

Horizon—Miscellaneous

**Enhancement#:** 2428 (09/13/1999)  
**Category:** Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:** ComRes  
**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Ability to allow organisations to amend their own comm res records  
**Proposal:** Ability to allow organisations to amend their own comm res records

**Enhancement#:** 3505 (11/25/2003)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3  
**Subject:** Sounds From Computer  
**Proposal:** Instead of just using the on board computer I would like the sounds to come from the sound card so we could change the wave files or at least hear the error sounds from the computer. Most of our CPU's are not on the desktop but under so the noises are not heard.

**Enhancement#:** 3531 (12/09/2003)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.03  
**Subject:** Community Resources  
**Proposal:** My log express inquiry was handled as follows:

This EMAIL is in response to Request #1441007.

The details of this request are as follows:

Submitted By: Bruce Landis

Email: landisbr@oplin.org

Customer: Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library

Assigned To: Matthew Strong

Request Opened: 12/05/2003 10:18:49

Priority: 3 - Information/Question

Subject: Community Resources MARC format?

\*\*\* Start Description of Original Problem \*\*\*

We have experimented with the use of Marc format Community Resource records within the existing database and had good results [with a very few trial records]. We now have the desire to integrate community resources as a larger priority within our system.

Documentation for Horizon Community Resource usage aimed at converting Dynix users and at 7.2 users implies use of a separate database, and a separate install of iPac to accommodate this database.

What is the position of Dynix on the incorporation of CommRes records into an existing bibliographic database? Are there any white papers or discussion documents available on the pros or cons of either implementation method? I have the CommRes guide from version 5.3/6 as well as the guide from 7.2 and also have the LofC discussion paper 120 which agreed not to combine the formats at the national level, but also indicated that having 2 formats should not prevent a system from integrating the records.

\*\*\* End Description of Original Problem \*\*\*

\*\*\* Start of Resolution \*\*\*

Customer Specific Resolution:

This is a very good argument and one that needs to be brought to the attention of Product Management and your peers. I will send this to product management but I would really encourage you to use the new enhancement database that can be found at the customer.dynix.com website. Please go to log express to use this new tool. By entering it your selves you will get email updates on its status.

\*\*\* End of Resolution \*\*\*

**Enhancement#:** 3539 (12/12/2003)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:** Horizon  
**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Stop Process Option  
**Proposal:** Could you consider having a Stop button in the toolbar for Horizon, that would allow staff to stop a process they may have started accidentally (eg. open CKO when wanting to do a search)

**Enhancement#:** 3549 (12/29/2003)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Change Datatype for 'Volume' Field From Smallint to Varchar  
**Proposal:** The smallint datatype is not useful for the 'volume' column in the item table. We are using the 'copy' column, but this is not a good solution.

**Enhancement#:** 3550 (12/29/2003)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Volume-Specific Holds Required  
**Proposal:** Item-level requests are not sufficient when dealing with multi-volume works. We are VERY anxious to see volume-level requests.

**Enhancement#:** 3551 (12/29/2003)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:** Media Scheduling  
**Software Version/Release:** 2.0.34  
**Subject:** Media Scheduling and Holidays  
**Proposal:** There needs to be a way to list holidays so that Media Scheduling takes them into account when bookings are being done. This wouldn't be an issue for libraries that schedule by the hour, but it is an issue when materials are booked out for several days or for weeks at a time.

**Enhancement#:** 3572 (01/23/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3  
**Subject:** Equipment  
**Proposal:** We would like Horizon to have similar components for the cataloging and circulation of equipment items similar to dynix.

**Enhancement#:** 3578 (01/29/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3  
**Subject:** Security  
**Proposal:** We just did a government security audit of our system, including both the Horizon application, as well as the habits of our users. The questions and guidelines came from NIST, GAO and U.S. PTO documents, so I expect them to be widely applicable.  
 I'm so glad you implemented the new security system with Horizon 7.2 - you get really high marks for everything you've done so far. However, some other aspects of the system were still flagged as vulnerabilities. Here's the list of application recommendations that came out of this process.  
 ? Add the capability to enforce password format rules, such as minimum length and specific alphanumeric content.  
 ? Add the capability to track last-use and disable ID's after X days of inactivity  
 ? Log more database updates (such as changes to item, borrower, and configuration information)  
 ? Save a record of all modification events, not just the last one.

