



# **Serial Control Process**

Time spent is time saved with prediction patterns

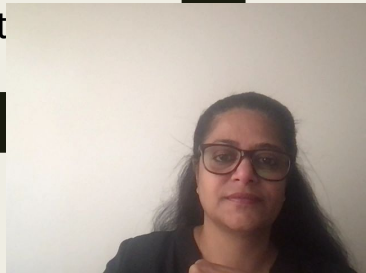
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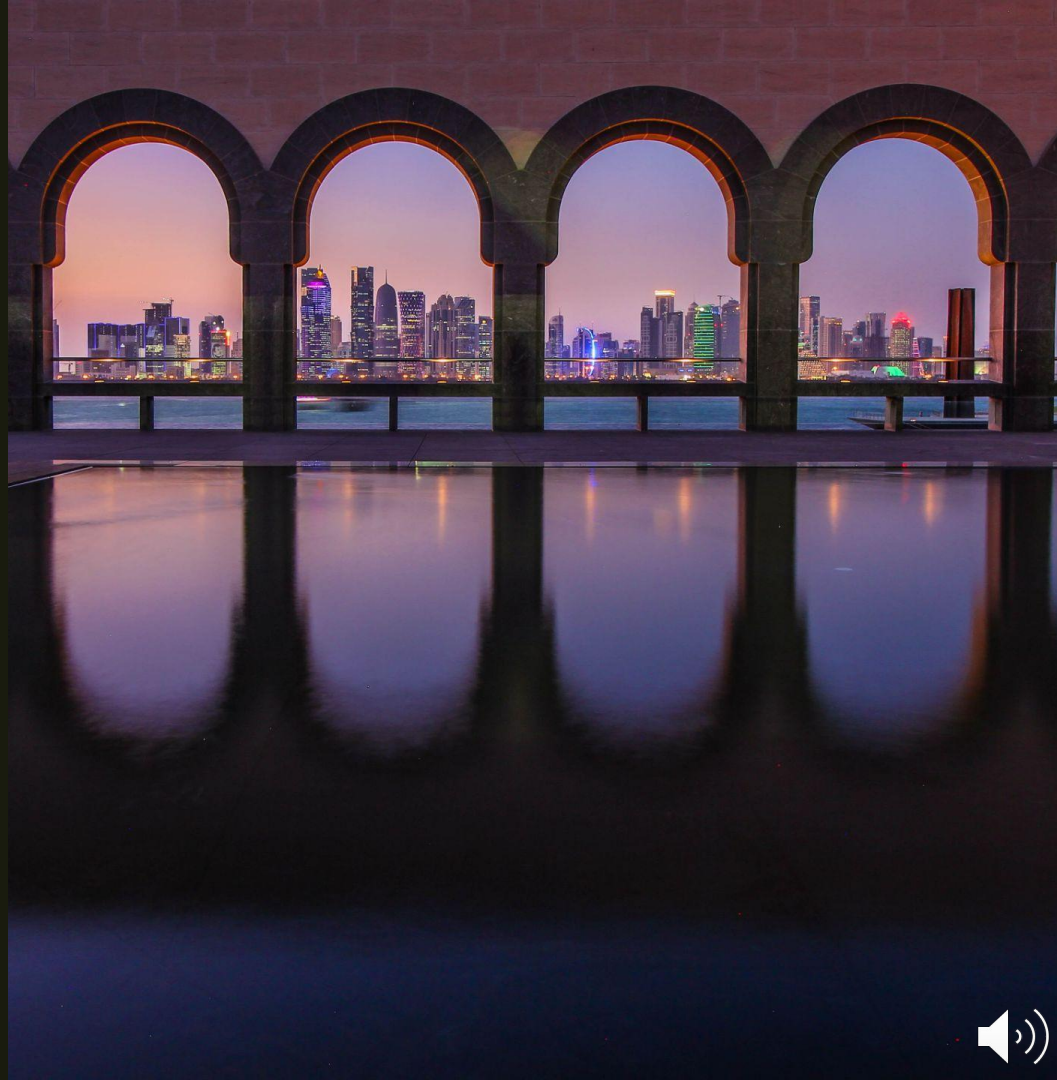
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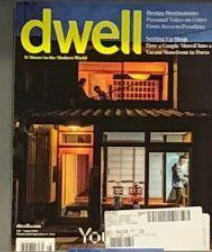


