

Acquisitions

Enhancement#: 4501 (01/31/2006)
Category: Horizon > Acquisitions
Subcategory: Reports
Software Version/Release: 8.0
Subject: Total expenditures by location and (budget) fund
Proposal: We need to know how much has been spent by a branch for each fund available at any point in the fiscal year.

Cataloging

Enhancement#: 4481 (01/03/2006)
Category: Horizon > Cataloging
Subcategory: Item/Copy Record(s)
Software Version/Release: 7.24
Subject: Item Fields In All Caps
Proposal: In the Item/Copy screen can the Call No. field default to capital letters, or have the option of ``All Caps`` along with ``required`` as settings for fields.

Enhancement#: 4489 (01/09/2006)
Category: Horizon > Cataloging
Subcategory: Control Record(s)
Software Version/Release: 7.3.1
Subject: Staff-Only Must Really Mean Staff-Only
Proposal: Currently when the library sets a bibliographic record as staff-only it doesn't really stop the public from seeing this bibliographic record. Customers can still find the item in our public catalog if they do an ISBN search or bib number search. I have heard other librarians say that customers can still find staff-only bibs using a call number search but since we don't offer that as a public search I can not verify this.
 Most customers would not be doing a bib number search, but ISBN searches are not rare since customers may be searching using data pulled from Amazon.
 Dynix should make all ``out-of-the-box`` public searches NOT display to the public under any circumstances bibliographic records marked as staff-only. [Or change the phrase to ``staff-maybe`` - only kidding].

Enhancement#: 4492 (01/15/2006)
Category: Horizon > Cataloging
Subcategory: Miscellaneous
Software Version/Release:
Subject: Treatment of initial articles
Proposal: This proposal is that the indexing and retrieval processing related to initial articles be optionally either table based, or MARC data based, but not a hybrid system confusing the two.
 If it were decided that the table based approach was to be followed, then a table of leading articles would be maintained, with a complementary table of exceptions, just as happens at present. But the MARC filing indicators would be completely ignored for filing purposes. Search statements which began with a string which could be matched against the table entries would have the matching string deleted from the search statement, unless the search statement began with the `[` character.
 If it were decided that the MARC data would be the basis of filing and searching, then a table of leading articles would be maintained automatically by the MARC editor. The table could be added to and edited manually, and a default table would be required before any catalogue records were loaded. The default table should be based on the table of initial articles given in the MARC manual. The table would necessarily include the language indicators pertinent to each leading article. When a filing indicator value was not zero and the associated string was not in the table

for the item's language, it would be highlighted for adding to the table. Thus `The ` would not be regarded as a leading article unless the cataloguing record was for a document in English. `Los Angeles` would not need to be treated as an exception except for Spanish records.

Search strings for a MARC-based system would be duplicated if the first character string in the statement could be matched against any of the entries in the leading articles table. One of the search statements would be as given by the user, the other would have the leading article dropped, and both statements would be searched to give a single hit set. That would mean that the searcher would not have to be aware that such things as leading articles even exist as part of written language. And MARC records loaded from external sources and which omitted filing indicators would still be retrieved.

Two related enhancement requests are:

#3722 asks that authority searches should not ignore leading articles, and has had 12 votes strongly in favour, considering the enhancement important.

#4315 advocates the use of the MARC filing indicators for sorting, and has 23 votes strongly in favour as it is very important.

Both those enhancements address the effects of the problem, rather than eliminate it at source.

Enhancement#: 4450 (01/27/2006)

Category: Horizon > Cataloging

Subcategory: Item/Copy Record(s)

Software Version/Release: 7.3.2

Subject: Indicate the number of items being batch edited

Proposal: The batch change message box should indicate how many records are selected for editing, e.g., `Do you wish to make a batch change to all (6) selected records?`

The reason we are requesting this change is because currently it is very easy to have more lines selected off screen hidden from view and not even be aware that the edits about to take place are going to impact items that do not appear on the screen. Yikes!

By providing a count of the number edits about to occur in the batch edit, users are less likely to make an un-necessary (AND unknown) change to other records ``off screen``.

Circulation

Enhancement#: 4490 (01/11/2006)

Category: Horizon > Circulation

Subcategory: Holds

Software Version/Release: 7.3.2

Subject: Separate Requests for OnOrder & Cataloged Titles

Proposal: There is currently one request table in Horizon; limits to holds set up in Circ parameters work off that table. We would like to see 2 request tables, one for on-order titles and the other for fully cataloged titles; each should be limited separately. So, a patron could have the maximum # of holds on titles not yet received by the library AND the maximum # of holds on titles fully cataloged. Since it sometimes takes months for ordered items to come in, the single

limit is penalizing patrons who take advantage of requesting items on-order. This would work well with HIP materials alerts in HIP 4.x

Enhancement#: 4494 (01/17/2006)

Category: Horizon > Circulation

Subcategory: Borrower Records

Software Version/Release: 7.4

Subject: Viewing Routing Titles

Proposal: Can the borrower record contain the ability to view the Titles that the borrower may be on a routing list for?

