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Web-based Integrated Library System

With V-smart, Infor's web-based Integrated Library System (ILS), libraries enjoy the benefits of a browser-based environment. V-smart incorporates all modules including Circulation, Cataloguing, Acquisitions, Serials and Reporting. Through a visually appealing and customizable interface, staff enjoys convenient access to all system functions.

What is V-smart?

V-smart provides libraries with a comprehensive solution to manage and showcase collections of any kind. V-smart is format independent, enabling libraries to manage both traditional and digital items, including books, journals, audio materials, photographs, e-journals, e-books, web resources and more.

The strength of V-smart lies in the system's user-centric design. In the Web OPAC, library users will find a tool that is customizable and rich in functionality and features. Library staff will experience V-smart as a flexible and convenient way to manage the library's functions, from acquisitions, to circulation, cataloguing and reporting.

Benefits

- Integrated modules for cataloging, circulation, acquisitions and serials management
- Look & Feel – library staff enjoy a visually appealing and dynamic interface
- Easy deployment & maintenance—there is no install time on the clients. All application logic is situated on the server and no client software needs to be installed
- Browser compatibility – compatible with Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox
- Platform independence on the client side – V-smart runs on any client platform that supports Internet Explorer and Mozilla Firefox
- Interface – libraries enjoy an HTML only interface, which is entirely customizable through style sheets
- Server runs on Linux, Unix and Windows
- Open platform architecture: access to the system's core data via a flexible set of webservices, on top of traditional ODBC/SQL access





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Modules Overview

Web OPAC

The V-smart Web OPAC provides users with a powerful information portal to find relevant information in multiple resources, manage their accounts and participate in a community of users.

Beyond a search interface, the Web OPAC emphasizes dynamic user services. The user enjoys a wide variety of online possibilities including the ability to place reservations, see reading suggestions, define alerts, rate items, and much more.

Circulation

The Circulation Module enables the library to control its inventory, manage patron information, payments, and circulation transactions. The module features a user-friendly structure that includes customizable menus and mnemonic keys for quick access to frequently used functions.

The Circulation Module also interfaces with third-party systems to extend the library's services. External systems may include card readers, self-check machines and voice response systems.

Cataloguing

With the Cataloguing Module users enjoy a flexible environment to ensure consistent catalogue management and quality services. The Cataloguing Module features a graphical text editor, authorities and thesaurus management, bibliographic file management and powerful tools to handle bibliographic descriptions.

The Cataloguing Module supports a range of standard data formats and protocols, such as MARC21, Dublin Core, Getty, XML, Unicode and Z39.50. In the module's data dictionary the library can also define other formats in order to provide access to multiple databases.

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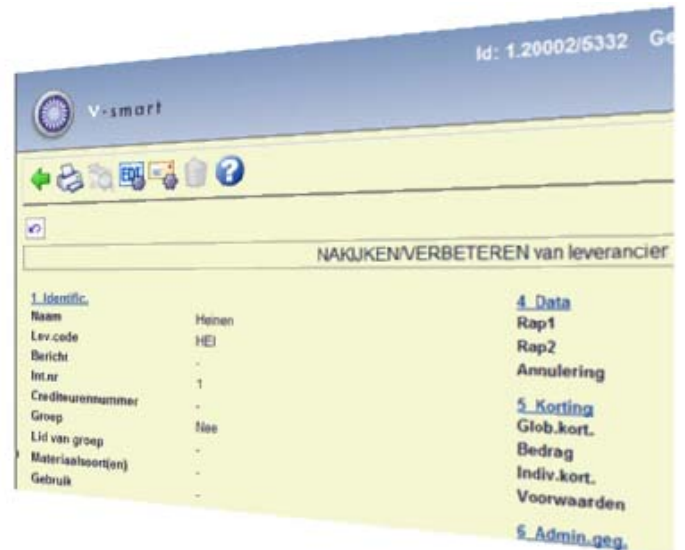
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Acquisitions

Completely integrated with the other V-smart modules, the Acquisitions Module enables the library to fully manage the ordering process. Characteristics of the Acquisitions Module include broad fund management and control functionalities, flexible print options, and multiple order types.



Serials

The Serials Module links directly to the Acquisitions Module for the library to manage all financial aspects of serials orders and subscriptions. Free, paid and membership subscriptions are supported.

At the core of the Serials Module is its ability to predict receipt of forthcoming issues. The Serials Module also supports receipt of non-predicted items such as extra or special issues, yearbooks, supplements and festschrifts. Other characteristics of the Serials Module include a sophisticated claims mechanism, routing functions (line, star or a mixture) and routing list management.

Reporting

SSP (Select, Sort and Publish) is the integrated report generator module for V-smart. SSP provides extensive access to information within the application, standard reports and flexible output options. With SSP, the library can directly obtain system information such as collection details, patron information and financial data. The powerful selection options with SSP enable users to easily choose which data to retrieve and how the data should be delivered. Data may be exported in multiple formats e.g. HTML, XML, e-mail, etc. or directly to applications such as Word or Excel.