# Background

- Staff role changes
- Difficulty in tracking
- Lengthy receiving process
- Complex claiming process
- Naming issues
- Lack of statistics



Drapers



dwell



The Economist



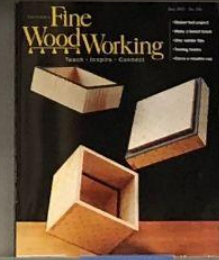
Harper's Bazaar



Elle Decoration



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Fine Woodworking



Hospitality Design



Flash Art International



Frame

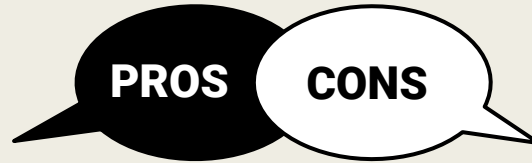


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iCreate

Time spent is time saved with prediction patterns  
Is it a matter of debate?





## What can Alma serials prediction pattern functionality do?

Alma supports prediction patterns to enable you to more easily manage serials. With prediction pattern support, it is possible to create serial items in advance of their receive date based on a prediction template. This capability uses the 853-855 holdings record fields for the predicted item information such as enumeration, chronology, frequency and so forth. Alma provides many predictive pattern templates. There are different ways to create prediction patterns in Alma.



### **3 methods to create prediction patterns in Alma**

- 1) Use one of the readily available templates in Alma that suits the publication frequency.
- 2) Duplicate and edit a prediction pattern template available in Alma to create your own prediction pattern template to match the publication frequency
- 3) Manually enter the 853/854/855 field to create prediction patterns as per the publication frequency.



# 3-1

## Ways to create prediction patterns

Use one of the readily available templates in Alma that suits the publishing frequency.

Alma 'Out of the box' has many prediction patterns – one for nearly every possible publishing pattern. These contain 853 captions and pattern fields as well as 590 note fields.

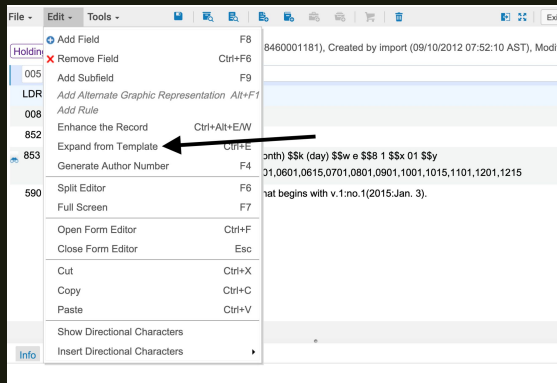
- Serial prediction monthly regular with 13 issues (additional one in December)
- Books
- Continuing Resources
- Copy Of Serial prediction monthly regular
- Copy of Serial prediction quarterly seasons
- Copy of Serial prediction quarterly seasons with two issues
- Serial prediction 3 times a month
- Serial prediction 3 times a week
- Serial prediction 3 times a year
- Serial prediction all enum levels are missing
- Serial prediction annual
- Serial prediction annual index
- Serial prediction annual supplement
- Serial prediction biennial
- Serial prediction bimonthly
- Serial prediction bimonthly edited
- Serial prediction biweekly
- Serial prediction combined chron bimonthly
- Serial prediction combined chron quarterly
- Serial prediction combined chron semiannual
- Serial prediction daily
- Serial prediction daily 6 levels
- Serial prediction daily omits Sunday
- Serial prediction lacks a top level of enumeration and has continuous issue numbering
- Serial prediction monthly combined using 853**
- Serial prediction monthly omits
- Serial prediction monthly regular
- Serial prediction quarterly combine
- Serial prediction quarterly months
- Serial prediction quarterly seasons
- Serial prediction semiannual alternative enumeration
- Serial prediction semiannual continuous issue numbering
- Serial prediction semimonthly
- Serial prediction semimonthly 1 unit
- Serial prediction semimonthly 4 levels
- Serial prediction semiweekly
- Serial prediction three 853 fields



# 3-2

## Ways to create prediction patterns

Duplicate and edit a prediction pattern template available in Alma to create your own prediction pattern template to match the publication frequency.