- ? Document audit trail structures.
- ? Add a budget transfer function that ensures that money taken from one fund goes to another fund. You wrote a really nice custom program for us; maybe you should include in the general release.
- ? Add the capability for a user from one office to change authorized text for his office alone. When updating an authority used by bibs owned by different offices, sometimes one office wants to clean up its own, while another office using the same authority isn't ready to deal with it.
- ? Change the InterBase admin password. Hello! The default from Borland is widely known.
- ? Remove the capability to execute InterBase SQL without a password from any web browser. Seriously.
- ? Employ more business logic on the server (e.g., in Sybase triggers or some sort of application server middle tier) to verify authorized data modifications. Users can use SQL to bypass current security settings.
- ? Investigate methods for protecting passwords needed for desktop utilities and for batch jobs run on the server. SPUD values show in UNIX PS and MS DOS window titles.
- ? Remove the System Administration guide from the end-user installation choice on the install disks.
- ? Enable the Z39.50 interface to suppress private data fields prior to output.
- ? Suppress private data fields from the Horizon client and iPAC prior to output, for both the regular view and the MARC view.
- ? Add the capability to track updates to specific MARC fields.
- ? Add the capability to store before pictures of certain types of updated records. So, we see a record was updated on a given date, but not what was done to it.
- ? Add the capability to track record deletions to help keep remote copies of the database (such as on OCLC or RLIN) synchronized.
- ? Add the capability to store circulation\_history indefinitely. Even public library have rare books and expensive media items for which this would be desirable. Make it doable for selected itype/btype/collection/location. We have custom triggers for this, but would rather see it in the standard product.
- ? Add the capability to prevent multiple signons for certain types of ID. Supervisors move around I suppose, but more often multiple signons are because staff share ID's. We need to discourage the practice of sharing ID's.
- ? Have iPAC use less powerful Sybase ID's.
- ? Also, I'm not sure if the traffic between the Sybase Open Client (or other ODBC) and the Sybase database is encrypted, but it should be.

**Enhancement#:** 3577 (01/28/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3  
**Subject:** Bibs for Lost and Missing Items Displaying in HIP Even if Staff Only  
**Proposal:** Have Horizon set the Bib to "staff only" when the last item attached to a bib goes to "staff only"

Also, if that item is later found and checked in, which removes the "staff only" check on the item, then it should return the item back to normal for the Bib as well.

See the following exchange of emails for more information on this:

-----< begin copied email >-----

You understand correctly. There is currently no way to have Horizon automatically change the bib to staff only when all items are staff only. That would be a good enhancement request. I know of no canned reports for pointing out bibs that are not staff only that have only staff only items, but if you have someone there who knows SQL, they may be able to help you create one. I noticed that the bib record has been set to staff only. Did someone do that manually?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tony New [mailto:tnew@ci.rowlett.tx.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2004 11:12 AM  
To: Reed Farnsworth  
Subject: RE: Weird title...

So, if I am understanding this correctly, when an item goes to "staff only" and it is the only copy we own or if it is the last copy to go to "staff only" the Bib will still show up in HIP?

Is there a way to tell the system to set the Bib to "staff only" as well when this happens? Or is there a report that can be run so that I can have my Tech Services staff pull up the bib and convert it over? And if we set the bib to staff only, what happens to the Bib when the item missing item is found or a lost item is returned?

--Tony

-----Original Message-----

From: Reed Farnsworth [mailto:RFarnsworth@dynix.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2004 11:41 AM  
To: Tony New  
Subject: RE: Weird title...

I just checked the item record (search until you get to the full bib display screen, then do: Show Copies > Send to Copy Item List > Edit) and it is set to `staff only`. Someone could have checked it manually, or it could be that it has been missing for more than 60 days (in the location table we have `missing to staff only` set to 60 days.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tony New [mailto:tnew@ci.rowlett.tx.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 6:49 PM  
To: Reed Farnsworth  
Subject: RE: Weird title...

