

Upgrade Express in North America: what to expect (and when!)

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What Is Upgrade Express?

- Upgrade Express is a methodology and a kit of automated tools and related documents for a smoother and faster upgrade of ALEPH 500 sites
- Upgrade Express is available from version 14.1.
- The current Version 1 kit is intended for "standard sites" (single BIB/single ADM)
- An enhanced kit (Version 2) will be available at the end of July.





What Is Upgrade Express?

- Other upgrades (pre 14.1) will be handled as follows:
 - Upgrade Oracle data to 14.2 or 15.2
 - upgrade to 16.02 using new kit for Oracle
 - incremental upgrades





Upgrade Express Documentation

- Upgrade Express User Guide
- Implementation notes
- Questionnaire
- Checklists
- Upgrade Express Methodology





Upgrade Express: What's Next?

- Phase 2:
 - Less down-time:
 - Regeneration <Conversion> of indexes
 - transfer of "delta"
 - Forms customization
 - 15.5
 - Consortium: Multi-ADM and Union catalogs
 - Upgrade run by end-user
 - automated questionnaire
 - simplified menus
 - Self-installation of Oracle and ALEPH





Upgrade Training

- Introduction to Version 16 Why to Upgrade? - 1/2 day
- How to Upgrade ("Upgrade Process") - 1/2 day
- Module Sessions A) Introduction – New GUI, Search, Help - 1/2 day
- Module Sessions B) CAT+ Items (+search+help) - 1/2 day
- Module Sessions C) Acq +
 Serials (+search+help) 1/2
 day

- Module Sessions D) Circ+Privileges+Task Manager
 - 1/2 day
- Module Sessions E) Printing for 14.2 and earlier versions -1/2 day
- Technical Sessions F) Web OPAC (changes) - 1/2 day
- Technical Sessions G) Sys admin – ORACLE, pc_server_m - 1/2 day



Customers upgrading to 16.02

- Customer testing Upgrade Express
 - Binghamton University => 14.2 to 16.02
 - University of Minnesota => 14.2 to 16.02
 - University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions => 15.2 to 16.02
- Ex Libris managing Upgrade Express
 - Brandeis University => 14.2 to 16.02
- "Special category" Upgrade site
 - Harvard University => 15.2 to 16.01 to 16.02





Customers with 16.02 Installed

- MIT
- Mississippi Department of Archives and History
- McGill University
- University of the Pacific
- Scheduled:
 - Iowa, MALC, Boston College, UC Davis, VCU, LVA
- Planning:
 - Delaware, Field, Spertus, Brandon, CUNY, AZ





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