

**THOUGHTS  
FOR THE  
KNOWLEDGE  
BASE**

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# CONCEPT

- Library knowledge bases have improved generation by generation, product by product over the last couple decades but...
- I think a few more fields and limiters would improve life for librarians trying to find 'stuff' and developing projects for staff.
- I'm sharing these ideas to start a conversation and help continue the improvement of KBs.

# THE KBS THAT HAVE INFORMED THESE IDEAS

- UCF's knowledge base was EBSCO's Holdings & Link Management until summer 2021.
- Since June 2021, we're on Alma from Ex Libris.
  - So not an expert, obviously. Let me know if I've missed something.
- I also looked at GoKB and KB+ to gather ideas

# WHY MORE FIELDS AND FILTERS?

- The data is often in the KB; it should be as usable as possible.
- Make it easier to problem-solve, to identify sets of resources that need attention, to make it easier to create a set of records for a less-knowledgeable staff person to work with.
- Filters are a great way to surface relevant data and show how frequently it occurs
- Field-specific is more useful than keyword when the same words tend to recur so often

# WHERE ARE THESE NEEDED?

- Primarily thinking about continuing resources.
- But applicable to monographic materials too.

# DATA POINTS I'D LOVE IN THE KB

- Previous & subsequent name(s) for continuing resources (it's there in the bib for journals but my staff would benefit from having it pulled into the holdings/coverage/linking area. I would also like to know if databases have been renamed over time.)
- Open access flavor
- If KBART Automation (“auto-holdings” in Alma speak) is available
- Who created the KB package (i.e. the publisher, a library, a consortia, etc.) That could be a clue as to whether it'll be updated regularly.

# INDIVIDUAL DATA ELEMENTS

## IN THEIR OWN FIELDS INSTEAD OF CRAMMED INTO RESOURCE NAME

- Available to limited geography
- Available to limited class of persons (such as alumni)
- Specific to a consortia
- Dates specific to the collection
- Let me filter by each of these! Scrolling through other consortia's packages wastes a lot of time.

# MORE DATES

- Date the package was updated (both package/database info and component parts)
- Expected date of next update (or the schedule)
- Cessation date
- Current coverage available/only
- Archival coverage available/only
- Any dates relevant to the package such as year of issue



**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS &  
COMMENTS  
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