The status of this title isn't lost. It is missing. And the bib is displaying, the holding is not.

I thought that when something went to "staff only" and it was the only holding for that bib, the bib also got changed to "staff only"

--Tony

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-----Original Message-----

From: Reed Farnsworth [mailto:RFarnsworth@dynix.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 6:58 PM  
To: Tony New  
Subject: RE: Weird title...

In the location table (page 6 of 7) we set `Lost to Staff Only (days) to `0` so any item with a status of lost will only be seen by staff, not by the public. If you want to change this, you can.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tony New [mailto:tnew@ci.rowlett.tx.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 5:08 PM  
To: Reed Farnsworth  
Cc: Sheryl Wray  
Subject: Weird title...

Reed,

We have something strange. I'm not sure if it is something for you or who it should go to...

In HIP, if you search for "The Case of Hermie the Missing hamster / by James Preller" you get the bib info but no holdings information.

If you search in the staff Horizon client, you can see that the item (Barcode #39857000633402) has a status of missing.

Help!

--Tony

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**Enhancement#:** 3602 (02/04/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.2.1.178g CJK  
**Subject:** Horizon 72 CJK-Strongly Need Remote Acq Module  
**Proposal:** Strongly need remote acq module, for Acq librarian working on book fair

**Enhancement#:** 3643 (02/17/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.2.1.178g CJK  
**Subject:** PC Reliance Data Can't Be Uploaded to Horizon Database  
**Proposal:** SHPC hope to do the upgrade without stopping the server, so that plan to use PC Reliance. But unfortunately, there are many non-matching barcodes in their database, the barcodes sticked on those items are different from those in the database----Actually it is caused by SHPC's lapsus when they put data into database in the beginning. In normal case, an error message will be prompted when such kind of items are returned in CKI desk and the staff can deal with it manually. But for PC Reliance, it will stop at where the non-matching barcode is, without any information.

**Enhancement#:** 3633 (02/12/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Item Batch Change-Barcode Input  
**Proposal:** We would like to extend the ability to easily change a group of items by adding via barcode input. If this used the same kind of input as that used for Batch Print Spine Label - where items were simply wanded through, we would use this function to track items we move through the library ie to and from displays, mending etc.

**Enhancement#:** 3653 (02/19/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1/HIP 2.1.1a

**Subject:** Implementation/System Administration  
**Proposal:** We still do not have comprehensive manuals that are task-oriented, to explain ALL the steps one must do in order to implement a module or function. There is nothing that explains dependencies and relationships, i.e., what is this element or value used for and what do I need to consider in defining it--if x is used for y, then what should x be if I want y to be...you get the idea. We have been promised that such documentation pieces are forthcoming--we have yet to see them. A good example is the set-up of pickup locations with 2.1.1 and 7.3--totally different and totally undocumented anywhere.

**Enhancement#:** 3663 (02/23/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Reserve Room cannot add title to 2 instructors of course  
**Proposal:** If two or more instructors are teaching a class, titles have to added separately to each. This has been reported as a bug in the current system.  
 This is a problem where in Reserve Book Room you have a course with multiple instructors. Once you've got a course set up with a list of titles now during the quarter they add more titles to reserve. You have to add the same title to each instructor teaching the course.  
 This is marked AS DESIGNED in your spreadsheet. That's a pretty dumb design. The documentation doesn't say how to add a title in this instance, so I think you're just shirking the problem. We have big courses with changing lists and changing sets of instructors, that's why this is a problem. We don't agree this should be closed.

**Enhancement#:** 3672 (02/25/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1  
**Subject:** Reports Manager  
**Proposal:** Can't find Reports Manager listed in any category so I hope this is the correct place.  
 In the current version of Reports Manager, overdue notices and lists report both a fine and a price for items that have been returned late. The price is the replacement cost of the item - which is irrelevant, because the item has already been returned. The replacement cost does not need to appear - it is confusing to borrowers.