Enhancement#: 4497 (01/22/2006)

Category: Horizon > Circulation
Subcategory: Bocks
Software Version/Release:
Subject: Pickup Location
Proposal: Have Pickup Location added to the Current Blocks for Holds Notification page - this assists staff to know exactly which branch the item is being hold at straight away, without the extra step of going further into the detail.

Enhancement#: 4502 (01/31/2006)
Category: Horizon > Circulation
Subcategory: Bocks
Software Version/Release: 7.3
Subject: Last block resolved leaves blank block screen
Proposal: When the last/only block in a borrower's Current Block list has been deleted or paid, the system returns to a blank Current Blocks listing and forces the user to click on the ``Close`` button to return to CKO.
 Our libraries report this as unnecessary; the system should close out the block screen automatically after the last block has been resolved.

Enhancement#: 4513 (02/03/2006)
Category: Horizon > Circulation
Subcategory: Holds
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4/HIP 4.1
Subject: cancel request if borrower beats the staff to the item
Proposal: Horizon should prompt the staff to cancel a borrower request if the borrower beats the staff to the item on the shelf. We have borrowers place requests at home and then come in to the library before the pull list has been run and they get the item off the shelf and check it out. Horizon does not cancel their request.

Documentation

Enhancement#: 4483 (01/05/2006)
Category: Documentation > General
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4 HIP 4.1
Subject: Have a single manual for each point release or searchable online documentation system
Proposal: I'd like ALL electronic manuals to have a merged complete document as an option - this would contain all updated information in the one PDF and either complement or do away with the base manual + update pages approach.
 Even better would be doing away with the PDFs altogether and putting up a searchable (with sensible limiting options - not like log express) documentation system - something that allows version tracking on the changes so you could simply see the change history for functionality. I find the current base manual + update page strategy nullifies most of the merits of having them in electronic form as you end up having to troll through many documents to understand what has supplanted prior functionality and arrive at the picture of what is the current functionality. This would also get away from PDFs altogether and their accessibility problems.

Horizon Information Portal

Enhancement#: 4480 (01/03/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: 4.1
Subject: Preferences Tab Error Message

Proposal: When users click on the Preferences tab before they log in, they get an error message that does not give them any idea of what is wrong. It should send them to the login screen or else tell them in very clear language that they need to login before viewing/changing their preferences.

Enhancement#: 4482 (01/05/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: HIP 4.1

Subject: Modify thesaurus expanded search in HIP4.1

Proposal: I'd like to see the thesaurus function that displays after a keyword search is performed that returns no matches changed so the ``thesaurus expanded search`` check box is removed - which seems to do nothing useful in HIP 4.1, and the ``did you mean`` section expanded to make all the possible alternatives returned available as redirected searches.

Enhancement#: 4484 (01/05/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1

Subject: Publish search results as Atom and RSS 2.0 feeds

Proposal: I'd like HIP to generate an Atom and RSS 2.0 feed for any search page result where items are found and supply the appropriate icons + incorporate the appropriate html code to allow browsers such as firefox and opera automatically discover the feeds. Casey Durfee generated a small java servlet that did a similar thing for HIP 3.0.6, however it would be great if all searches of the catalog could automatically generate the Atom and RSS versions as well as the HTML version automatically. It would also be good to see this functionality implemented in such a way that you could `request` the RSS or Atom version from any existing search string by submitting an additional variable in the address eg ``&GetRSS=true``. There should also be available for patrons to check their items out status and library notices via RSS and Atom.

