

Release of Horizon 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10

SirsiDynix is pleased to announce the release of Horizon 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10 for North America. These companion releases provide over 120 enhancements and bug fixes for Horizon customers. We wish to thank all the customers and beta testers who have partnered with SirsiDynix to make this release possible.

Horizon 7.4.2 is a consolidation of all the bug fixes that were done on the 7.3.x, 7.4 and 7.4.1 versions of Horizon and is the recommended upgrade path for customers on either Horizon 7.3.x or Horizon 7.4.x. HIP 3.10 is a consolidation of all bug fixes and improvement made on the HIP 3.x series, and is the recommended path for HIP upgrades. Release Notes containing detailed information about corrections and updates included in Horizon 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10 are available on the Client Care site.

Requirements for Horizon 7.4.2

- Requires HIP 3.10
- Requires Sybase 12.5.x OR MS SQL Server 2000
- Web Reporter 1.5 (for customers using Web Reporter)

Requirements for HIP 3.10

- Requires Horizon 7.4.2
- Java Runtime Environment version 1.4.2.16, including Java Web Start

Some key enhancements for Horizon 7.4.2

- **Tight index integration with “Enterprise”** faceted search software
- **Acq. PO can be created with ISBN** from Bib provided by vendor
- **Circulation Checkout screen can be configured** to display Borrower ID or Borrower record expiration date
- **Item Barcode can be printed** on Holds Expired and Cancelled Lists
- **Hold and Hold Transit Slips can be configured** to print anything from the Request table, including the Request comment and/or the Hold expiry date
- **Item Type can be placed** on the Borrower Request List
- **Renewal information is recorded and displayed** on Item Detail Status
- **Lost and Claimed Returned Item information is retained** on the block, even if the Item record is deleted
- **Staff Users** can be given ability to **change their own passwords**
- **Day End** can be started with a **command line switch**

Some key enhancements for HIP 3.10

- **LDAP Authentication** – HIP can be configured to authenticate against LDAP directory
 - **Accommodates both** LDAP and non-LDAP borrowers
- **Improved Boolean searching**
 - Keyword search “Bud, Not Buddy” **doesn’t choke on “not”**
- **Enhanced enriched** content from Bowker – HIP now supports **“Syndetic Deluxe”** package
 - AV cover art and content
 - Spanish, German and Italian content
 - More book reviews
- **Stops borrower requests on shelved items**
 - Based on IP of requester and on-shelf library

Some key defects resolved

- When using an import source to create items in Horizon, the call_number is now populated in the distribution
- Applying an acq distribution pattern after removing call number from the po_line_distribution blink should no longer cause Horizon to crash
- The cause of Authority and Bib record corruption with certain authority merge operations has been discovered and rectified
- When linking an Auth to a bib, the data and subfields come across, and the indicators in the bib record no longer go back to the defaults
- Spine label text is no longer padded with spaces out to the end of the label in the preview window
- The system now alerts the cataloging staff that there are requests on the item before it allows the deletion of the items
- Many ACS (ESIP or SIP2) server bugs are now fixed, including SIP CKO Cancellation not refunding the processing fee
- Items now age to "lost" status based on the date for which dayend is run, rather than the calendar date of the workstation
- Inventory can now be configured to not require call_type
- Hold Slip is now printed after the actual hold status is committed to the database
- In-house use statistics are now recorded for items that were not "in"
- Pre-Overdue notices now use Email notice language
- Itype has been added as a column in the borrower_request_list view
- It is now possible to add a conditional due time to the CKO Due Date receipt
- Some fast added items, which were not counted in the creation statistics, but were counted in the deletion statistics, are now counted in the creation statistics

Consolidated Documentation

Horizon 7.4.2 also delivers a new set of Horizon manuals which include the release notes and configuration instructions for features added since version 7.3.1. New updated manuals for Horizon Basics User Guide, Launcher User Guide, System Administration User Guide, Acquisitions User Guide, Cataloging Setup, Cataloging User Guide, Circulation Setup, Circulation User Guide and Media Scheduling User Guide are delivered as PDF files for online help, and will also be posted on the Client Care site for web access. Remaining guides, such as consolidated HIP User Manuals, will be delivered with the release of Horizon 7.5 and HIP 3.20. All of the new features delivered with 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10 are described in the 7.4.2 Release Notes.

Beta Testing and Delivery

Horizon 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10 were released to beta sites in August 2008. Three beta partners, representing different library types and sizes, loaded the software on test servers for a "back-room" beta test. Two more beta libraries went live on Horizon 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10 on their production servers September 16 and 17, 2008. Problems discovered in both phases of the test were resolved to the satisfaction of the beta libraries. We sincerely appreciate all the time and effort put into testing by our great beta partners.

Horizon 7.4.2 is compatible with Web Reporter 1.5, TeleMessaging 2 (Telecirc) and SIP-compatible products, such as TeleMessaging 3, Self Check systems, automated checkin systems, Envisionware, etc. This release includes many improvements made to the SIP (ESIP or ACS) server. We are also pleased to announce that Horizon 7.4.2 and HIP 3.10 represent the first time an upgrade version has been released for both English and French Canadian language groups simultaneously.

Please contact your local support office to schedule your upgrade with the appropriate Client Care upgrade team.