An example of edited template as per the publishing frequency.  
Serial : Adage

A biweekly magazine that is published every two weeks except in the months of February, May, July, August, September and November.



590     \$\$a A biweekly (every 2 weeks) publication that begins with v.1:no.1(2015:Jan. 3).

853 0 3 \$\$a v. \$\$b no. \$\$u 26 \$\$v r \$\$i (year) \$\$j (month) \$\$w e \$\$8 1 \$\$k (day)

**Edited the above template to predict 18 issues a year**



853 0 3 \$\$a v. \$\$b no. \$\$u 18 \$\$v r \$\$i (year) \$\$j (month) \$\$k (day) \$\$w e \$\$8 1 \$\$x 01 \$\$y  
pd0101,0115,0201,0301,0315,0401,0415,0501,0601,0615,0701,0801,0901,1001,1015,1101,1201,1215

590     \$\$a A biweekly (every 2 weeks) publication that begins with v.1:no.1(2015:Jan. 3).



# 3-3

## Ways to create prediction patterns

Manually enter the 853/854/855 field as per the publication frequency.

**853-855** fields [Repeatable]

**853** - CAPTIONS AND PATTERNS FOR BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHIC UNITS

**854** - CAPTIONS AND PATTERNS FOR SUPPLEMENTS

**855** - CAPTIONS AND PATTERNS FOR INDEXES

Required MARC Holdings fields for publication patterns:  
Captions and Patterns

**Captions:** Enumeration - volume/issue/part/section etc.  
Chronology - date of publication (year, month, season, day)

**Patterns:** Frequency interval - Special publication information

*Detailed information can be found on*  
<https://www.loc.gov/marc/holdings/hd853855.html>

Guidelines for applying content designators and the input conventions for the 853-855 fields are given [in this section.](#)



853/854/855

are made up of captions and patterns

Captions & Patterns



Enumeration

+

Chronology

+

Publication pattern

### Enumeration captions [All non-repeatable]

#### **\$\$a - \$\$h**

\$a First level of enumeration

\$b-f Second level through sixth level of enumeration

\$g Alternative numbering scheme, first level of enumeration

\$h Alternative numbering scheme, second level of enumeration

### Chronology captions [All non-repeatable]

#### **\$\$i - \$\$m**

\$i First level of chronology

\$j-l Second level through fourth level of chronology

\$m Alternative numbering scheme, chronology

Publication pattern

\$n Pattern note (non-repeatable)

\$u Bibliographic units per next higher level (repeatable)

\$v Numbering continuity (repeatable)

\$p Number of pieces per issuance (non-repeatable)

\$w Frequency (non-repeatable)

\$x Calendar change (non-repeatable)

\$y Regularity pattern (repeatable)

\$z Numbering scheme (repeatable)

### Other captions & subfields

\$o Type of supplementary material, type of index (non-repeatable)

\$t Copy number (non-repeatable)

\$8 Field link and sequence no. (non-repeatable)



# Holding record 853 field example

(commonly used captions & patterns)

1. \$\$a volume (top level enumeration)
2. \$\$b number/issue (secondary enumeration)
3. \$\$u issues per year
4. \$\$v numbering pattern (repeating or continuous)
5. \$\$i first level of chronology
6. \$\$j second level of chronology
7. \$\$k third level of chronology
8. \$\$w periodicity (monthly, weekly, etc.)
9. \$\$y regularity pattern
10. \$\$x when a new volume starts
11. \$\$8 Field link and sequence number

## What does it look like

The diagram illustrates the structure of an 853 field. It consists of three lines of text:

