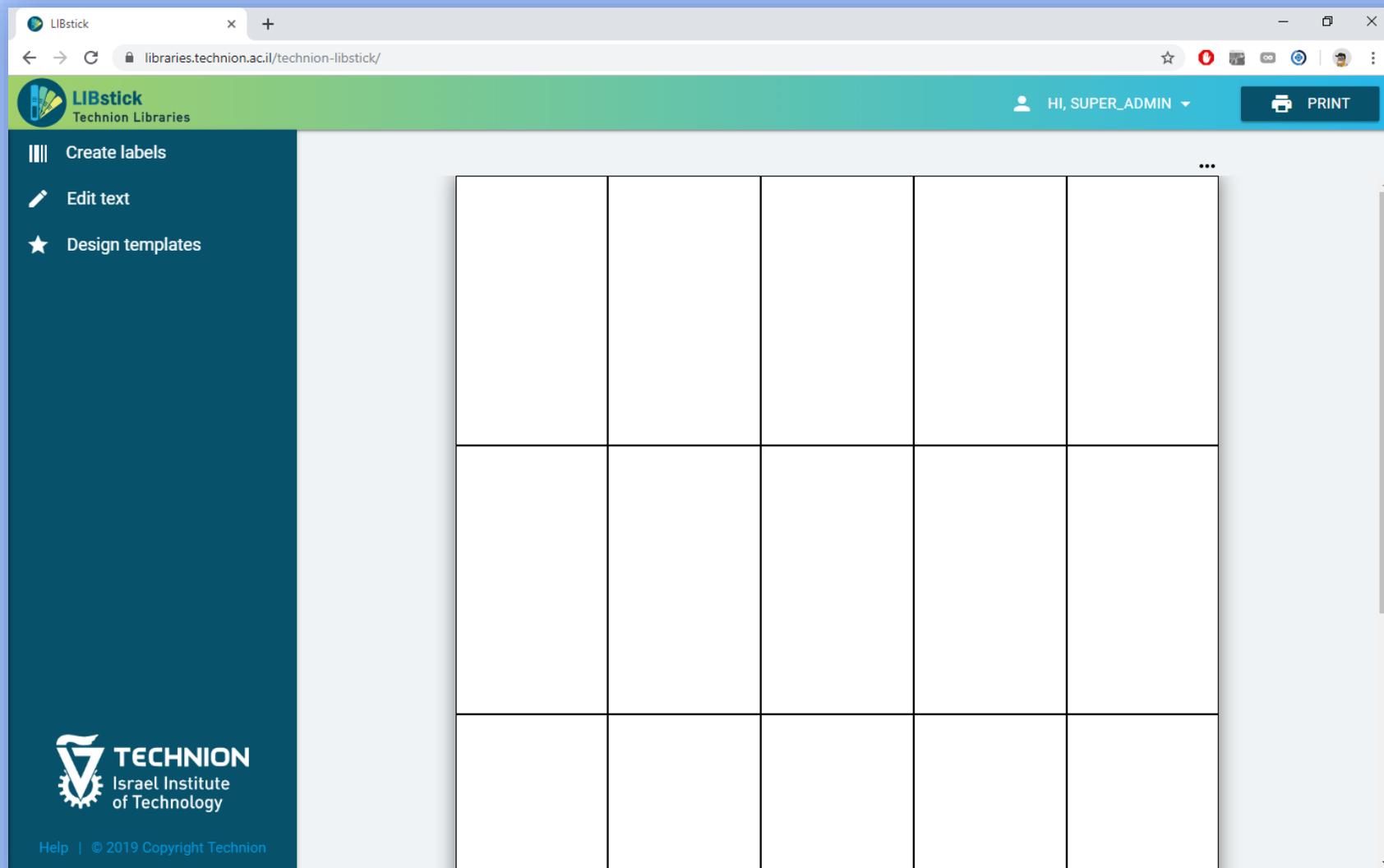


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- SaaS label printing service for libraries
- Fully integrated with Alma and Aleph  
(coming soon)
- Powerful design options to create multiple templates in different sizes
- Support all printers





The screenshot displays the LIBstick web application interface. At the top, the browser address bar shows the URL `libraries.technion.ac.il/technion-libstick/`. The page header includes the LIBstick logo and the text "Technion Libraries" on the left, and a user profile "HI, SUPER\_ADMIN" with a dropdown arrow and a "PRINT" button on the right. A dark teal sidebar on the left contains three menu items: "Create labels" (with a vertical bar icon), "Edit text" (with a pencil icon), and "Design templates" (with a star icon). The main content area features a large, empty grid of 15 cells arranged in 3 rows and 5 columns. At the bottom of the sidebar, the Technion logo and name are repeated, along with the text "Help | © 2019 Copyright Technion".