Enhancement#: 4485 (01/05/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1

Subject: Human readable URLs

Proposal: I'd like HIP to be able to mask the URL components from end users and give them simple short URLs that they can copy, paste and remember.

eg instead of the standard URLs we have now like:

```
http://catalog.cdu.edu.au/uPortal/tag.idempotent.render.userLayoutRootNode.target.n13.uP?
showBrief=true&TITLE=&AUTHOR=&PUBLISHER=&SERIES=&CALLNUMBER=&ISBN=&ISSN=
&DATE=&EDITION=&OCLC=&LCCN=&BIBLIOGRAPHICLEVEL=&HomeLibId=&HomeLib=
&Patrons-PatronKey=&Patrons-Patron=&Patrons-PatronBarcode=&Patrons-PatronEmail=
&Patrons-PatronCategory=&SYSTEMNUMBER=&request=
&link=full%7E%3D16%7E%21164229%7E%211%7E%2198%7E%21113652871634951%7E%210%7E%2
14998%7E%21australia%7Cawdid%3D1
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```
␣tPosition=0&searchTargetId=16&getResults=&page=&requestbib=
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```
&summary=true&responseSessionId=113652871624249
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```
&responseResultSetId=113652871634951&searchGroup=
```

```
&query=GW%3Daustralia&searchTargets=16&summary=true
```

```
&jumpToPage=1&jumpToPage2=1#n13
```

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They get something like ``http://catalog.cdu.edu.au&item=0949267163``
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This could be listed in the page as ``Permanent URL`` or something instead, but hiding all the nastiness in the address altogether would be better.

Enhancement#: 4486 (01/05/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1

Subject: Enable http compression in HIP

Proposal: JBoss supports http compression. This significantly reduces the data transfer between the clients PC and the server at the cost of a little server horsepower. We have many remote patrons on low bandwidth links that this would benefit. This should be available as a simple HIP setup option - you can do it anyway by adding some code to the server.xml file in jboss - but it should be easier than that, even documenting how to do it in the manual would be a start :-)
Alternately documenting how you can place HIP behind a webserver that supports http compression (like Apache) would also be good.

Enhancement#: 4487 (01/08/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: HIP 4.x
Subject: Option to send either brief or full record details on an email
Proposal: We want to give borrowers the option to email either a brief or a full record. The data fields should be controllable by the system administrator because they will not necessarily be the same as appears on the search results. This option can be included the email output box (where the email address is entered and the output format is selected).

Enhancement#: 4488 (01/09/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: 4.1
Subject: Course Reserves display
Proposal: In Course Reserves searching under either the course or the instructor, the Search Results display lists each title as many times as there are copies of the same title on reserve. It is very confusing to people looking at the displays to see the same title listed over and over again, each time with the full list of copies available. Each unique title on reserve should only be listed in the Search Results once.
This display problem does not occur in the main catalogue if you search by title.

Enhancement#: 4491 (01/12/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: HIP 305 Horizon 733
Subject: Display Book Cover Page
Proposal: I like to display the book cover page whenever it is available. Please provide us with price quote if it needs to buy additional package.

Enhancement#: 4495 (01/19/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: HIP 4.1
Subject: request button distinction between title request and item request
Proposal: We would like to be able to have different test on the Request Item button associated with a bib level request vs. Request Item button associated with an item level request. We have many borrowers who are accidentally placing item level requests because the buttons do not reflect the different types of requests depending on where the button is located.

Enhancement#: 4496 (01/20/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: 4.1 build 62 Horizon 7.4
Subject: Customizing fields for display in Full Bib display
Proposal: I would like to be able to customize the full bib display in HIP. On 4.1 Build 62 in the HIP client you go into Target Setup>>Setup>>Displays>>Display Elements. You can add display elements to BIB SUMMARY (i.e. Subjects, 856 URL) but you cannot do that in FULL BIB. I would like to be able to add the subjects to the display as well as 856 URL which as of now is buried in the tab

called ``Title Info``. In an academic library which has a large collection of NetLibrary books having to click 3-4 times before finding the URL is a pain. Why can I rearrange, add, delete in BIB SUMMARY and not in FULL BIB. This should be more flexible to help libraries meet their client's needs

Enhancement#: 4498 (01/23/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: 3.6A

Subject: APA as an option for the Format to email MyList

Proposal: As SirsiDynix continues to develop an OPAC and ILS designed with academic users in mind, the new versions of the OPAC (HIP) should have APA (American Psychological Association) as an option for the Format to email MyList. APA is used by most academics in the social Sciences, often in Business, and also often in Library Science. It is the one major formatting option that is still not available in the SirsiDynix HIP product.

Enhancement#: 4499 (01/27/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release:

Subject: HIP 3.06a - Sorting option to be NONE as the default

Proposal: On the Advance Search tab, is it possible to set the Sorting options default to ``None``, rather than ``Select...`` as it's option.

