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The Mandarin Newsletter

Thank you for letting us share news and developments in the world of library automation solutions. Our goal is to give you the information and insight you and your library need to make the most out of your existing system - and to determine what tools you'll benefit from in the future. This is your space, so please contact us with topics you'd like us to cover.

Mandarin Oasis 1.1 is now available

Many features and enhancements are added in response to customer suggestions and requests. Write to us at automation@mlasolutions.com to suggest changes or new features for Oasis or M3. We're always glad to hear from you!

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New Features

Circulation

- **Printable views have been implemented for Patron and Item transactions.** There is a new button at the top of each of the transactions panes that opens up a printable window. Print a patron's current transactions right from his record display in Circulation, or print a list of all the reserves on a popular book.

OPAC

- **A Stop List has been added.** These are words that are ignored during a search. The standard list includes articles like "a", "an", and "the" as well as some other

small, common words. The list of Stop words is stored in stop-words.xml in the m4\opac folder, and it can be edited to add or change words.

- **A Spell Checker has been added.** In Standard Search, query terms are filtered against a list of common misspellings and typographical errors. If a patron always types "peice" instead of "piece", the program will now substitute the correct spelling when it runs the search. Misspelled-words.xml in the m4\opac folder can be customized to include additional terms. In a school, lots of phonetic misspellings can be added for the topics the students often search.
- **Now supports richer Syndetics content in Details.** Syndetics Solutions continues to increase the enrichment material they provide, and Oasis will display it all.
- **A Chinese interface (Traditional and Simplified) is now available.** The flags can be added and the interface choice turned on in the Oasis Setup.

Picture Manager

- Picture Manager has been enhanced to allow batch uploading multiple files. Gather Patron or Item pictures and upload them at one time.

Program Modifications

Circulation

- Some remaining Auto-import issues have been addressed.
- A feature (Suggested Items) that causes title information from other items to be written into the bibliographic record 993#s has been turned off by default.
- Circulation now obeys the following entry in Global.ini.REG in order to exclude closed days from the fine calculation.

[Fine Calculation]
Exclude Closed Days=ON/OFF

Find/Replace

- An issue has been corrected in the replace text function that could cause the text to be inserted twice.

OPAC

- An issue with the Next button in Record Details has been addressed. When Next was clicked, the next record displayed the text 'undefined Copies/Availability'. The bibliographic record and its related holding information were absent.
- There is no longer a performance penalty when displaying search results with

Syndetics cover images.

- Users logged in without Cataloging access can no longer see deleted records.
- Adding deleted records to the Bookbag no longer breaks the Bookbag display.

Picture Manager

- Cosmetic issues affecting Firefox have been addressed.

Record Editor

- Less than (<) and greater than (>) signs can now be saved correctly. An issue introduced in 1.08 caused these symbols to be saved as HTML character codes.
- When switching templates, Field 908 (date added to database) is no longer lost.

Reports

- Hebrew and other non-Latin characters are now supported.
- An issue involving diacritical characters not appearing has been addressed.

To request a link to the fully interactive demo version of Oasis, [click here](#).

* You must have a current Mandarin Oasis Annual Service and Update Agreement to be eligible to download the upgrade to Oasis 1.1.



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The forum for the Mandarin Community

The Mandarin Forum allows you and your colleagues throughout the world to share valuable information, give and receive important tips and open discussions on areas relevant to you and your library.

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Here's how:

- Current customers can access the Mandarin Forum through the Customer's Corner.
- Log in and choose Mandarin Community (lower right corner) and then User's Discussion Board.



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- Gananoque Public Library, CA
- Lambton College, CA
- Northeast Pre-Release Center (NEPRC), OH

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