Manager



Designer



Maker



- Manage users
- Alma API KEYS
- Google analytics code

Manager



- Manage templates
  - Papers
  - Fonts
  - Images
  - Design

Designer



Back To LIBstick Howdy, TECHNION MANAGER

Media  
Paper Types Screen Options

All Paper Types Search Paper Types

Add New

Users

LIBstick

Collapse menu

### Paper Types Add New

All (5) | Mine (1) | Published (5)

Bulk Actions Filter

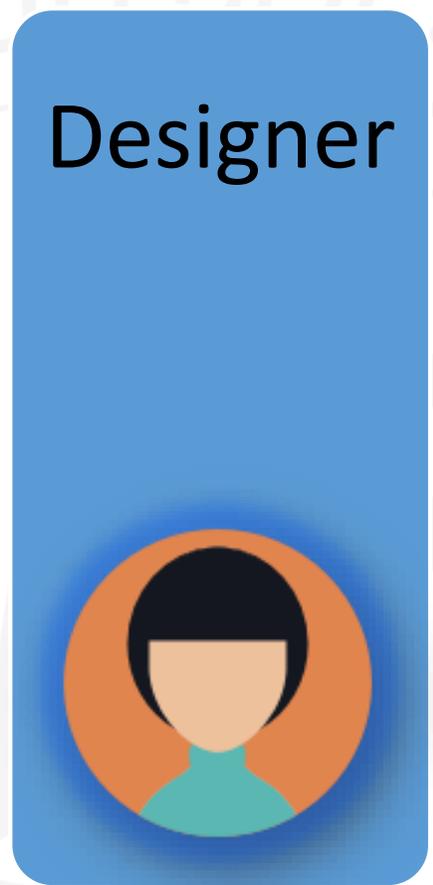
<input type="checkbox"/> Title	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> DEMO 5*4	Published 2019/08/13
<input type="checkbox"/> A4 7*6	Published 2019/07/21
<input type="checkbox"/> Math A4 3*11	Published 2019/07/21
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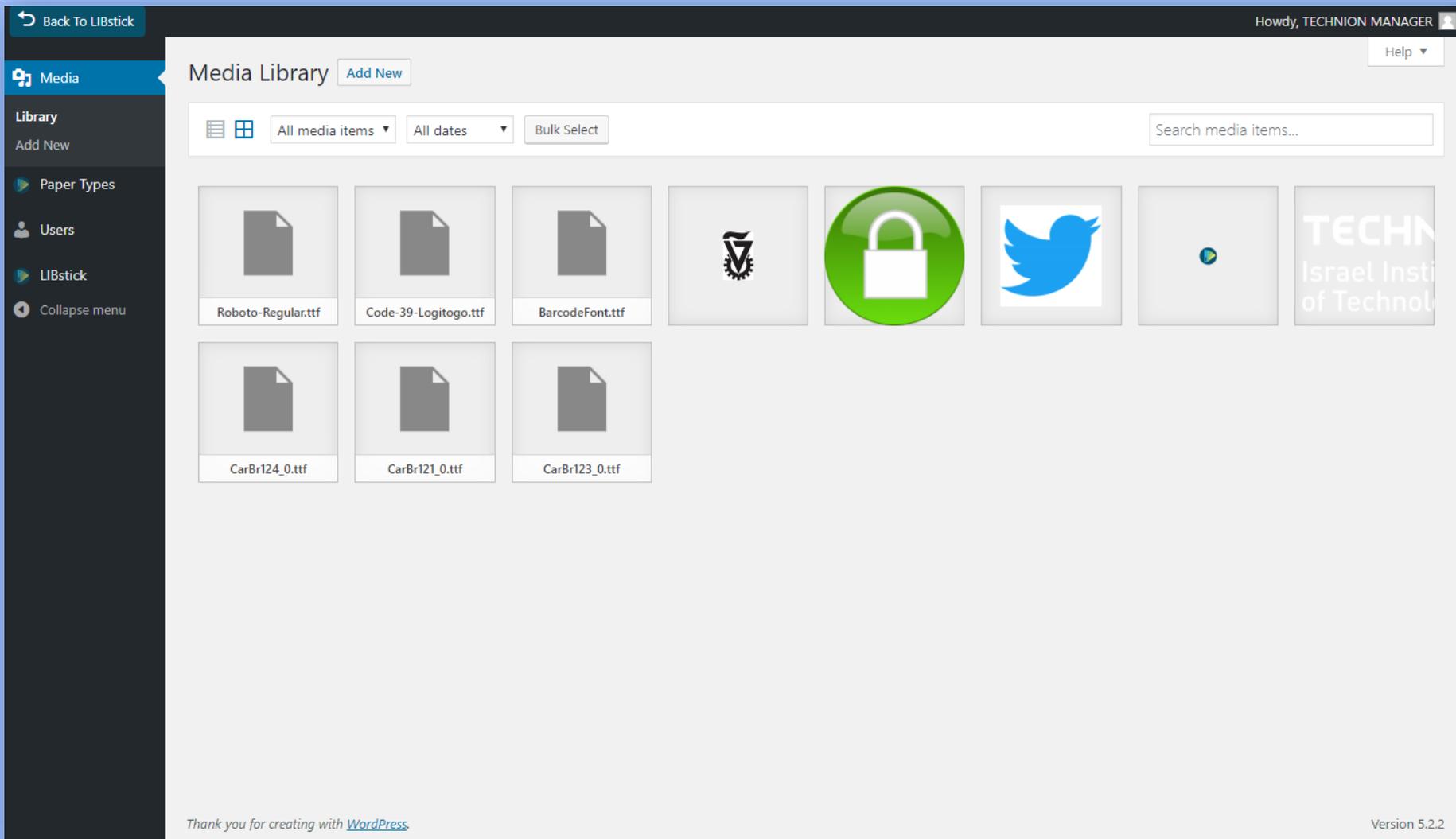
Bulk Actions 5 items

Apply

*Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#).*

Version 5.2.2





The screenshot shows the LIBstick Media Library interface. At the top left, there is a "Back To LIBstick" button. The main header area includes "Media Library" with an "Add New" button, a "Help" dropdown, and a search bar labeled "Search media items...". Below the header, there are filters for "All media items" and "All dates", along with a "Bulk Select" button. The main content area displays a grid of media items, including font files (Roboto-Regular.ttf, Code-39-Logitogo.ttf, BarcodeFont.ttf, CarBr124\_0.ttf, CarBr121\_0.ttf, CarBr123\_0.ttf), a green padlock icon, a Twitter logo, and a Technion logo. The interface is titled "Howdy, TECHNION MANAGER" in the top right corner. At the bottom left, there is a footer that says "Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#)". At the bottom right, it says "Version 5.2.2".