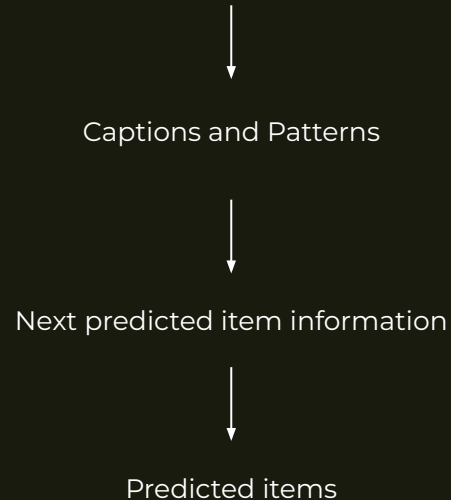
- Line 1: 590 | \$\$a A weekly publication that begins with v.1:no.1(2000:Jan.01) except for the last week in December,
- Line 2: 852 0 \$\$b VQA \$\$c PER
- Line 3: 853 0 3 \$\$a v. \$\$b issue. \$\$u 51 \$\$v r \$\$i (year) \$\$j (month) \$\$k (day) \$\$w w \$\$y ow1204 \$\$x 01 \$\$8 1

Below the third line, 11 vertical arrows point upwards to specific characters in the field string: 1 points to the first '3', 2 to the first '\$\$', 3 to the 'v.', 4 to the '\$\$', 5 to the 'i', 6 to the '(', 7 to the ')', 8 to the 'w', 9 to the 'y', 10 to the '0', and 11 to the '1'. Below each arrow is a corresponding number from 1 to 11.



# How are items predicted in Alma

Meet Alma serial prediction creation conditions



## Permissions in Alma needed to create prediction patterns

To add and/or manage physical resources, you must have one of the following roles:

- Physical Inventory Operator
- Physical Inventory Operator Limited
- Purchase Manager
- Purchase Operator
- Repository Manager

## Requirements to create predicted items in Alma

- Right user role in Alma
- Associated POL with a POL type of “Journal”
- POL status of “Waiting for renewal”
- Active subscription
- MARC Holdings field 853/854/855 (captions & patterns)
- Next predicted item information
- Expected items generated





# Requisites

- Detailed action plan
- Dedicated staff time
- Compiled information sheet on subscriptions
- Verified information
- List of important factors to be considered for manually created prediction patterns
- Continuous effort to keep up with the publishing pattern changes

## What did we do to accomplish the work

- Dedicated staff member spent time on learning Alma documentation on Serial prediction patterns
- Consulted peers in the field
- Gathered information on current subscriptions from the pieces, vendor site and at times internet, and previous year's issues
- Worked through each subscription and opened the predicted items to ensure accuracy
- Made notes for future reference to improve the process
- Noted down hacks learnt through the process



# Hacks learned during the process

- Bimonthly, 6 issues per volume, combines every two months starting with Jan/Feb, new volume in January (hack of monthly ( $\$w m$  rather than  $\$w b$ ) to get joint months)
- If a number appears on a issue with a numbering pattern like 1/1, Jan. 2022), give a caption in brackets within parentheses
- When creating quarterly prediction patterns using months or seasons, the pattern does not display the text, i.e. month or season name, correctly (hack of quarterly) Instead of including the month or season in the second level of chronology (j) use the numerical notation, i.e. 01 for January or 21 for Spring in the next predicted item's information

## Examples

→ E1

$\$a v. \$b no. \$u 6 \$v r \$i (year) \$j (month) \$w m \$x 01 \$y cm01/02,03/04,05/06,07/08,09/10,11/12 \$\$ 1$   
**Display: v.30:no.1(2022:Jan/Feb)**

→ E2

$\$a ([v.]) \$b ([no.]) \$i (year) \$j (month) \$w m \$\$ 1$   
**Display: 1:1(2022:Jan.)**

→ E3

$\$a v. \$b no. \$u 3 \$v r \$i (year) \$j (season) \$w q \$y os23 \$\$ 1 \$x 21$   
**Display:v.193:no.1(2022:spring)**



Alma Production

Acquisitions

Resources

Discovery

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Admin

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MD Editor

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File Edit Tools

Exit New MDE

Templates

Records

Dublin Core

- MARC21 Bibliographic
- MARC21 Holdings
  - AdAge.(99123833... (224988460001181)
  - Adbusters.(9912... (224951840001181)
  - Aperture.(99129... (2219299890001181)
  - Artibus Asiae.(... (2227862310001181)
  - Artibus Asiae.(... (2227862330001181)
  - TechWeek.(99338... (2227702310001181)
  - The Economist(9... (225241360001181)