**Enhancement#:** 3675 (02/27/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1  
**Subject:** Killbib Needs To Be More Stable  
**Proposal:** It would be nice if instead of getting Sprintf errors when Killbib can't delete a record. it would just list it as `not deleted`.  
 I don't like restarting killbib 20 times when I run it.

**Enhancement#:** 3678 (03/01/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1a  
**Subject:** Save Last Sort and Display Settings  
**Proposal:** I wish Horizon would save the last sort and display settings I chose in Circulation reports (and other places).  
 I choose columns that are relevant to my library, sort them in a way that is relevant, and this could be easily saved in the windows registry. I know that this could be accomplished using MQ views... but why should I go through the work of setting up a view for each of my 80 sites when it can be customizable /per

user!! with little effort.  
I think this would be a great enhancement to your product.

**Enhancement#:** 3707 (03/12/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1a  
**Subject:** Enhancements Database  
**Proposal:** Better Searching of the Enhancements Database is needed. Search options for date ranges and most recent suggestions would be very helpful

**Enhancement#:** 3733 (04/12/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1A  
**Subject:** Statistics-Cancelled Requests  
**Proposal:** We need the statistic gathered of how many filled holds are not checked out by the borrower. These are the items that appear on the Expired/Canceled Circ Report each day.

**Enhancement#:** 3736 (04/13/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.23  
**Subject:** Searching of Resolutions Database by Resolution Number  
**Proposal:** You should be able to search the resolution database by resolution number. Often support will tell a user that their request has been associated with a resolution and they will provide the resolution number. When this last happened to us we were surprised to find that we could not search by resolution number and instead had to guess words that may appear in the text of the resolution.

**Enhancement#:** 3745 (04/16/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1  
**Subject:** Search Resolution File by Resolution Number  
**Proposal:** It would be very helpful if there was a resolution number search in addition to the `phrase` `free text`.

**Enhancement#:** 3763 (05/05/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1  
**Subject:** Inventory Exceptions-Auto Checkin  
**Proposal:** It would be extremely helpful to library staff to be able to work with records within Report Inventory Exceptions rather than having to do separate searches for each item. Edit or Send to (send to copy/item list) functionalities would be valuable options.

**Enhancement#:** 3765 (05/06/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1a  
**Subject:** WebCheck Needed in Horizon  
**Proposal:** We bought WebCheck while on Dynix as a Connect Lib product that would move with us to Horizon. Now that we are on Horizon, I find that WebCheck does not work. We need this elegant product to work with Horizon. Other products may be available but none work as well or within the system as WebCheck

**Enhancement#:** 3770 (05/19/2004)**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous**Subcategory:****Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1a**Subject:** Z39.50 Searches Should Not Hang Up When Disconnecting From a Server**Proposal:** I had a support log #1461618 which entails the launcher.exe hanging when Z39.50 searches of Sirsi Unicorn servers disconnect. Which was resolved by Adam Swank. I am taking Adam's suggestion of :

You can also put in an enhancement request through the customer.dynix.com website about how horizon zclients should disconnect if they don't get any feed back after x amount of seconds.

This seems like a fairly obvious thing to include in a socket program, and I really think this is a bug, not an 'enhancement' per se.

I should also add that this is a constant source of irritation, as our catalogers use Z searches as the primary source of copy cataloging records, and we have several Sirsi Unicorn partners.

**Enhancement#:** 3775 (05/20/2004)**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous**Subcategory:****Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.2.4**Subject:** Fines Based on Borrower Type**Proposal:** Fines System should be able to charge fines by borrower type.

