

Aleph Product Update

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Agenda

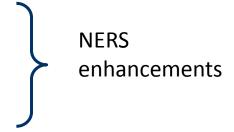


- Aleph Roadmap
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Aleph Roadmap – Updated

- V23.3 Minor Release
 - Available June 3, 2019
- V23.4 Minor Release
 - Available January 2021
- V24.0 Major Release
 - Available July 2022
- V24.1 Minor Release
 - Planned December 2023
- V24.2 Minor Release
 - Planned July 2025







Aleph V23.4 Highlights (Released January 2021)





Enhancements V23.4

- Circ barcode scanning for reading room loans add missing functionality
- Delete Item Records (p-item-11) add option to use STA field for BIB record management
- Expanding ORCID from authority records to source record
- Check routine needed to identify records that exceed size limits



Infrastructure Changes in V23.4

• End support for Solaris





Aleph 24.0 Highlights





Aleph V24.0 Highlights

- Validation checks across fields create dependencies for subfields across two or more fields – V24.0
- Prompt for confirmation before deleting memos V24.0



- Current Aleph GUI 'Trigger List' interface doesn't provide an alert when user activate the 'Delete' trigger action
- Once 'Delete' is pressed, the trigger is immediately deleted without any recovery option
- Having a confirmation message before deletion will attract the user's attention and avoid redundant deletion.

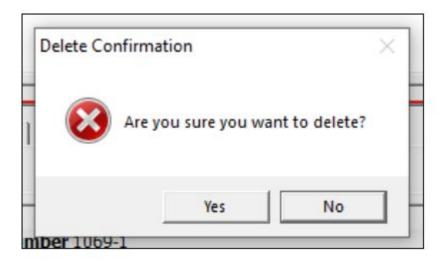


Solution Description

- The user's flows for trigger deletion will be enhanced with an additional confirmation message before the delete is executed
- This change will be implemented for all GUI users without any special customization nor setup
- It will cover the three on-line triggers that offer the 'Delete'



 A new pop-up message will appear when the 'Delete' action will be activated by the user via GUI-Triggers List:





- The default selected option will be 'No'
- The user will have to explicitly press the 'Yes' option in order to submit the deletion
- The delete action will be executed AFTER the user's confirmation



- Triggers to be covered
 - GUI Cataloging/Acquisitions-Serials/Circulation Trigger List (for a specific record)
 - GUI Cataloging Trigger List (for all records)
 - GUI Cataloging Edit Actions menu Record's Triggers Trigger List (for a specific record)



- Current Aleph check_doc validation mechanism, provides the functionality of checking dependencies for subfields within the same field.
- There is no way to define dependencies across fields check_doc_line and check_doc_doc)
- Improving the check_doc functionality to include validation checks across fields, will assist the catalogers when editing a record and improve the quality of the records.



- A new check_doc program will be added to create dependencies across fields: check_doc_across _fields
- This will allow checking a BIB/AUTH record based on data cataloged in subfields of different fields (within the same record)
- Library will configure the relevant dependencies
- New messaged (errors) will be added to reflect the detected inconsistencies
- Will impact cataloging and related services that use 'check doc'

- Setting-up the new check program in check_doc (Example)
 - Table location: ./usm01/tab/check_doc (already exists)
 - Col.1: CATALOG-INSERT -check will be activated when a cataloging record is saved, updated or when the 'Check Record' option is selected from the Cataloging module (already exists)
 - Col.2: The check program: check_doc_across_fields (new functionality)

- Setting-up the new table: check_doc_across_fields
 - A new \$data_tab/check_doc_across_fields table will define the rules of checking content of subfields across fields.
 - The table will enable to define the rules for checking content dependencies among subfields of different fields
 - Following is a sample table in the demo BIB library: ./usm01/tab/check_doc_across



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check doc across fields
Check of dependencies between subfields content of diffrent fields
 Last header change: 26/10/2021
                              The new table: check doc across fields
 HELP
 This table enables you to determine the rules for checking contents dependencies
 among subfields of different fields.
             Record format as in the FMT field. Use XX for all formats.
 col. 1
 col. 2 tag+indicator
 col. 3 first subfield code
 col. 4 content of first subfield (30 char.)
 col. 5 type of dependency: Y- present; N - cannot be present
 col. 6
             second tag+indicator
 col. 7 second subfield code
 col. 8
             content of the second subfield (30 char.)
XX 949## a abc
                                   Y 960## d xy
XX 949## a abc
                                   Y 967## d xy
XX 949## a hij
                                   Y 968## c klm
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- The rules may be defined per record format (col.1). For example books (BK) might have different logic then serials (SE). The code XX can be set for all formats
- Col. 2 thru 4 set the 1st tag+indicator+subfield+content that should be checked against the 2nd set
- Col. 6 thru 8 set the 2nd tag+indicator+subfield+content that should be checked against the 1st set
- Col. 5 will set the type of dependency:
 - Y = the defined content should be presented in the other set
 - N = the defined content cannot be presented in the other set