Holdings Working on - TechWeek.(9933869717 (2227702310001181), Created by Ilouis (09/08/2022 01:02:36 AST), Modified by Ilouis (31/08/2022 11:46:06 AST)

005	20220831114606.0
LDR	00300nx##a22000971n#4500
008	1011252u####8###4001uueng0000000
852 0	\$\$b VQA \$\$c PER
590	\$\$a A quarterly publication that begins with v.1:no.1(2015:Spring.).
853 C C	\$\$a v. \$\$b no. \$\$i (year) \$\$j (season) \$\$w q \$\$8 1

Rules

Info Alerts Linked Data

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Hack example....mp4

Show All

Season name in display

## Benefits

- Easy to track and predict future items once the pattern is developed
- Receiving time saved
- Easy tracking of issues not arrived
- Easy claiming process
- Enumeration and chronology naming consistency.
- Staff time saved on entering enumeration and chronology
- Make informed decisions on subscriptions

## Challenges

- Upfront time for developing patterns before implementation
- Repeated attempts to develop a successful pattern (lots of patience)
- No batch changes or uploading is possible. Work through each periodical
- Ongoing effort to track changes in the publishing pattern and update the system and notify the person in charge of receiving



## Benefits

- Predict future items
- Track items not received
- Maintain naming consistency
- Easy receiving
- Make informed decisions



Alma  
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Facets

[Physical Titles \(1 - 5 of 5\)](#) [abitare](#)**Material Type** ▾

Book (4)

Journal (1)

**Resource Type** ▾

Book - Physical (4)

Journal - Physical (1)

**Language** ▾

English (4)

French (2)

German (1)

[+ More \(2\)](#)**Publication Year** ▾

1960 (1)

1998 (1)

2006 (1)

2008 - 2010 (2)

🏠 Institution

👤 Community

Sort by: **Uniform Title - Asc** ▾Secondary Sort by: **Rank** ▾Expand: **All** - ✕1 [Abitare.](#)[Edit Record](#)[Holdings](#)**Journal** ([Milano, Editrice Segesta, etc 1960)**Subject:** Interior decoration--Periodicals.  
Interior decoration--Italy--Periodicals.  
Architecture--Periodicals.**Modification Date:** 06/12/2021 11:29:59  
AST**Creation Date:** 09/10/2012 07:51:55 AST**Language:** Italian**ISSN:** 0001-3218**Record number:**  
(QADOVCU)000017619VQA01 ▾ **Orders:** 1**MMS ID:**  
991217180001181

● Physical (1)

**1 Holdings | 19 of 23 items are available**

Library	Location	Call Number	Accession Number	Item Availability	Related Record
VQA	PER	-	-	● from:595 2020 until:620 2022	-

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List of Items

# Track items not received

Back



Abitare. Editrice Segesta, etc [Milano, Began in 1960. [0001-3218]

Location Art and Design Library: Curre... MMS ID 991217180001181

[View all holdings](#)

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Barcode



Sort routine

0 rows selected

Manage Selected

+ Add Item



Status: All Year: All Volume: All Description: All Receive Date: All

	Barcode	Location	Volume	Year	Description	Status	Receiving date	Process type	
1	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000073...	Current Periodicals	600	2020	v.600. 2020. Dec.	Item in place	23/03/2021	-	...
2	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000070...	Current Periodicals	595	2020	v.595. 2020. Jun.	Item in place	02/12/2020	-	...
3	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000072...	Current Periodicals	599	2020	v.599. 2020. Nov.	Item in place	07/01/2021	-	...
4	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000075...	Current Periodicals	603	2021	v.603. 2021. Apr.	Item in place	23/05/2021	-	...
5	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000081...	Current Periodicals	610	2021	v.610. 2021. Dec.	Item in place	25/01/2022	-	...
6	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000075...	Current Periodicals	601	2021	v.601. 2021. Jan./Feb.	Item in place	08/05/2021	-	...
7	<input type="checkbox"/> 40000000078...	Current Periodicals	606	2021	v.606. 2021. Jul./Aug.	Item in place	07/09/2021	-	...
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Current				Item in			...



