Ulrichsweb: 2018-2019 Roadmap

Feature Set Overview

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Ulrichsweb: Areas of Focus

Global Content
Tracking serials worldwide in all of their formats

Serials Evaluation
Helping users identify the right serials resources

User Experience
Making serials discovery easy for all users, everywhere

Interoperability
Promoting data integration with APIs and linking partners
Ulrich’s 2018 Release Dates

**FEBRUARY RELEASE**
February 8
- Solr upgrade to enhance searches and results
- Ulrich’s data enables a “Peer-Reviewed” flags in Alma Repository Search and CZ MARC records

**MAY RELEASE**
May 11
- Ulrichsweb API Updates: Phase 1
- New document delivery services in Advanced Search

**AUGUST RELEASE**
August 2
- Ulrichsweb API Updates: Phase 2
- Search feature enhancements
- Expanded Admin role permissions in support of GDPR and My Ulrich’s users

**NOVEMBER RELEASE**
November 8
- Enhanced A&I update processes for hundreds of sources
- Ulrichsweb API in the Ex Libris Developer Network
- Infrastructure maintenance

**Timeline:***
- FEBRUARY
  - Release Date: February 8
- MAY
  - Release Date: May 11
- AUGUST
  - Release Date: August 2
- NOVEMBER
  - Release Date: November 8
With each Release: Product Information Updates

• Posting Knowledge Center information about new features
• Sharing “Tips and Best Practices” for using existing features
• Informing users of editorial policies and processes
• Release Notes and Status Updates
2018 February Release

Feature details

Release Date: February 8
Index Upgrade to Solr 7.2

Customer Benefits

- Librarians and researchers gain stronger search capabilities through **enhanced indexing** of Ulrich’s content
- Enhancements to the Ulrichsweb API are more easily implemented

Feature

- Expansion of Ulrichsweb metadata indexing lays the groundwork for enhanced search capabilities, new features, and additional Ulrichsweb API functionality.
- Allows for behind-the-scenes upgrades to the index without system downtime, and improves performance and stability.
Ulrichsweb Data in Alma Search and CZ MARC Records

Customer Benefits

- Librarians can easily identify Peer-Reviewed and Open Access serials in Alma using Ulrich’s data points in the standard MARC21 500 and 506 fields, and in Alma search results.

2018 May Release

Feature details

Release Date: May 11
Ulrichsweb API v2 – Phase 1

Customer Benefits

- Libraries with a unique API Key can **repurpose a wider variety of Ulrich’s data** in their library web pages and local applications.
- No technical migration required from API v.1 to API v.2

**Feature**

- Expanded HTTP GET and HTTP POST options
- **New search query fields:** Subject, Country, Variant Title, persistent Title ID
- **New search filter fields:** Country, Format, Status, Refereed [i.e., Peer-Reviewed], Open Access, Content Type, Key Feature
- API documentation in the Ex Libris Customer Knowledge Center

Customer Benefits

- Librarians and researchers gain deeper insights into journals, databases, magazines, and A&I sources through critical assessments and recommendations written by professional librarians with subject expertise

Feature

- Adds 5200+ full-text reviews and recommendations from the latest edition (26th) of Magazines for Libraries™ (2018) for display in Ulrichsweb full records
- The latest reviews are included in the Advanced Search “ Reviewed In” filter and the Search Results facet
- Includes reviews of Open Access and niche publications from the Magazines for Libraries™ Update blog
More Document Delivery Services Indexed and Linked

Customer Benefits

- Librarians gain more information about *article-level delivery options* to complement full-text and A&I availability data
- Supports libraries seeking to move to article-access to reduce spend

Feature

- Adds FIZ AutoDoc, British Library, and RightFind to Advanced Search “Document Delivery Services” index and Filters
- Embeds direct links to these services in full record displays
2018 August Release

Feature details

Release Date: August 2
Increased Coverage of Non-English Titles

Customer Benefits

- Supports the growth of global collections, academic institutions supporting area or language studies, and the language-materials needs of organizations and education programs

Feature

- Increases Non-English title coverage to more than 51% of total coverage
- Adds regionally important providers who make non-English serials available online or through article-delivery services
- Adds more reviews and recommendations for non-English titles that are Academic/Scholarly
- Boosts coverage of languages identified in the 2017 ProQuest needs-assessment survey of academic librarians: Arabic, Spanish, Chinese
Ulrichsweb API v2 – Phase 2

Customer Benefits

▪ Gives libraries the ability to use Ulrich’s data to further enrich their library web pages, research guides, or their other Ex Libris services for enhanced serials discovery and management

Feature

▪ Additional Ulrichsweb API v2 output fields can be returned in a new “TitleDetails” response to titleID queries:
  • Corporate Authors
  • Variant Titles
  • Publication History
  • Related Serials
  • Title History Details
  • Magazines for Libraries™ reviews
Enhanced Search Options and Capabilities

Customer Benefits

- Basic Search users get **more relevant results with less effort**
- “Power users” gain additional Advanced Search tools for more complex search-query building

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Expanded Administration Console Permissions

Customer Benefits

- Gives Ulrichsweb Administrators more control over individual My Ulrich’s accounts associated with the institutional subscription
2018 November Release

Feature details

Release Date: November 8
Enhanced Abstracting & Indexing Updates

Customer Benefits

- Continues to provide librarians and researchers with the single most comprehensive source of abstracting & indexing (A&I) information available across all providers, languages, and subject areas

Feature

- Increases the frequency of A&I updates from hundreds of sources to provide the most current coverage information available
- Provides richer Advanced Search overlap analysis capability for comparing A&I Sources to one another, and to Full-Text Sources
- Implements enhanced Content Operations processes to make it easier for A&I sources to update their title and coverage metadata in Ulrich’s
Ulrichsweb API Joins the Ex Libris Developer Network

Customer Benefits

- Ulrichsweb libraries join an established community of collaborative library developers to enhance serials discovery and management
Infrastructure Maintenance

Customer Benefits

- November maintenance does **not** require product downtime

**Scope**

- Backend November maintenance:
  - Prepares Ulrichsweb to run on new hardware with integrated 24x7 monitoring
  - Prepares all Ulrich’s applications and systems to move to the increased scalability and security of the Ex Libris Cloud infrastructure
2019 Roadmap

Proposed Feature Set
Ulrichsweb: Key Areas of Focus in 2019

**Global Coverage**
Increase the number and use of ISSN for non-English serials through ProQuest’s partnership with the ISSN Centre

**User Experience**
Expand the range of language-localized features
Customizable search-box widgets to embed in pages and applications

**Serials Evaluation**
Identify “whitelisted” titles in the UI to make high-level evaluation easier
Support greater transparency into Open Access publisher practices

**Interoperability**
New reciprocal linking partners
Use the institution’s unique Ulrichsweb API Key to seamlessly integrate serials data into their other Ex Libris and ProQuest services
Ulrichsweb: a Peek at the 2019 Roadmap (release dates TBD)

• Expand Serials Evaluation
  • Sherpa/RoMEO links to author self-archiving policies
  • OASPA and CORE flags for titles, publishers
  • Title Transfer Alerts

• Enhance the User Experience
  • Additional features for My Ulrich’s accounts
  • Localized Ulrich’s Alerts and Ulrich’s Subjects
  • Customizable search-widget builder

• Enable Customer Knowledge
  • Webinars and other opportunities to learn more about how to optimize Ulrichsweb at your library
  • Knowledge Center ‘Community Knowledge’ articles where you can share your own expertise
Thank you!

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