Enhancement#: 4501 (01/28/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: 4.1 build 62

Subject: Improvements to item listing (Availability tab) navigation

Proposal: In the full bib item listing (Availability tab), the following improvements should be made, to better handle navigation through large numbers of items:

1. There should be an indication of how many pages of items there are.
 2. There should be a way to jump to specific pages. (See HIP 3.06 for a reasonable model.)
 3. The navigation tools should also appear at the bottom of the item listing, so the user does not have to scroll up when they discover they need to click ``next``.
 4. Previous/Next/Page no. links should be on the same line to take up less vertical space (see HIP 3.06), or given unique classes and blocks so sites can control their layout through CSS.
- The current HIP 4.1 item navigation has only Prev/Next links at the top of the display, which is impractical for records with large numbers of items. Consider multiple copies of long-running periodicals like Nature. See request no. 1601223 for a more complete problem statement.

Enhancement#: 4503 (01/31/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1

Subject: More Secure HIP user_id

Proposal: Can the user_id used by HIP be encrypted and put into InterBase (or whatever), so it isn't in plaintext in the unix file system?

Also, what are the database permission settings required by the user_id for HIP? We've always just run secure.exe, but that is way too powerful for an id that sits on a website. Given that the ID is in plaintext all over our web server, I'd like to tighten its permissions.

It would be nice if secure.exe had a setting just for this ID, since it needs much less than regular staff client permissions which allow access and update to every table in the database.

Please see Enhancement #3578 for other suggestions about security. That enhancement request has 39 votes, almost all strongly in favor.

Enhancement#: 4504 (01/31/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: Copy/Volume Holds
Proposal: On a patron's Request List, the Request Pull List, AND in HIP - If a patron places a hold on a particular volume of a set, the volume info does NOT display so that staff or patrons can view WHICH volume they placed a hold on!!

Enhancement#: 4505 (01/31/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: Tab Headings
Proposal: When HIP thinks the no. and size of the tabs exceeds the width of the screen, tab headings dynamically readjust to a second line but there is a black line through each tab, even on a 17" screen. Can HIP be programmed so we do not see the black line?

Enhancement#: 4506 (01/31/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: Force tab headings to a second line
Proposal: We'd like to be able to force tab headings to a second (or third) line by typing a semi-colon, or some other character, to instruct HIP to display the next word on a new line.

Enhancement#: 4508 (02/01/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: Change order of tabs on full bib
Proposal: Libraries need a way to change the tab order on the full bib display. If I want to put Links last, for example, since it contains info outside of our catalog, I should be able to do so in the Admin client.

Enhancement#: 4509 (02/01/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: Additional fields for My List printing and emailing
Proposal: We have added call no. to the My List display, but call no. is omitted when emailing or printing the list. Whatever bib information displays on My List should also be added to the stylesheet so that it prints and emails. Call no. is especially important for customers to have, but we should be able to add any field (edition, for example).

Enhancement#: 4510 (02/01/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: Way to manage bib displays in My Account
Proposal: Items Out and Local Holds have slightly different displays. We'd like to add call no. to both, and add item barcode to Items Out, but there is currently no way to do this. There should be able to manage My Account bib displays in the Admin client.

Enhancement#: 4511 (02/01/2006)
Category: Horizon Information Portal
Subcategory:
Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1
Subject: ``Printer-friendly`` icon in My Account

Proposal: There needs to be a ``printer-friendly`` icon on every screen in My Account to print lists in Items Out, Blocks, Requests, etc. When using browser printing, Firefox prints the first page only. In Internet Explorer, it prints full lists but edges are cut off and uneven page breaks occur.

Enhancement#: 4512 (02/01/2006)

Category: Horizon Information Portal

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: Horizon 7.4, HIP 4.1

Subject: Ability to add to info on full bib above the tabs

Proposal: On the full bib screen, we should have the capability to determine what data displays in the space above the tabs, in addition to title, author and publication info. We might wish to add call number, edition or URL, for example.

Serials

Enhancement#: 4493 (01/17/2006)

Category: Horizon > Serials

Subcategory: Miscellaneous

Software Version/Release: 7.4

Subject: Routing Lists

Proposal: Can there be the ability to reorder the borrowers in the Routing list in Serials Control?

Staff Searching

Enhancement#: 4479 (01/03/2006)

Category: Horizon > Staff Searching

Subcategory:

Software Version/Release: 7.4

Subject: Create Bibliography Based Upon BARCODE Searches

Proposal: Right now, users can, based upon keyword searching, select items and use ``save to file`` to create a bibliography.

We`d like to be able to do this based upon BARCODE searches. Sometimes users want to make a bibliography of items that don`t necessarily have anything in common title-wise or subject-wise; they just want to search by the barcodes on their books to create the list.

We tried doing this via Item_Report in the table editor, but it was very cumbersome. We`d like a nice bibliography like the ``save to file`` option provides, but based upon searching for items by barcode.