E.g. one amount for adults, another for juveniles. (Note: this entry supplements Enhancement # 3772)

**Enhancement#:** 3781 (05/24/2004)**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous**Subcategory:****Software Version/Release:** 7.2.4**Subject:** Canned Reports**Proposal:** Would someone please write some kind of canned report program for circulation and cataloging statistics similar to what Dynix had. The ad-hoc statistical reports are not customizable, contain information I don't want & don't contain information I do want (like number of borrowers registered during a certain time frame by bstat) and ramble on forever. Report programs like EasyAsk & Report Smith require way to much time and training to learn (EasyAsk web class was two days and Report Smith was four). I know that almost all libraries need to report basic statistical information to their directors, boards and often, state agencies. I don't think that Dynix/Horizon customers should have to learn new computer languages just to figure out how to generate a few common statistics in the format that we would like----and yes, I am really aggravated right now! Reporting in Horizon is NOT user friendly.**Enhancement#:** 3785 (05/24/2004)**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous**Subcategory:****Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1**Subject:** Patron Information Display**Proposal:** When printing ANY patron information; fines, holds, whatever, ALL patron info (card #, name, phone, etc) should be included on the printout.**Enhancement#:** 3789 (05/25/2004)**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous**Subcategory:****Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1**Subject:** Inventory-Invalid Status in Exceptions Reports**Proposal:** In Report Inventory Exceptions, include the item status for each item that is reported with an invalid status. Currently the report simply says 'invalid item status.' Our library staff

members are finding that more exceptions are being reported than when on Dynix Scholar. It's frustrating to have to do a separate search for each item in order to find out what the actual item status is.

**Enhancement#:** 3793 (05/31/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.0+

**Subject:** Keeping Track of Numbers of Holds Placed Per Bib

**Proposal:** We would like to be able to retrieve the number of holds (requests per Horizon speak) placed on bibs to identify which are the most popular. A simple count would serve. Right now there is no way of getting at this information because Horizon does not track it, as told to me by Brian Rawlings of Dynix. This count of holds placed would be useful to know, especially where extended loans are granted, as we do. The number of CKOs does not provide the full picture.

**Enhancement#:** 3795 (06/04/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:**

**Subject:** Reports

**Proposal:** We need access to a report that provides individual notices and homeroom lists to include items out as well as blocks and overdues. This is especially important for us to have at the end of the school year. While we could create a summary notice list on Scholar, neither Reports Manager nor Web Reporter seem to have this capability.

**Enhancement#:** 3805 (06/18/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1

**Subject:** Item Group Editor: Save Search Criteria

**Proposal:** We would like to be able to save search criteria when using Item Group Editor. This would enable staff to set the search criteria for the first time for a frequently used report and then simply run the report in the future without having to specify the search parameters.

**Enhancement#:** 3812 (06/28/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:** Debt Collect

**Software Version/Release:**

**Subject:** Debt Collection-Include All Block Types in 'Excluded'

**Proposal:** We would like to see all our 'block-types' in Horizon to be included in the 'Blocks Excluded' list in Debt Collect. Currently there are only select list that is listed.

**Enhancement#:** 3834 (07/12/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** Hz 7.31a

**Subject:** Let PuiLauncher F10 to Cataloging

**Proposal:** We'd like to put PUILauncher on our navigator menus for each of our databases. We'd like users to be able to send records from those 'other' databases to cataloging. We have 7 databases, and the users like to share authority records, i.e., grab authority records from other databases and save them into their own.

This worked very nicely until Horizon 7.0 (?) when the Launcher was introduced. It's a very, very helpful feature for a consortium environment. In addition, we were thinking of creating a separate authority database with LCSH, LC NAMES, AAT, and some local files, from which each of our database users could easily copy authority records into his own database.

The user would only have ONE regular launcher running, with only ONE cataloging session. F10 would

allow the user to send select record(s) to the MARC Editor. It should give some error message if the regular Launcher is not running with cataloging open.

**Enhancement#:** 3845 (07/12/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:** Horizon 7.3.2

**Software Version/Release:**

**Subject:** Inventory

**Proposal:** Please make it possible to limit the errors that automatically change item status to missing inventory. When correcting errors on the exception reports, it is now necessary to also check in these items after running FMI. The inventory software registers that an error has been fixed only when there has been a change in item status. For example, an item is listed as being in the incorrect collection. We change it to the proper collection, but it is still changed to missing inventory in the FMI and the item must be checked in.

