

7.19.12 Release Notes

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New & Improved

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✔ Our recent updates have added cool new features like BTSB and merging patrons. [Tell us how Alexandria is working for you!](#)

Highlights

This little release has some changes to prepare for [the Makeover](#) and new utility options.

Reset Password By ☒ No Change
☐ Last Name (non-secure)
☐ Patron (email link)

Reset Username By ☒ No Change
☐ Barcode
☐ First Initial + Last Name
☐ First Name + Last Name
☐ Email Address

☐ Use Nickname when available

[Reset Patron Account utility.](#) Yep! Now you can reset your patrons' usernames and passwords at the same time.

[Change Title Call Numbers](#) and [Change Copy Call Numbers](#) utilities.

The twelve call number utilities have now been consolidated into two. Modify prefixes, change case, remove slashes, and match call numbers all in one place for titles and all in one place for copies!

Change Call # ☒ No Change
☐ Add prefix
☐ Remove prefix
☐ Replace prefix
☐ Match Title to Copy Call Number

Add
Remove
Replace
with

Formatting rules will be applied to Title Call Numbers after the above changes are made.

Change Case ☒ No Change
☐ All Letters Uppercase
☐ All Letters Lowercase
☐ First Letter Uppercase
☐ Remove Slashes

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New Librarian sidenav. We have some new icons in the sidenav along with faster access to Preferences and Operations.

Important

If you self-host on a Mac, hold off updating to macOS 10.15 Catalina. Alexandria may be 64-bit compatible in an upcoming release.

New & Improved

Import

- Added the **Title ID only** and **ISBN only** Title Matching options for Textbook imports.

Librarian

- Changed the sidenav to include links to Circulation, Items, Patrons, Operations, Tools, Researcher, and Preferences.

Patrons

- Moved the **Email** field from the **Personal** tab to the **Contact** tab of patron records.

System

- Improved performance and reliability.

Utilities

- Added the [Reset Patron Account utility](#), which allows you to reset patron usernames and passwords at the same time.
- Added the [Change Title Call Numbers utility](#), which consolidates the six title call number utilities into one.
- Added the [Change Copy Call Numbers utility](#), which consolidates the six copy call number utilities into one.

Update Notes



This page has been moved over to <https://support.goalexandria.com/release-notes/>

All release notes 23.9 and onward are on the new Support Center.

Latest Release

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Cloud-Hosted Updates

When you host with us, we take care of all updates! During these updates—the second to last or last weekend every month (Saturday and Sunday)—please plan for possible downtimes with Alexandria. And if you need to contact Customer Support over the weekend, [please call us](#) (emails are only responded to during regular business hours Monday–Friday).

Self-Hosted Updates

Once all of the Cloud-Hosted servers have been updated, we will make the update available to Self-Hosted servers.



We highly recommend you consider [Cloud Hosting](#).

Not every version is able to update to the newest version, so the Available Updates window will only include those versions that meet your machine and version requirements.



Self-Hosted Notice - Mac

If you self-host on a Mac, hold off updating your servers to macOS 10.15 Catalina until you can update to Alexandria 22.8 or later (64-bit compatible releases).

If you self-host on a Mac, here's how to install the update on your Self-Hosted server:

1. [Log in to Alexandria](#).
2. Append **/admin** to the end of your Alexandria URL.
3. Click the **Actions** menu, then select **Check For Updates**.
4. Select the update version from the list, then click **Update**. Your update will now download.
5. The update screen will close automatically and you will be redirected to the login window.



Self-Hosted Notice - Windows

As of 2023 our self-hosted update process has changed.

If you self-host on a Windows machine and are on Alexandria 22.6 or earlier: [Contact us](#) for instructions and assistance updating to the latest version.

If you self-host on a Windows machine and are on Alexandria 22.12 or later, here's how to install the update on your Self-Hosted server:

1. [Log in to Alexandria](#).
2. Append **/admin** to the end of your Alexandria URL.
3. Click the **Actions** menu, then select **Check For Updates**.
4. Select the update version from the list, then click **Update**. Your update will download to the Updates folder in your Alexandria Support folder.
 - a. The download may take several minutes.
5. The update screen will close automatically and you will be redirected to the login window.
6. Once the installer has downloaded, and not before, quit Alexandria.
7. Remove your existing Alexandria application using **Add or Remove Programs** in System Settings.
8. Run the newly-downloaded Alexandria Installer.

Important Information

Version Numbering Change

As of 20.1, we've simplified our versioning scheme by dropping the series version. We now use the following:

- xx = academic year, beginning in June; yy = month

For example, 20.1 means:

- 20 = 2020 academic year
- 1 = The first monthly update (June)



Centralized Catalogs

If you have more sites than you are licensed for, contact our Sales team immediately at 1-800-347-6439. You can check this in Sites Management; the number of total sites plus the Union Site shows at the top, and the number you have licensed is at the bottom. The Union Site does not require an additional license.

Data Conversion



These Data Conversion notes are for Self Hosted users updating from v7 and switching from v6. If you are cloud-hosted or moving to cloud-hosted, we do everything for you!

Data conversions from older versions may not be supported. Before updating, please check the version you're currently running.

Updating from v7

If you're already running 7.17.12 or newer, you can update to the latest version. But if you're running an older version, you'll need to update a few times.

- **Running 7.16.3?** Update to 7.17.12 before updating to the latest version.
- **Running 7.16.2?** Update to 7.16.3, then to 7.17.12, before updating to the latest version.
- **Running an even older version?** Contact COMPanion Support for assistance. Depending on your current version, your upgrade path may go through one or more of the following: 7.15.3 7.16.2.6 7.16.3 7.17.12 Current Version

Upgrading from v6

The process to update from 6.23.1 to v7 is quite a bit different than updating from a more recent version. Check out our [v6 to v7 Conversion Guide](#) for more information.

- **Running 6.22.9 or older?** Update to 6.23.1, then to 7.17.12, before updating to the latest version.



Data conversion can take up to 10 minutes for a single database of average size or longer for larger collections and Centralized Catalogs, during which time the program will be inaccessible in your browser. Do not fear; it's still working. If you're concerned, check your server logs for a progress update.

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