Designer



Home > Edit template: ✕  
default > Field: mms\_id

Choose field type  
Alma ▼

Choose Source  
mms\_id ▼

Choose font  
Times ▼

Choose text size  
12px ▼

Choose text align  
Center ▼

Bold Off  On

Italic Off  On

Underline Off  On

Choose text color  
#FF0000

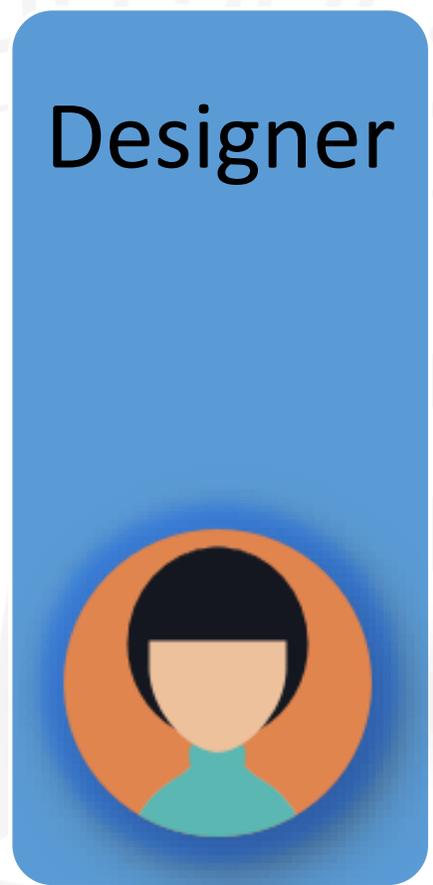
Margins

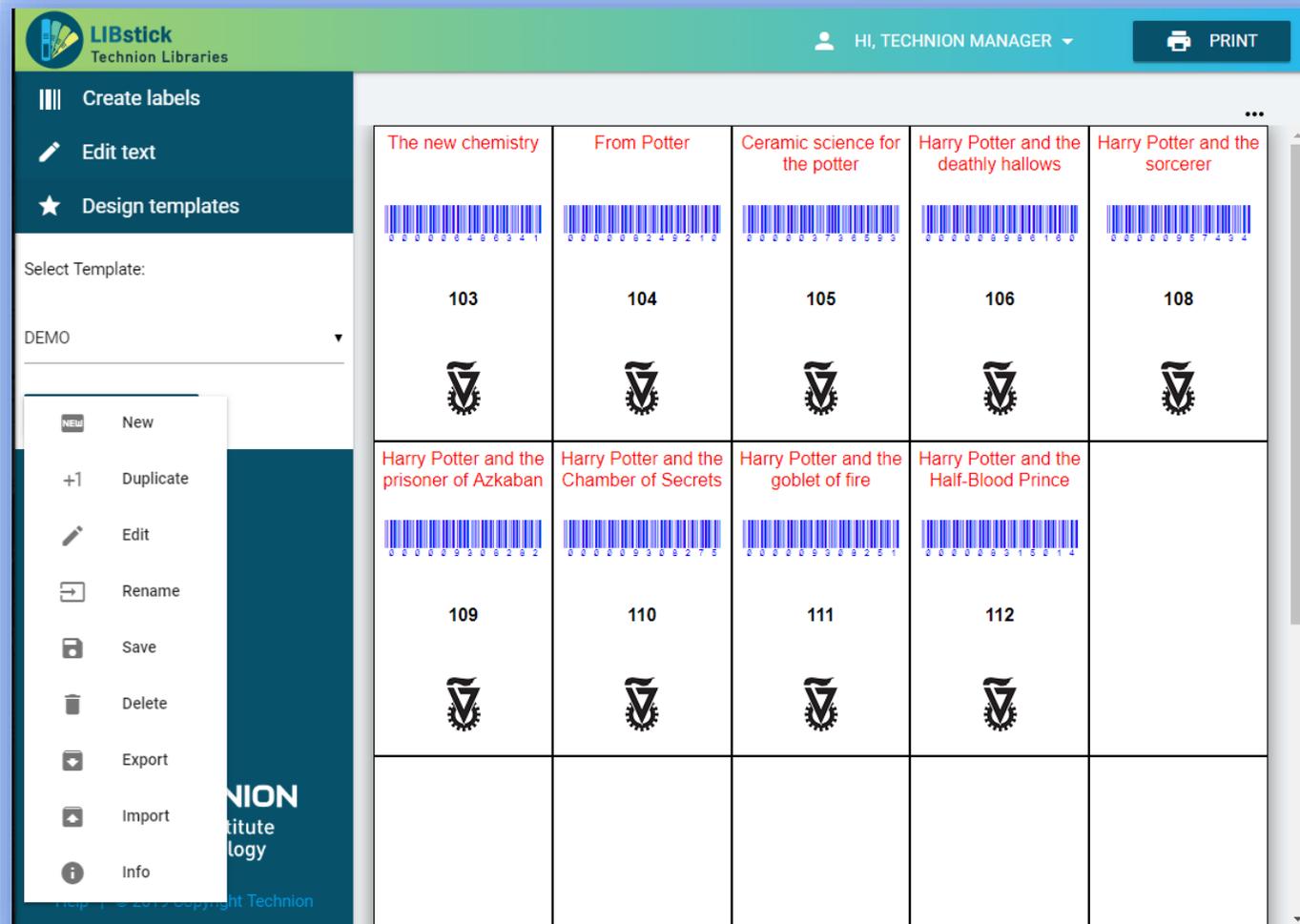
Top	Left
0px	0px

Bottom	Right
0px	0px

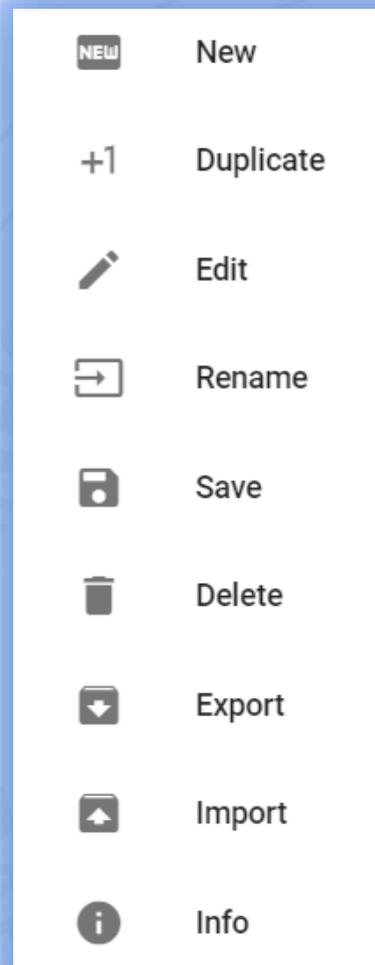
Regex filter (advanced)





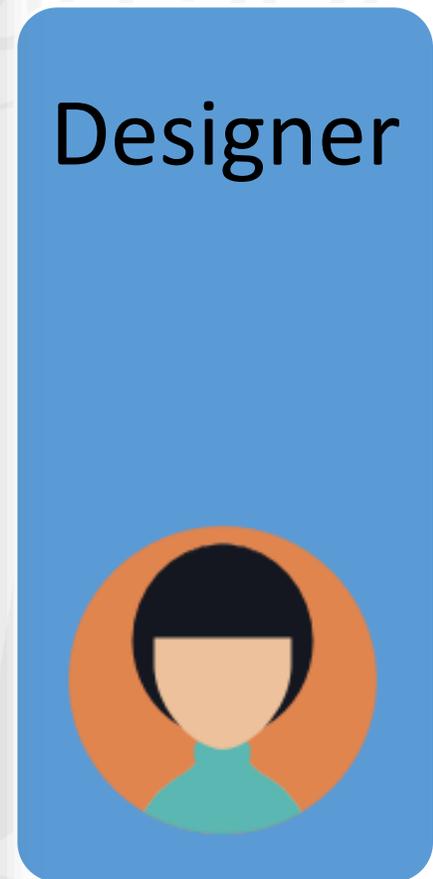
The screenshot shows the LIBstick interface with a grid of library labels. The top bar includes the LIBstick logo, user information 'HI, TECHNION MANAGER', and a 'PRINT' button. The left sidebar contains options: 'Create labels', 'Edit text', and 'Design templates'. Below these is a 'Select Template:' dropdown menu currently set to 'DEMO'. A menu is open over the sidebar, listing actions: New, Duplicate, Edit, Rename, Save, Delete, Export, Import, and Info. The main grid displays labels for various books, each with a title, a barcode, a number, and the Technion logo.

The new chemistry 103	From Potter 104	Ceramic science for the potter 105	Harry Potter and the deathly hallows 106	Harry Potter and the sorcerer 108
Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban 109	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets 110	Harry Potter and the goblet of fire 111	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince 112	



A vertical menu listing the following actions with their respective icons:

