



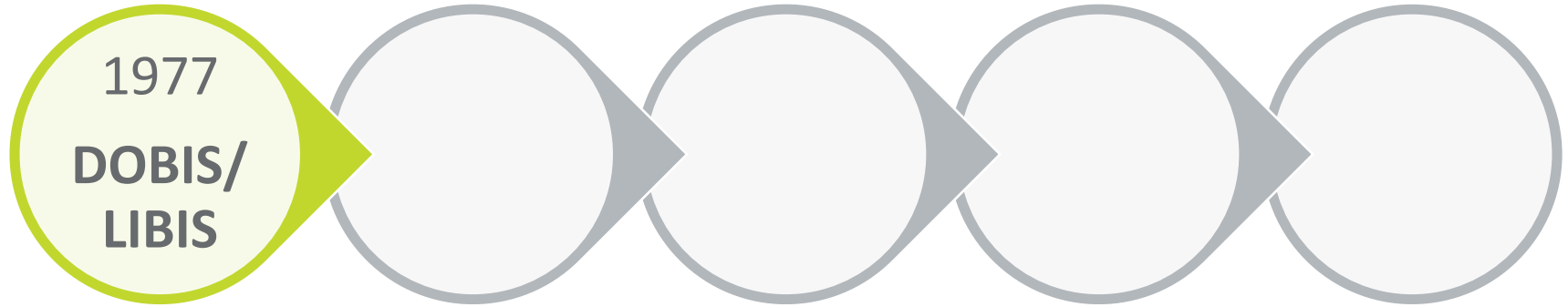
Alma functionalities as tools to facilitate cataloguing practices

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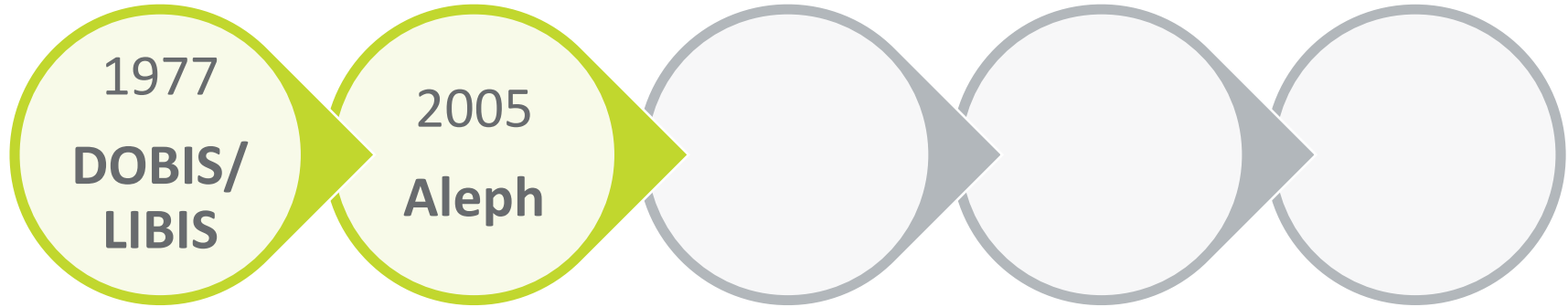
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A short history of cataloguing in LIBISnet



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- Conversion from proprietary DMARC to MARC21
- Pragmatic choices to limit impact on cataloguing practice
- Local Aleph-configuration to cope with deviations



- Normalisation on publishing 'hides' deviations in Aleph records

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- No more local configuration
- ➔ Problems in Alma with data searchability

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- Only minimal normalisation on publishing
- ➔ Visible conflicts between local deviations and system mappings
- ➔ Action in Alma records needed

- Corrections to the datamodels and records
- Normalisation jobs to change existing records
- Documentation and instruction for cataloguers
 - Online documentation
 - Workshops
 - Shared templates

●●●●● Not quite so easy ...

- 2 *new* elements cause greater problems
- Aleph → Alma
 - RDA-fields 336-337-338 added to the datamodel
 - More errors than traditional fields
- Primo → PrimoVE
 - Combined conditions for system resource types
 - More complicated than local one key-solution

●●●● One key-solution vs. system conditions

Resource type	One-key (LIBISnet Alma)	System conditions
Newspapers	653 \$a Newspapers	Leader(07) = s AND 008(21) = n
Journals	653 \$a Periodicals	Leader(06-07) = as AND 008(21) <> L m d w
Conference proceedings	653 \$a Meetings - Conferences	008(29) = 1
Dissertations	653 \$a Theses	field 502 = a-z OR Leader(06-07) = am AND 008(24) = m