**Enhancement#:** 3850 (07/20/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:** Change User

**Software Version/Release:**

**Subject:** Sounds From Computer

**Proposal:** When a users selects the Change User options it closes all open windows.

When this happens at a circ desk, the new user will need to open the same windows (ie. cko, cki, and possibly searching) that were closed when the first user selected Change User.

I understandt that this functionality was designed to assure that the new user will only have access to the windows that they are privileged to.

However, I assumed that the `Change User` functionality was created to provide users a fast/quick way to change the person who is logged into Horizon. With these windows being closed between users you are not saving the staff time. In fact, it takes about as much time to close the entire client, log in as the new user and open the appropriate windows for the new user.

Isn`t there some other way for Horizon to re-establish the security credentials for the next user?

**Enhancement#:** 3858 (07/26/2004)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.2

**Subject:** Item Group Editor-Window Pop

**Proposal:** Users would prefer seeing items as they scan into the list of item group editor. Likewise Batch Item Delete. Customarily the compound search windows for these lists overlay the view of a compulsive checker... and while you can relocate them slightly they pop back to obscure the results with the next scan. It would be better if the user could locate the search box or if it was simply by default a shape that did not obscure what you see in the list window.

**Enhancement#:** 3923 (09/02/2004)

**Category:** Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.2

**Subject:** DebtCollection; Add More Phone Types

**Proposal:** We would like the ability to include more phone types than just two on the Debtcollect reports. We are using h & h-noTC as our two, but would like to add cell as one and reported as such. Actually there should be as many opportunities to add codes as exist in Horizon.

**Enhancement#:** 3931 (09/09/2004)

**Category:** Miscellaneous

**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.2

**Subject:** Printing information in a window that is a form

**Proposal:** It is very irritating and labor intensive to not be able to print information in a window that is a form, such as Patron Record or holdings detail display. Currently, we have to print the screen and paste in a word file.

**Enhancement#:** 3943 (09/15/2004)

**Category:** Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.1

**Subject:** Debt Collect

**Proposal:** Add the borrower location codes to the submission file from Debt collect. it is extremely important for multiple branches to be able to find only their borrowers.

**Enhancement#:** 4013 (10/19/2004)

**Category:** Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.1

**Subject:** Media Scheduling Integrating With Circulation and Requests

**Proposal:** We have some items (videos) that we want to allow to circulate until they are booked. Currently, media scheduling does not interact very much with circulation and if something is bookable, it must be given an hourly itype (required by Media scheduling) which messes up any regular checkout of the item over 24 hours (doesn't reflect the correct due dates) and blocks any requests for the items.

The needs:

Requests:

1- Have items with bookable (hourly) itypes be requestable.

2- Have media scheduling interact with circulation so that if an item is booked, it will block requests for that item for a time period (set by the administrator) prior to the booking (except for a request by/for the patron in the booking), and give the appropriate block message .

Circulation:

1- Have items with bookable (hourly) itypes be able to checkout for more than 24 hours without editing the due date (for instance, with an itype that is set for 48 hours, when it is checked out, the due date reflects a due date for 2 days later)

2- If the item that has been booked is at another location, have either a) a ``Prompt for making request`` list generated on a daily basis for the staff to be alerted (like a pull list) or b) a system generated request for the item sent a certain amount of time (set by the administrator) before the booked time.

**Enhancement#:** 4082 (12/13/2004)

**Category:** Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.33

**Subject:** Audit Trail for All Records

**Proposal:** It should be possible to look at ANY record in the Horizon database and see an audit trail of activity on the record: initial creation date/time by what operator (or ``system`` designation as may be appropriate) and then the same for each subsequent update. In some cases, we would like the same audit trail for specific fields within a record, e.g., as currently exists in the bib control record.

**Enhancement#:** 4122 (12/22/2004)

**Category:** Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:** MARCOUT truncates 1000 (non-MARC tag) to 100

**Software Version/Release:** 7.31a

**Subject:** Expired Library Registration window size adjustment

**Proposal:** When we output records with tag 1000, it gets truncated to become a 100 tag. 1000 is used to hold the name of the non-MARC workform for non-MARC records. Probably 1000 should just be skipped upon output.