- New
- +1 Duplicate
- Edit
- Rename
- Save
- Delete
- Export
- Import
- Info

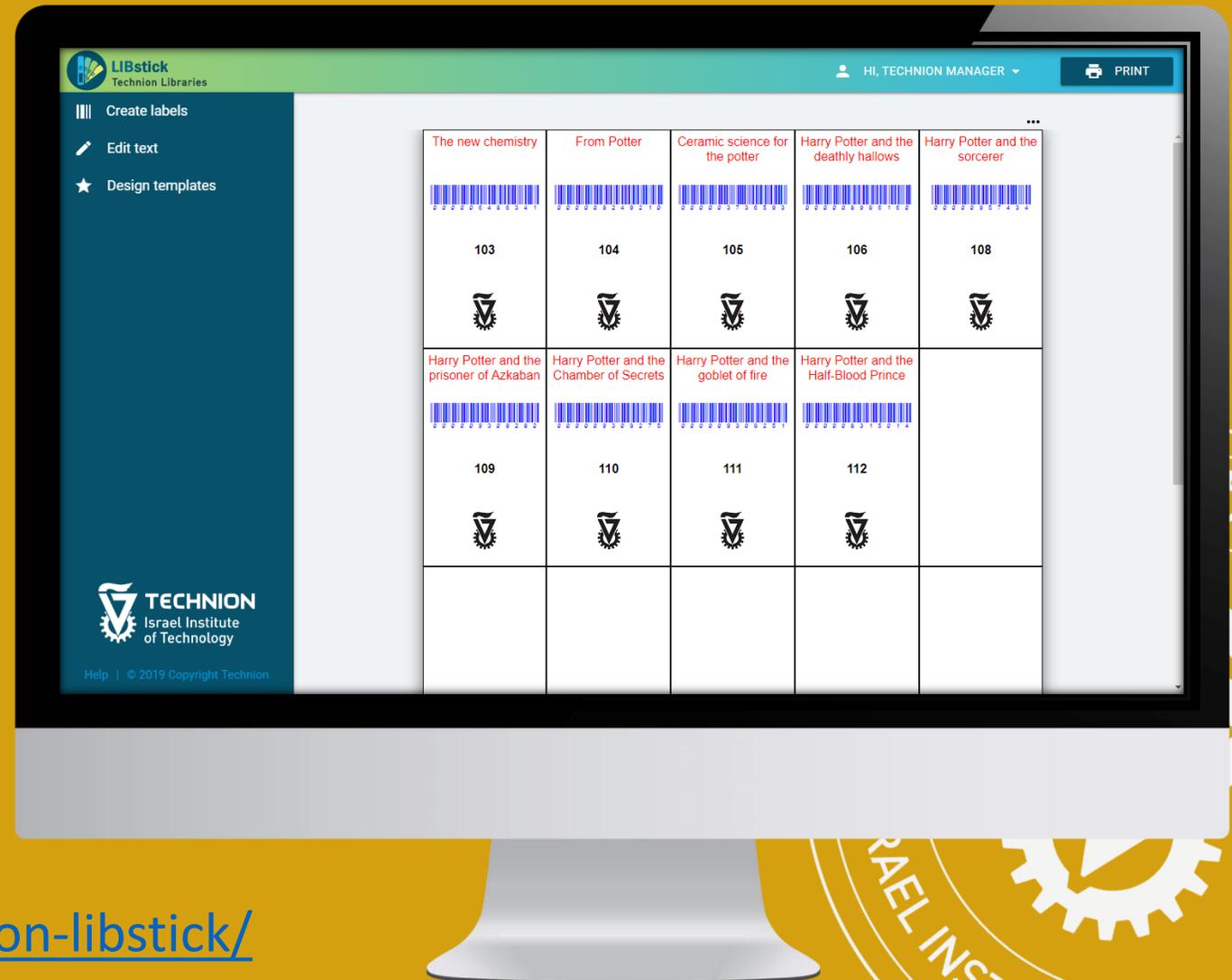


- Create, edit and print
  - Scan barcode
  - Import sets
  - Generate manually

Maker



## Live demo



TECHNION Israel Institute of Technology | LIBstick Technion Libraries | HI, SUPER\_ADMIN | PRINT