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- Facets <<
- Material Type ▾  
Journal (1)
- Resource Type ▾  
Journal - Physical (1)
- Language ▾  
English (1)

Physical Titles (1 - 1 of 1) [adage](#)

# Naming consistency

Save and Filter Query

🏠 Institution
👤 Community

Sort by: **Uniform Title - Asc** ▾ Secondary Sort by: **Rank** ▾ Expand: All - ✕ 🔗 ⚙️

1 **AdAge.** Edit Record Holdings ⋮

**Journal** By Advertising Publications, inc. (Chicago : Crain Communications Inc etc)

**Language:** English

**ISSN:** 0001-8899

**Subject:** Business Finance Economics

**Record number:** (QADOVCU)000021592VQA01 ▾

**Modification Date:** 31/01/2022 11:47:13 AST

**Creation Date:** 09/10/2012 07:52:10 AST

📄 Orders: 1

**MMS ID:** 991238330001181

- ⬆️
- Physical (1)

1 Holdings | 26 of 36 items are available

Library	Location	Call Number	Accession Number	Item Availability	Related Record
VQA	PER	<b>Adage</b>	-	● from:91 2020 until:93 2022	-

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[Other details](#)





Receive New Material

# Easy Receiving Process

Keep in Department  Shelf Ready

Received Date **30/08/2022**

One Time Continuous

1 - 1 of 1 All **abitare** Filter by vendor Filter by owning library

Status: All (Except Closed) Locate: PO Lines Filter orders with interested users: No Filter orders with patron requests: No

Clear all

#	Item description	Status	Locations	# Ordered	Date Sent	Next Step	Rush	Notes	Receiving note	Interested Users
1	<b>Abitare.</b> , Editrice Segesta etc, Began in 1960., 0001-3218, ISSN	Recurring Renewal	Art and Design Library - Current Periodicals (1)	1	01/01/2010	-				

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# Claiming process with analytics report

Criteria **Results** Prompts Advanced

Subject Area...



- Physical Items
  - Physical Item Details
  - Holding Details
  - Item Creation Date
  - Item Modification Date
  - Library Unit
  - Location
    - Temporary Location
  - Bibliographic Details
  - LC Classifications
  - Dewey Classifications
  - Other Classifications
  - PO Line
    - PO Line Approver
    - PO Line Creation Date

### Compound Layout

Title **Periodicals issues not received 2022**

Table

Base Status	Material Type	Title	Description	Process Type
Item not in place	Issue	10 Women.	v.68(2022:Spring/Summer)	Acquisition
		Abitare.	v.69(2022:Autumn/Winter)	Acquisition
		AdAge.	v.616(2022:July/Aug.)	Acquisition
			v.617(2022:Sept.)	Acquisition
			v.618(2022:Oct.)	Acquisition
			v.619(2022:Nov.)	Acquisition
			v.620(2022:Dec.)	Acquisition
			v.93. no.2. 2022. 01.24.	Acquisition
			v.93.no.11(2022:July 01)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.12(2022:Aug. 01)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.13(2022:Sept. 01)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.14(2022:Oct. 01)	Acquisition
		Adbusters.	v.93.no.15(2022:Oct. 15)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.16(2022:Nov. 01)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.17(2022:Dec. 01)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.18(2022:Dec. 15)	Acquisition
			v.93.no.19(2022:Oct. 01)	Acquisition
		Aperture.	v.30.no.5(2022:Sept./Oct.)	Acquisition
			v.30.no.6(2022:Nov./Dec.)	Acquisition
		Applied arts magazine.	no.248(2022:Autumn)	Acquisition
			no.249(2022:Winter)	Acquisition
			v.37.no.1(2022:Spring)	Acquisition
			v.37.no.2(2022:Summer)	Acquisition

### Catalog

List All

- My Folders
- Shared Folders

### Views

- Title
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# Why ongoing effort is needed