This was in your good idea database. The response was as follows:

``NOTE FROM CAT MANUAL 7.3 10-9 : Only MARC records can be exported. You must convert a non-MARC record to MARC format to export it.``

In fact, we'd output these records by mistake to our authority-control vendor. When they were re-imported, the 1000 tag (with the non-marc workform info became 100 authority records). My suggestion is that the program skip the output these records if they're not going to work right. OR at least the 1000 tag should be skipped instead of being renumbered erroneously.

**Enhancement#:** 4125 (12/28/2004)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous >  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3  
**Subject:** Change Item-Specific Requests to Any Copy  
**Proposal:** Dynix's resolution database suggests that (as of early 2004) the only way to change an item-specific request to an any copy request is to delete the original request; place the request again; and shuffle the request queue as required. There needs to be a less painful way to accomplish this.

**Enhancement#:** 4150 (01/20/2005)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.2  
**Subject:** [Debt collect - additions to reports](#)  
**Proposal:** On the update report, we'd like to also see a total of the amount paid, the amount waived, and the returned amount. All the info is there, just a matter of totalling it.

**Enhancement#:** 4151 (01/20/2005)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.2  
**Subject:** [Debt collect reports - 2](#)  
**Proposal:** The daily report gives the number of accounts. We'd also like the total amount submitted.

**Enhancement#:** 4170 (02/07/2005)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.2  
**Subject:** Sort Request Pull List In A Way That Makes Sense For Each Location  
**Proposal:** When we retrieve the request pull list, we sort it by collection code and call number. We then have to take the printout, chop it up, and rearrange it according to the layout of the library.

In order to improve efficiency, we'd really like to be able to determine a sort order that makes sense for each library location. We would like to be able to arrange the collections according to the layout of the library. Our fiction, mysteries, romances and videos are in one section, but these collections are separated on the request pull list report by the children's collections which are in the children's area, and the adult non-fiction which is on another floor.

Since each branch has a different layout, we would like to be able to have a flexible enough sort that it could be different for each location. Once the sort was set, we'd like to have it applied to the pull list for the branch by default.

It seems silly to have to deal with different sized chopped up pages that are easy to lose.

**Enhancement#:** 4231 (03/29/2005)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:**  
**Subject:** Date Tied to Location Change in Item Table

**Proposal:** We rotate books among our branch libraries, and we need to know how long it has been at its current location. This used to work, more or less, on Dynix, but the date in Horizon is linked to status changes. We arranged to have a new column added to the item table with a date that is linked to a change in the location column. I recommend that this become part of Horizon functionality.

**Enhancement#:** 4256 (04/14/2005)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:** Any

**Software Version/Release:** 7

**Subject:** Make Modules Different Colors

**Proposal:** Our agency staff suggested having a visual cue that you're using different modules, like Acquisitions or Circ by having the border of the screen change color. This will alert the user to look for different menus at the top. Should cut down on errors related to being 'in' a module that doesn't support the action being attempted, especially for those users that click the navigation bar off.

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**Enhancement#:** 4335 (06/14/2005)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:**

**Subject:** Search for ISBN When Scanning UPC Code

**Proposal:** We would like to be able to search for the ISBN extracted from scanning the UPC code.

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**Enhancement#:** 4422 (10/05/2005)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.4

**Subject:** Running Day End Job Automatically

**Proposal:** At present, we have to manually launch Day End Job at a Horizon client PC. We need to be able to run Day End Job as a Windows service so that it can be performed completely automatically at the Horizon database server.

**Enhancement#:** 4467 (12/08/2005)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.2

**Subject:** Circulation Statistics

**Proposal:** We'd really like to be able to get circ stats that include item info (location, collection, etc.) AND borrower info (btype, etc.). Is there any way to do this currently, or are there plans to create a link for stats that could be pulled this way?

