



M3 1.7 SP3 Release Notes (16 July 2011)

CATALOGING

1. Support for MARC Magician Professional 2011. M3 1.7 SP3 no longer supports older versions of MARC Magician. Users who upgrade to MARC Magician Professional 2011 must also upgrade to Mandarin M3 1.7 SP3.
2. This release includes a new template for cataloging ebooks, and an updated bibliographic definition file.
3. In the full installer, a number of templates have been updated to remove field 440 in place of field 490.
4. An issue that caused field 995 to be incorrectly removed when the last holding of a particular organization was purged (and there were still holdings from other organizations) has been resolved.

CIRCULATION

1. Circulation now optionally allows patrons with a total fine value greater than \$XX, or a total number of overdues greater than X, to be automatically suspended. The fines/overdues cannot be overridden until the value of fines or number of overdues is below the defined threshold. In Global.ini:
 [Suspend Transaction]
 enable=on
 Fines total more than=10
 Overdues more than=0
2. Issues with how In-Transit items behave while moving between different libraries in a scoped environment have been addressed.
3. Support for SMTP authentication has been implemented. It is now possible to send email notifications through an SMTP server using authentication (username/password).
4. Circulation supports a user-configurable prompt for patrons that are up to 60 days before card expiration.
5. Self Check mode has been enhanced to block patrons with greater than a user-defined value of accrued fines and/or number of overdue items.
6. Circulation supports E-book loans. E-book loans expire after the loan period without overdue status or fine creation.

REPORT TOOL

ReportTool has been updated to address Windows 7 compatibility issues.

ALL MODULES

Support for AES 256-bit strong encryption when saving user passwords.

GROUP EDITOR

Group Editor has a new E-book designation for groups. Loan transactions on items in a group that is flagged as an E-book group will expire after the loan period.

SERVER

A new version of the M3 Server is available. This is a modernized version of the server, and has a new, more flexible interface that works on Windows 2008. The server performance scales with the number of processing cores. We have tested on a dual-socket quad Xeon environment, and established a four-fold increase in performance when compared with the prior version of the server on the same hardware.

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