- Publication patterns change multiple times in a year. "Publication patterns change due to the COVID-19 pandemic".
- Unexpected special editions
- Publications discontinue and resume publishing at an odd time of the year
- Publisher changes (does not affect predicted items)

## More on challenges

Reported Date	Title Name	Publisher	Type	Previous Value	New Value	Effective Date
All	All	All	All			All
08/11/2022	<a href="#">Banipal</a>	BANIPAL PUBLISHING	Title Status Change	Active	Discontinued	08/10/2022
08/11/2022	<a href="#">Journal of Interior Design</a>	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	Publisher Change	WILEY-BLACKWELL	SAGE PUBLICATIONS INC	01/01/2023
07/14/2022	<a href="#">Harvard Business Review</a>	HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW	Title Frequency Change	Bimonthly-6 Or 6 Per Year (Every 2 Months)	Monthly-6 To 12 Per Year (Consecutive Months)	07/13/2022
07/14/2022	<a href="#">Harvard Business Review</a>	HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW	Issues Per Year Change	6	12	07/13/2022
07/08/2022	<a href="#">Elle Decoration - British.ed</a>	HEARST MAG UK/ HOUSE OF HEARST	Title Frequency Change	Odd Regular (No Set Schedule)	Monthly-6 To 12 Per Year (Consecutive Months)	07/01/2022
07/08/2022	<a href="#">Elle Decoration - British.ed</a>	HEARST MAG UK/ HOUSE OF HEARST	Issues Per Year Change	12	10	07/01/2022
06/08/2022	<a href="#">Harvard Business Review</a>	HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW	Issues Per Year Change	12	8	05/07/2022



# Careful gathering of information

- Publication information varies from the vendor site, actual piece and actual publication pattern (Information on vendor site)



- (Information on actual piece)



## More on challenges

EBSCO database record for Advertising Age. The record is divided into several sections: General, Publisher Policies, Additional Information, Alternative Format, Orders, Issues, Subject/Classification, and Links. An arrow points to the 'Issues' section, specifically to the year 2022. The 'Contents' section at the bottom provides detailed copyright and distribution information.

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**General**

Title Name: Advertising Age  
Title Number: 018-340-000  
Frequency: Semi-monthly-24 Per Year (Twice Each Month)  
Format: Print  
Language: English  
Country: United States  
Publisher Name: [CRAIN COMMUNICATIONS, INC](#)  
ISSN: 0001-8899  
Status: Active  
Open Access Title: No

**Publisher Policies**

Order Policy: One year only. No short terms. No odd terms.  
Cancellation Policy: Cancellation refunds are prorated for unused portion of subscription/any amount under 5.00 will not be refunded  
Claiming Policy: Claims must be made within 90 days of cover date

**Additional Information**

Some Vols May Have 25 Issues  
/Incorp/ Creativity /&/ American Demographics /&/ B To B

**Alternative Format**

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**Orders**

2022 2021 2020 2019 2018

**Issues**

Issues Per Year: 24  
Volumes/year: 1  
Volume: 93  
Volume start: 01/2022  
Must begin with: Current/Future Issue

**Subject/Classification**

LC Code: HF5801-Commerce  
MARC Record: C001461285  
Number:  
Subject Category: Business, Finance, Economics  
UDC: 65-Commercial, Office, Business Techniques, Management, Communications, Transport  
DDC: 659-Advertising & Public Relations

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# Information from Vendor Site

Another example of irregular publication frequency Smithsonian-published monthly with an occasional special issue which requires careful tracking and manual editing of enumeration and chronology information after predicting items

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## Cataloger's experience

*“At an overall level, Alma prediction pattern functionality helps to track, receive and claim serials more easily. Staff time is saved in serial management. With an additional enhancement of the functionality, the user’s experience could get better. In the scenario of changing publishing patterns through the year, the process becomes obsolete and the predicted items turn false. If Alma could find a workaround to solve this problem, it could save a lot of time for catalogers.”*

Staff

## Overall experience

*“As the prediction patterns are used to create serials in advance of their receive date, it has allowed me to check-in the items easily and more efficiently. The processing time is shortened and I can clearly track the items. Overall, my experience has been very pleasant.”*

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