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**Enhancement#:** 4593 (06/09/2006)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 8

**Subject:** Postgres/EnterpriseDB Support for Horizon 8

**Proposal:** PostgreSQL or EnterpriseDB should be available database platforms for Horizon 8.

Postgres is the most advanced open source database available, in continuous development for over 20 years. Feature-wise, it is comparable to DB2 or Oracle and superior to MS SQL. It is widely used by some of the largest companies and websites in the world (as well as some of the smallest). It is extremely stable and scalable, includes excellent Unicode support, and works great with Java.

It is virtually administration-free for low-use/low-end databases, making it an attractive substitute for MS SQL. It runs on all major operating systems. And it has many high-end features that larger libraries need, such as master-slave and multimaster replication, better than row-level locking, and point-in-time restore (not to mention zero licensing costs for running it on as many spare/development servers as you want). SirsiDynix could make a huge chunk of money supporting Postgres. If SD were to charge more in maintenance for Postgres databases (but less than the cost of DB2/MS SQL/Oracle licensing fees), SD would make more profit and customers would save money while getting a superior product. Everybody wins.

EnterpriseDB is a commercially-supported version of Postgres which has been modified to be almost 100% compatible with Oracle at a vastly lower cost. It is used by many Fortune 500 companies. EnterpriseDB would offer the comfort of commercial support while still saving customers money.

**Enhancement#:** 4606 (08/15/2006)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:**

**Subject:** Author Name In Proper Order

**Proposal:** Would like author searches to work so patron can enter first name then last name, instead of vice versa - ie Dan Brown, instead of Brown, Dan. Sites like Amazon and Google can do this - it is only libraries that confuse patrons by insisting on last name first.

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**Enhancement#:** 4609 (08/21/2006)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.32

**Subject:** Access Control

**Proposal:** We are installing an Access Control system in our library. It occurred to me that what is really required is not a fully functional Access Control system, but an Horizon Access Control module. How difficult would it be to add functionality to Horizon so that when a borrower's card is read, the security gates open -- unless, that is, the borrower has a block on their record?

**Enhancement#:** 4618 (09/15/2006)

**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous

**Subcategory:**

**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.4

**Subject:** Comments or Add/Replace in Enhancement Vote

**Proposal:** We would like the ability to add a comment when voting on enhancements. The purpose would be to clarify the purpose and meaning of our vote. It is not always clear whether the submitter is requesting a feature to replace an existing function, or as an additional option.

We may be happy to vote in favor of the feature as an option, but not as a replacement for the current functionality.

We have no way to articulate this other than to vote against the enhancement to make sure we retain the current functionality.

If you are not willing to add a comments box, then please add at least these two drop-down list choices along these lines:

- 1) Add enhancement request as an option, retaining current function
- 2) Replace current function with enhancement request

**Enhancement#:** 4633 (11/02/2006)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.3.4  
**Subject:** Monthly statistics for Top Circulating Items  
**Proposal:** Would like to pull stats for top circulating items each month. According to client care the only way to do this would be to create separate usage statistics entries for each month of the year. Surprised there isn't a SQL statement to pull top circulating items by month. The goal is to post top items on the Catalog for borrowers to see.

**Enhancement#:** 4656 (01/02/2007)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** 7.34  
**Subject:** Add a Visual Identifier for Current Database  
**Proposal:** Please consider adding a visual identifier for the active database in Horizon. Our site has discovered that it is very easy to forget to change the database back to production after working in the training database. (The database value always defaults to the previously used one.) A different background, a note in the bottom status bar, or other visual clue would be a very helpful way to remind staff `where` they are working. The consequence of checking in a day's worth of materials to the wrong database is not easily fixed. I think this is low effort, high value enhancement.

**Enhancement#:** 4683 (07/03/2007)  
**Category:** Horizon > Miscellaneous  
**Subcategory:**  
**Software Version/Release:** Horizon 7.3.3  
**Subject:** Open Two Instances of Horizon on the Same Workstation  
**Proposal:** We have 2 instances of Horizon, one production and one development. It would be nice to have both the development and the production horizon open on the same workstation at the same time. Right now, we could open either the development or the production Horizon one at a time.