Create labels

Barcode: 000006486341

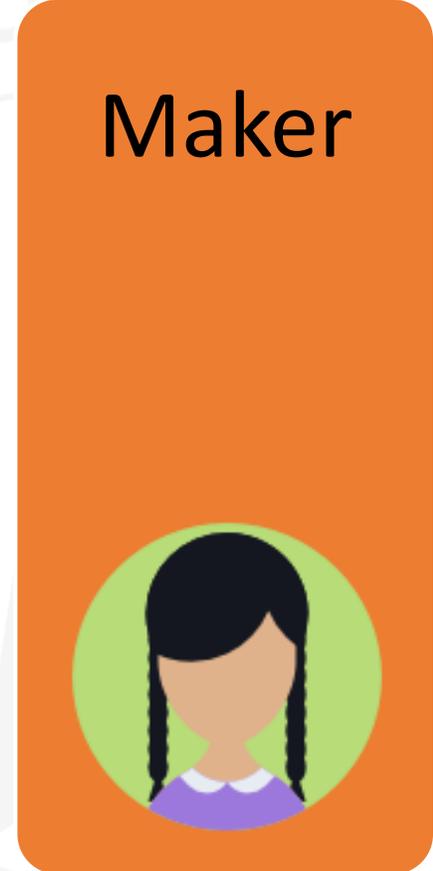
LOAD SET ADD >

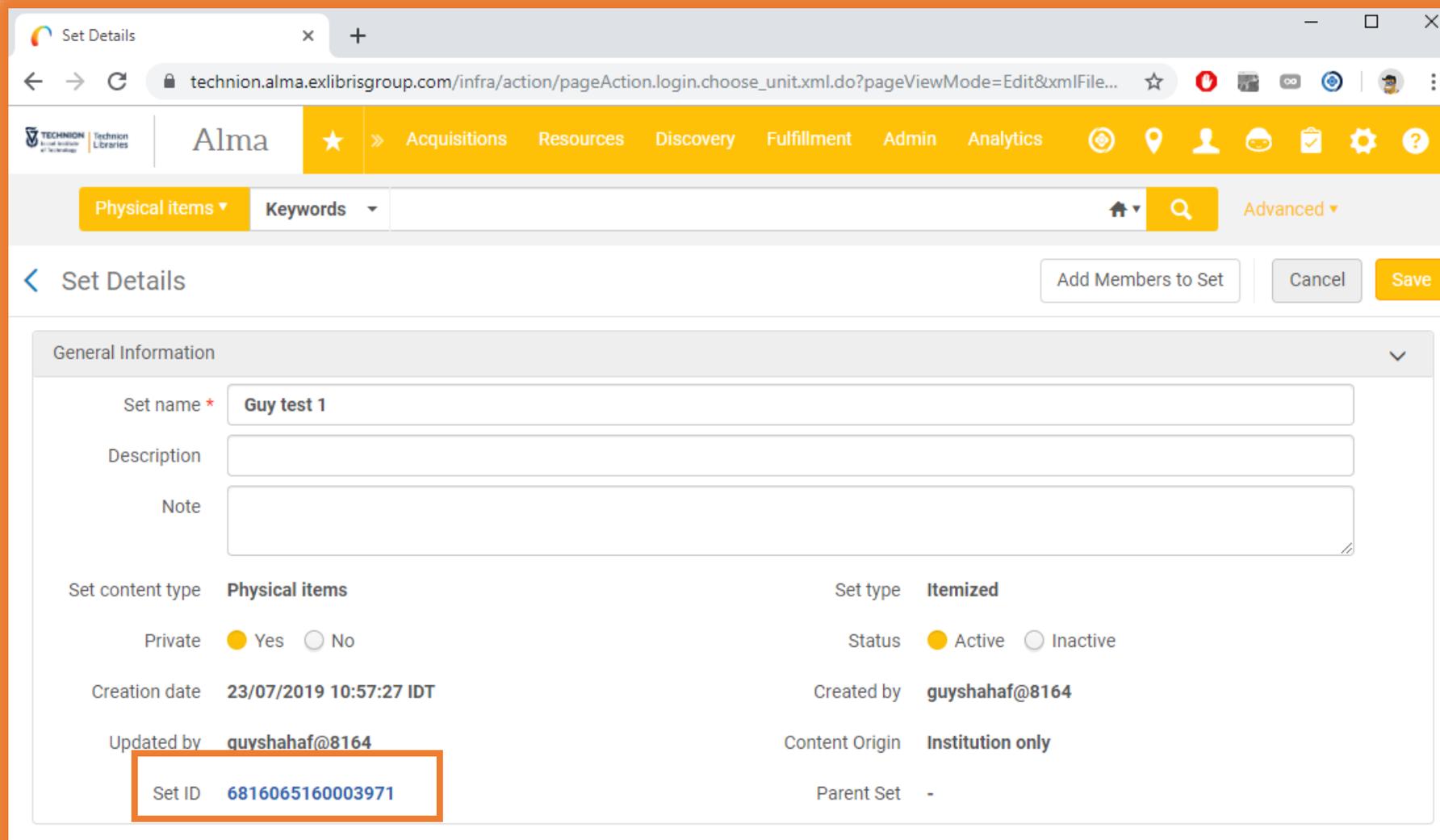
Edit text  
★ Design templates

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The new chemistry  283 				





Set Details

technion.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/infra/action/pageAction.login.choose\_unit.xml.do?pageViewMode=Edit&xmlFile...

Alma

Physical items Keywords

Advanced

Set Details Add Members to Set Cancel Save

General Information

Set name \* **Guy test 1**

Description

Note

Set content type **Physical items** Set type **Itemized**

Private  Yes  No Status  Active  Inactive

Creation date **23/07/2019 10:57:27 IDT** Created by **guyshahaf@8164**

Updated by **guyshahaf@8164** Content Origin **Institution only**

Set ID **6816065160003971** Parent Set -

Maker



Direct import from Alma  
to LIBstick with:

