

20.8 Release Notes

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New & Improved

6 January 2021

Highlights

We've got some awesome updates for you to kick off the new year!

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It's officially here! COMPanion has proudly partnered with Mitinet to bring you AnalyzeMARC, EnhanceMARC, and BestMARC. With these metadata management tools, you can make your catalog more helpful and discoverable by quickly adding reading program information, converting to RDA format, fixing tags, genre'fying, and more!

Read more about the benefits of

these [Mitinnet services](#) and [contact our Sales Team](#) if you're interested.

A Patron Balance selection has been added to the

[Forgive Charges](#) utility. This allows you to be more specific with what you want to do, such as only forgiving charges that are less than \$1.

Patrons added	From MM/DD/YYYY	Through MM/DD/YYYY
Patron Balance	.01	99999.00
Patrons with Last Name		

SelectionsOptions

Check in:

Copies at Site

AMS - Adams Middle School

Copies with a Policy of

Any Policy

Textbooks Due On

From MM/DD/YYYYThrough MM/DD/YYYY

Copies out to Patron with Barcode

Copies in Barcode Range

FromThrough

Copies with Barcodes

✓ Show Additional Selections

Create Saved Utility

Run

Textbook Tracker has a some new utilities and a report:

- [Check In](#) utility
- [Change Funding Source](#) utility
- [Unused Barcodes](#) report



We've added a lot of cool new features over the year.

[Tell us how the updated Copy List, Patron Details, Item Details, and more are working for you!](#)

Important

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Checkpoint ILS is being discontinued due to a lack of interest.

New & Improved

Accessibility

- Improved the accessibility for Offline Mode, making it WCAG 2.0 AA compliant!

[Read more about accessibility in Alexandria.](#)

Operations

- Increased the speed of downloading files and fixed issues with incomplete downloads.

Patrons

- Updated the default patron pictures with more neutral colors.
- Fixed the Homeroom/Location list so it populates when searching.

Reports

- Added a Barcode List format to the [Unused Barcodes report](#), which makes it possible to cross off barcodes as you use them.
- Increased the size of rows and columns in [Manual Checkout Sheet report](#), allowing for bigger handwriting.
- Fixed the *Usage by Period* report's Hour of the Day format to show usage at all hours.

Researcher

- Fixed an issue with choosing a month to place a reservation.



Self-Hosted Notice

If you self-host on a Mac, hold off updating your servers to macOS 10.15 Catalina. Alexandria will be 64-bit compatible in a future release. We highly recommend you consider [Cloud Hosting](#).

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

[Release Notes](#)

Feb 20, 2024 • updated by [Myra](#) • [view change](#)

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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