

Managing an Exam Database Using Alma / Primo VE

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Why move exams to Alma / Primo VE?

- Our homegrown database was programmed in a language that no one currently on staff knew.
- Migration would eliminate the need for a local server.
- Alma is designed to manage electronic resources.
- Course Reserves functionality is designed to tag resources with professors and courses.
- Makes the most of the tools available.

Where do the resources live and why?

- Alma Digital
- Cloud storage (Google Drive, Box, etc.)
- Alma Digital would provide access university wide.
- Google Drive would allow us to limit access to users affiliated with the law school.
- Some universities mandate storage locations for digital assets.

Which Alma tools did we use?

- Local electronic collection
- Import profile
- Import process - using Excel spreadsheet
- Alma course reserves

Local Electronic Collection

- Groups Exams together
- Bulk updates easier to process
- Provides a collective title in the Primo VE display
- Allows public notes to be managed at collection level

Electronic Collection Editor Cancel Save and continue

Public name *

Public name (override)

Description

Internal description

Collection type


Service type


Library

COUNTER Platform

View Online

Full text availability

Chicago-Kent College of Law Exams 

 Available to Chicago-Kent faculty, staff and students.
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Import Profile

- Import to IZ
- Import from Excel spreadsheet
- Set new portfolios to automatically be added to existing local electronic collection.

Profile Details

Use Network Zone No

Profile name *

Profile description

Originating system *

File name patterns

Import Protocol

Cross walk No Yes

Physical source format

Source format

Target format

Status

Electronic Resource Mapping

Delete/deactivate portfolios

Use Community Zone portfolios

Portfolio type Standalone Part of an electronic collection

Electronic Collection *

Service *

Material type

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Import Spreadsheet

- Column headers correspond to MARC tags
- Even if cataloging rules for the tag allows repeating, Excel spreadsheet upload only allows for one instance of a tag.

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Course Reserves

- Create separate courses and reading lists for exams since they will be on reserve *forever*
- Make use of a Due Back Date far into the future

The screenshot displays a library interface for course reserves. At the top, a 'Reading List Information' section shows details for a course: Code: Law 258 Reilly Exams, Name: Civil Procedure I, Status: Complete, and Due Back Date: 05/31/2055. Below this are tabs for Citations, Courses, Notes, and Recent Changes. A search bar and filter options are present, including 'Sort by: Citation Title', 'Expand: All', and various dropdown filters like 'Alerts', 'Citation Status', 'Resource Locate', 'Material Type', 'Tags', and 'Copyright Status'. A date picker for 'Citation Last Modification Date' is also visible. The main content area shows a list of reserves, with the first entry being '1 Civil procedure exam'. This entry includes details such as 'Computer Program By Reilly, Greg (Spring 2017)', 'Series: Chicago-Kent College of Law Exams', 'Citation Status: Complete', 'Resource Locate Status: Resource Located', 'Copyright Status: Not Determined', and 'Created By: Tucker, Shaunavera 03/22/2022 10:19:55 CDT'. A 'View It' button is located to the right of the entry. Below the entry, there is a section for 'Electronic (1)' with an upward arrow icon. At the bottom, a table header is visible with columns: Interface Name, Collection Name, Service Type, and Availability.

What do students see in Primo VE?

<https://kentlaw.iit.edu/law/library/sample-exams>

ExLibris Knowledge Center Resources

Managing Electronic Collections

[https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_\(English\)/Electronic_Resource_Management/030_Working_with_Local_Electronic_Resources/015Managing_Electronic_Resources](https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_(English)/Electronic_Resource_Management/030_Working_with_Local_Electronic_Resources/015Managing_Electronic_Resources)

Managing Import Profiles

[https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_\(English\)/040Resource_Management/060Record_Import/020Managing_Import_Profiles](https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_(English)/040Resource_Management/060Record_Import/020Managing_Import_Profiles)

ExLibris Knowledge Center Resources

Importing Records Using an Import Profile

[https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_\(English\)/040Resource_Management/060Record_Import/050Importing_Records_Using_an_Import_Profile](https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_(English)/040Resource_Management/060Record_Import/050Importing_Records_Using_an_Import_Profile)

Courses & Reading Lists

[https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_\(English\)/030Fulfillment/060Courses_and_Reading_Lists](https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/Alma/Product_Documentation/010Alma_Online_Help_(English)/030Fulfillment/060Courses_and_Reading_Lists)

Questions?

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