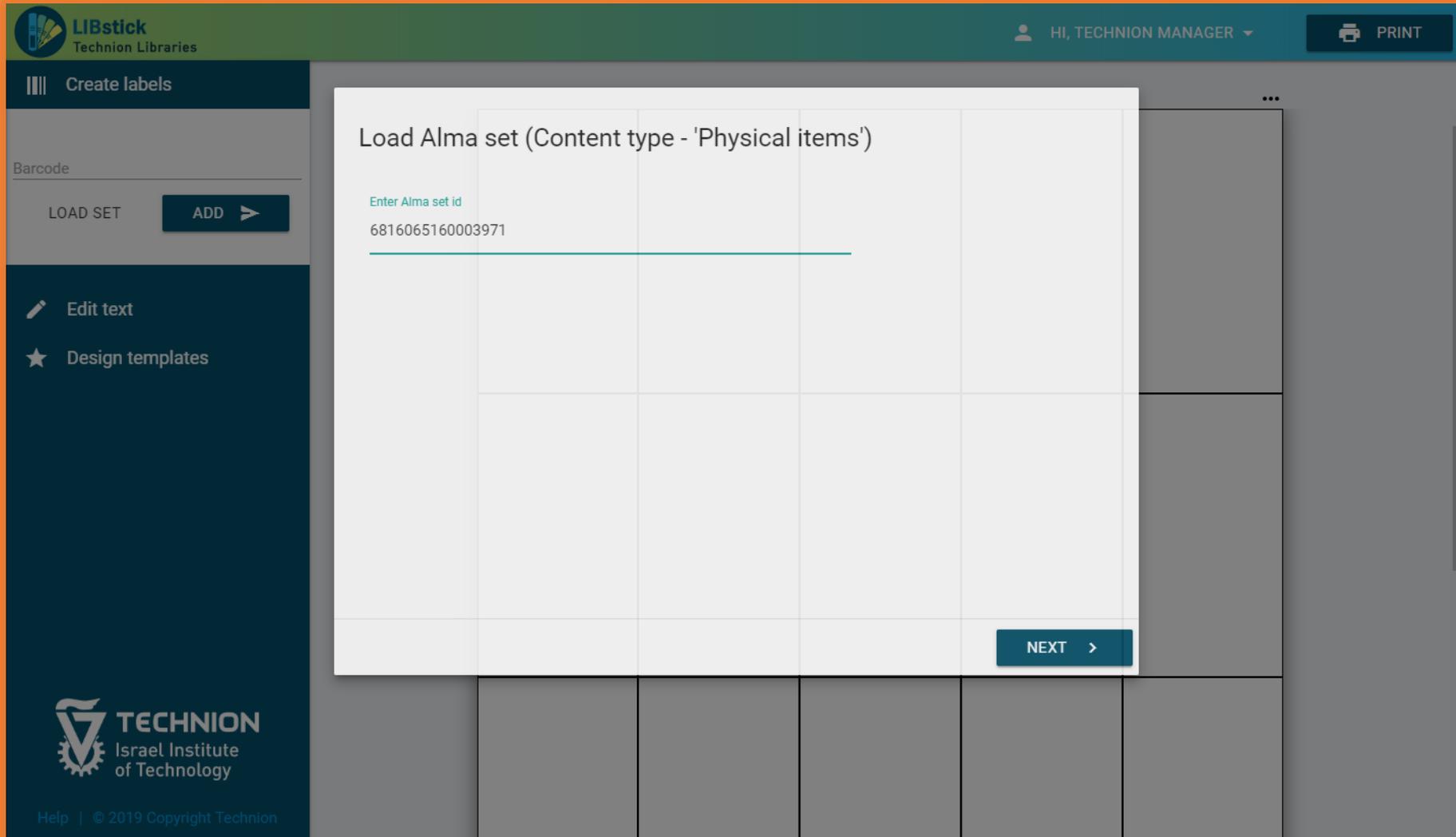


Available in:

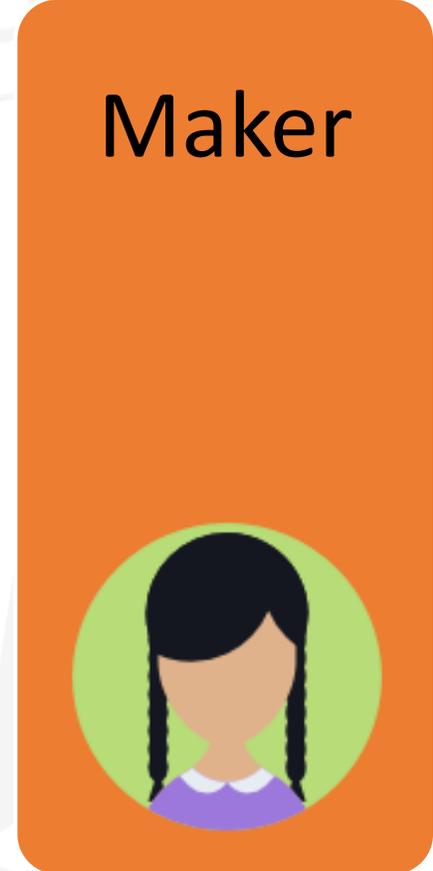


Maker





The screenshot shows the LIBstick interface with a modal dialog box titled "Load Alma set (Content type - 'Physical items')". The dialog contains a text input field with the placeholder "Enter Alma set id" and the value "6816065160003971". A "NEXT >" button is located at the bottom right of the dialog. The background interface includes a sidebar with "Create labels", "Barcode", "LOAD SET", "ADD >", "Edit text", and "Design templates". The top right of the interface shows the user "HI, TECHNION MANAGER" and a "PRINT" button. The Technion logo and copyright information are visible at the bottom left.



 LIBstick  
Technion Libraries
HI, TECHNION MANAGER ▾
PRINT

☰ Create labels
✎ Edit text

title  
From Potter's field /

---

barcode  
000008249210

---

CLOSE UPDATE

<p style="color: red;">The new chemistry</p>  <p>103</p> 	<p style="color: red;">From Potter</p>  <p>104</p> 	<p style="color: red;">Ceramic science for the potter</p>  <p>105</p> 	<p style="color: red;">Harry Potter and the deathly hallows</p>  <p>106</p> 
<p style="color: red;">Harry Potter and the prisoner of Azkaban</p>  <p>109</p> 	<p style="color: red;">Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</p>  <p>110</p> 	<p style="color: red;">Harry Potter and the goblet of fire</p>  <p>111</p> 	<p style="color: red;">Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince</p>  <p>112</p> 

