Primo

What Is It?

Primo is a discovery layer built and maintained by Ex Libris, the company that also owns and maintains SFX. Primo provides a single search interface for print, electronic and digital collections. Primo uses a search and relevancy ranking algorithm to provide access to material, based on the context of the search and the user's profile.

How Might It Relate to SFX?

Using Primo is a choice that can be made to enhance discovery of library resources. However, Primo relies on SFX' knowledgebase in order to populate much of the data it displays. Primo pulls from multiple sources, including the library's ILS, digital repositories, and the catalog, but much of the content will be harvested from SFX' knowledgebase.

How Can SFX Be Integrated with Primo?

In order to integrate SFX with Primo a few administrative steps need to be taken. They can be seen in the first link at the bottom of this document. Because Primo and SFX are managed by the same company it is relatively (compared to EDS or Summon) easy to integrate the two platforms. The two big steps that are required in order to integrate the two platforms involve an initial one time process for complete harvesting of SFX knowledge base data into Primo, which involves a data export from SFX. The other is to configure regular data updates from SFX to Primo.

SFX' A-Z journal list and ebook A-Z can also be integrated directly into the Primo interface through a Javascript plugin. Instructions are referenced at the bottom of this document.

Are there Pros and Cons for Integrating SFX with Primo?

If your university has a subscription to Primo it is almost entirely a Pro to integrate SFX with Primo.

Pros

- The two systems are managed by the same company, meaning you only have to work with one set of vendor reps and that exporting and importing should be seamless.
- Integrating SFX with Primo allows you to fully utilize the Primo discovery layer, providing easy access to library resources for users.

Cons

- Additional work to maintain both Primo and SFX.
- A sizeable increase in workload on initial setup.

Where Is More Information?

https://knowledge.exlibrisgroup.com/SFX/Training/SFX_Direct_Implementation_Training/08_SFX_and_Primo_Interoperability

http://www.exlibrisgroup.org/display/PrimoCC/Integrate+SFX+eJournals+A-Z+and+eBook+A-Z+into+Primo+or+Metalib+Plus+interface