- The New Block/Warning Message
 - A new error text will be added to ./error_<lng>/check_doc file (file already exists)
 - Error number: 0232 (hard-code;' cannot be changed by the library)
 - Error text: Error found upon dependency check between the content of the subfields "\$1" and "\$2"
 - \$1 the place holder for the tag: (field+indicator+subfield) of the 1st field (col. 2 and 3 of check_doc_across_fields table)
 - \$2 the place holder for the tag: (field+indicator+subfield) of the 2nd field (col. 6 and 7 of check_doc_across_fields table)



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1009 L 901 - Missing system counter for library $1.

1010 L 901 - The counter $2 for library $1 is already attributed to doc number $3. Check system 1011 L 901 - You are not allowed to add more than 10 inventory numbers at a time.

!
! check_doc_across_fields

10232 L Error found upon dependency check between the content of the subfields "$1" and "$2"

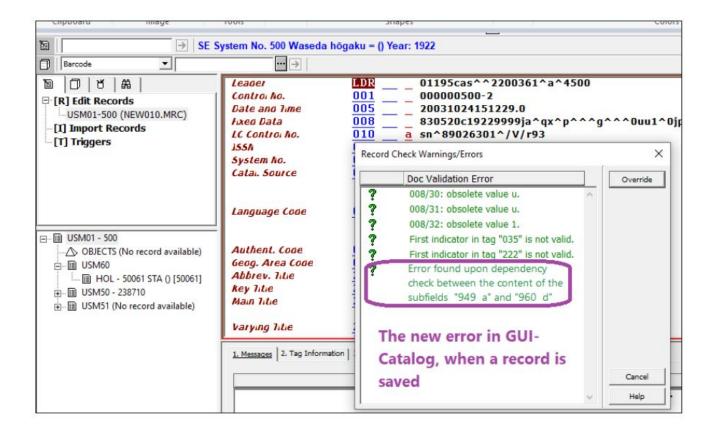
1 check_doc_call_no_090

1 check_doc_call
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- Setting the New Check as a Block or Warning
 - As in any other record checks, the library should define the new check as a Warning (T) or Mandatory (M).
 - T = error which writes a cataloging trigger record, but allows database update.
 - M = error which does not allow database update.
 - This can be done by adding the new entry to \$data_tab/check_doc_mandatory (table already exists)







Infrastructure Changes in V24.0

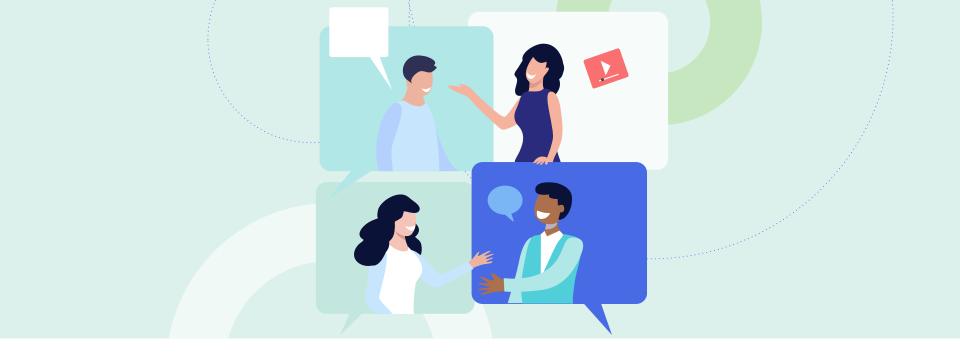
• RedHat8



Aleph V24.1 Highlights

 Fiscal Year Purge - remove all vendors without any remaining orders or invoices





Plans for V25 and Beyond



Plans for V25 and Future Versions

- Items for consideration:
 - User group enhancements (NERS)
 - Extending support for protocols and standards such as NCIP, SIP2, RFID, EDI
 - Infrastructure SW/HW certifications







Thank you!

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