Using Alma to solve the problem

- Local field 902: cataloguer registers a double master key

\$r = resource type

\$m = form of document

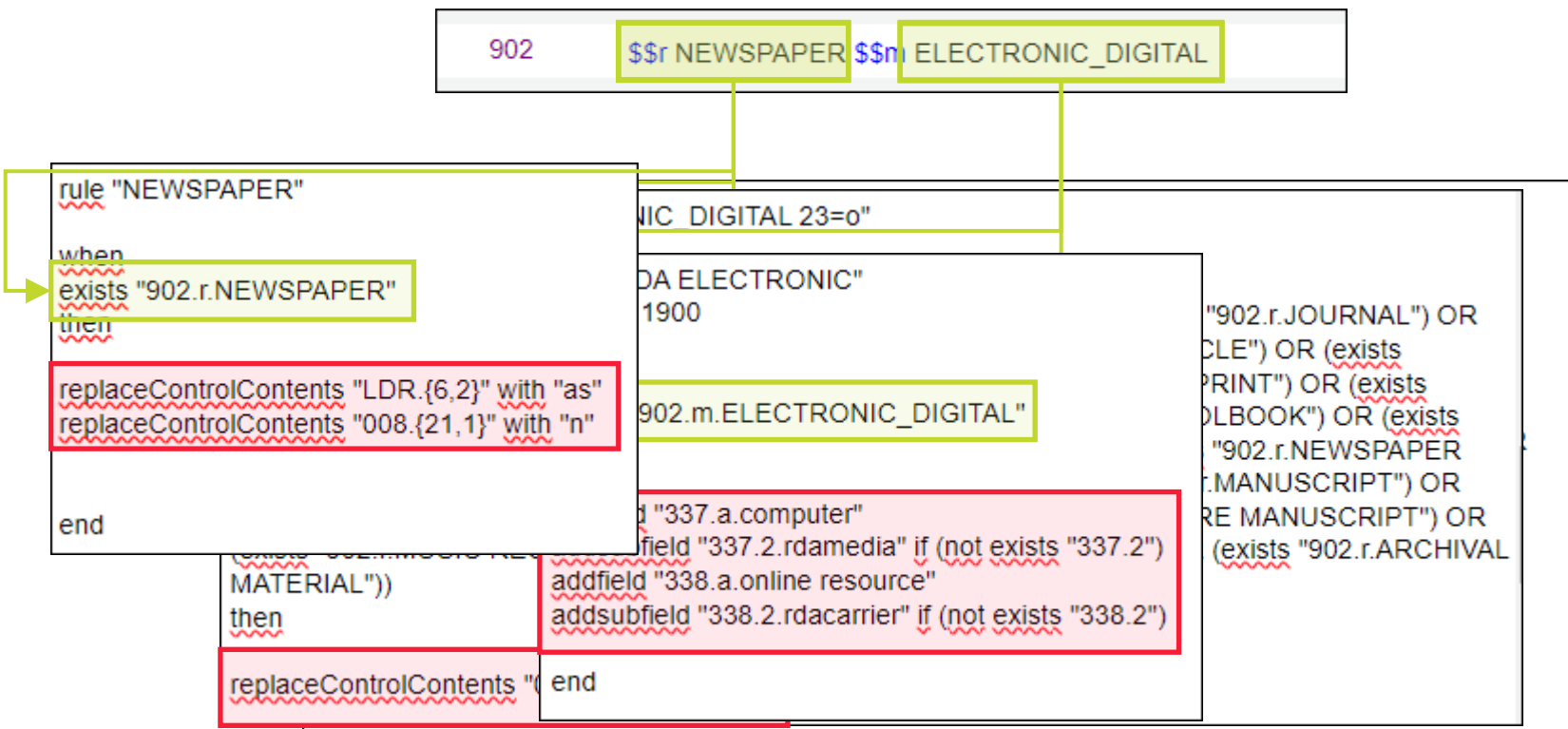
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902 \$r NEWSPAPER \$m ELECTRONIC_DIGITAL



Using Alma to solve the problem


- 902 values trigger rules in normalisation on save



- Metadata profile + validation (exception) on save
 - Mandatory field and subfields
 - Values checked against controlled vocabulary

→ Error if mistakes are made

 You have 2 error(s) and 1 warning(s) on your record - 2:02:48 PM. 

 902 - Mandatory sub-field "m" is missing in field 902
Value "BOOL" is not part of the controlled vocabulary for Sub-field "r".

- Centrally managed NZ templates: 1 for each resource type
 - *Lean* clear templates – focus on manual cataloguing
 - 1 template for all forms of a resource type (print, electronic, ...)
 - Cataloguer only has to add 902 \$m to direct normalisation on save

- Import profile applied to records from external sources
 - Strips the RDA-fields
 - Adds empty field 902 with \$r and \$m

→ Cataloguer must chose 2 values in 902

→ Consistent RDA-fields vs. multilingual terms in external sources

●●●● Implementation: duplicate record

- Common workflow: duplicating a record to record the electronic version of a physical document or vice versa

→ Duplicate record

→ Replace value in 902\$m (PHYSICAL < > ELECTRONIC_DIGITAL)

→ Save Record

- Normalisation rules are quite complicated
- In some cases the rules are too strict (specialist cataloguing)
 - Solution: a *manual mode* item in the controlled vocabularies
- Saving time!
 - Normalisation runs on *every* Save Record
 - Adds 2-3 seconds to saving time

- Alma functionalities helped us to move toward compliancy
 - without losing efficiency in cataloguing
 - without complicating the life of our cataloguers
- New PrimoVE functionality: customizing system mappings
 - risk of being used as a tool to *cover up* mistakes from the past?



Thank you

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