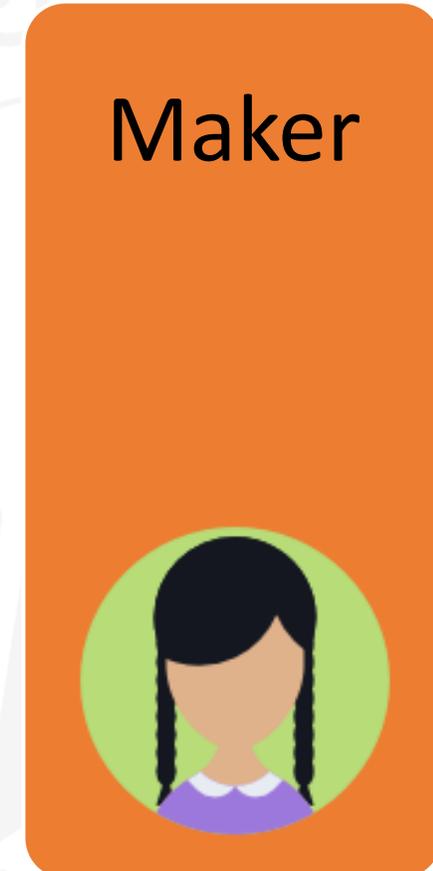
- ☰ Clear board
- 📁 Save board
- 📁 Load board

★ Design templates



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### Software as a service

- Part of the move to cloud trend
- Centrally hosted
- Accessed via a web browser

### Security

- Secured domain - HTTPS
- Trusted hosting

### Single page application

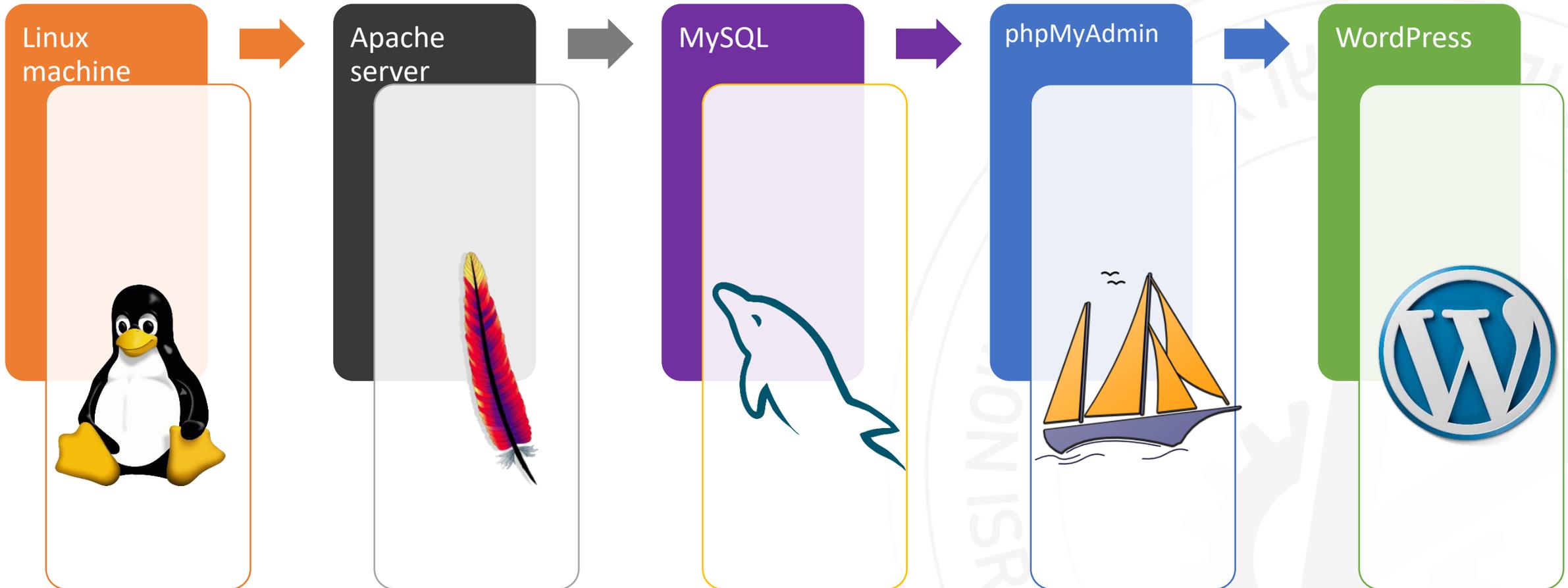
- Dynamically rewriting the current page
- Improved user experience

### Model view controller

- Architectural pattern for user interfaces
- Divides an application into three parts

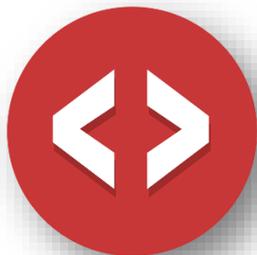
### Material Design

- Design language developed by Google
- Expanding on the "card" motifs



### HTML

- Constant content
- Most HTML generated dynamically



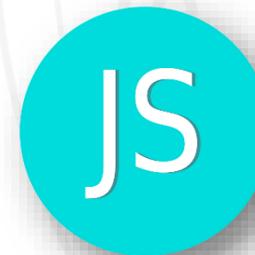
### CSS

- Materialize
- Custom classes
- Most complex and time consuming



### JavaScript

- Object oriented
- jQuery library



### AJAX

- Asynchronous JavaScript and XML
- Communicate with the server



- Alma exposes an impressive set of REST APIs

- Integration input:
  - Region
  - APIKEY – read only



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- User friendly
- Simple
- Customizable
- Automatic

## The Technion library will charge for:

- Support for institutes
- Periodically updates
- Keep LIBstick service alive



<https://libraries.technion.ac.il/libstick>



[libstick@technion.ac.il](mailto:libstick@technion.ac.il)



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