

Building Web Apps to Streamline **FOLIO** Workflows

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Why would you want to?

to streamline FOLIO workflows

- + to do things that the UI isn't prepared to do
- = to make life easier for you and your colleagues

backstory, basics, caveats, and disclaimers

backstory

Approx 20 years ago, when I was working for the Bergen County Cooperative Library System, I took Sirsi's week-long API course.

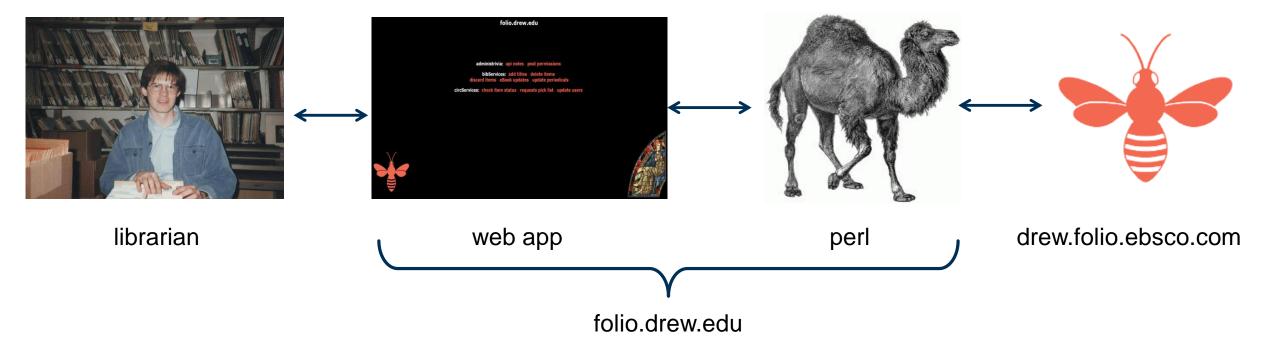
When I started working at Drew, on 2/14/2011, 20% of my time was devoted to implementing Kuale Ole with 4 other NJ academic libraries.

In 2019 Drew University was looking to move self-hosted services, like our Sirsi Symphony ILS, to the cloud.

In 2020 we signed a 5-year contract with EBSCO to host a FOLIO environment for us w/out an implementation team.

Since we were self-hosted, and I was familiar with Sirsi's API, I was able to get our data out of Symphony and load it into FOLIO.

basics: how do web apps work?



basics: how do APIs work?

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curl {what} {who} {where}
{what} : POST (create), GET (read), PUT (update), or DELETE
{who} : an X-Okapi-Token, included as a header*, that is user specific
*the headers also include Content-type and X-Okapi_Tenant information
{where} : a task specific endpoint that may or may not end with a query or a UUID
when {what} requires data it is supplied in the form of a JSON document as is any data that is returned
(though not all endpoints have anything to say when they are done – when this happens no news is
good news, usually) - e.g...
curl -s -X GET -H $headers https://okapi-drew.folio.ebsco.com/instance-storage/instances?query=hrid==in00001095127
...returns:
                                  base URL
                                                         endpoint
```

basics: how do APIs work?

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caveats and disclaimers

Any and all mistakes and/or misunderstandings contained in the following are mine and mine alone.

CAUTION! Proceed at your own risk.

Measure twice, cut once.

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"Let's be careful out there." ~ Sergeant Phil Esterhaus Hill Street Blues

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- flow charts

post permissions

post permissions

Sometimes APIs don't work because the username does not yet have permission to do what needs to be done. The required permission can be copied and pasted from the error message into the web app.

hmm: I wonder why the folio_admin permission set can't do everything?

via the UI

- Apps
- Users
- search...
- **Actions**
- Edit
- scroll down
- open User **Permissions**
- scroll down
- Add permission
- 10. search...
- 11. check a box
- 12. Save & close
- 13. Save & close

via the web app

- post permissions
- copy the wanted permission from the error message
- and paste it into the permission text box
- the default username is admin
- 4. make it so





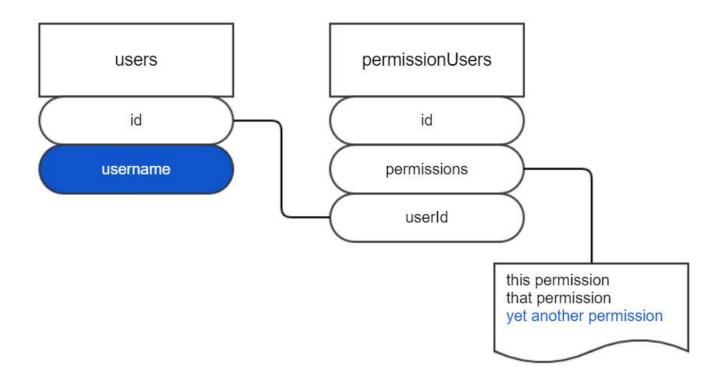
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POST https://okapi-drew.folio.ebsco.com/perms/users/3cdeb88e-b712-4e42-b192-f9c9fd9bfb8a/permissions result:
{
    "permissionName" : "inventory-storage.items.item.post"
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- makeItSo.pl collects the \$username and \$permission from enterData.pl
- 1. **GET /users?query=username=="\$username"** supplies the userId
- 2. GET /perms/users?query=userId=="\$userId" supplies the permissionUsersId
- 3. POST -d '{"permissionName": "\$permission"}' /perms/users/\$permissionUsersId/permissions does the deed



requests pick list

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This web app is all about trying to use less paper. The UI prints one request per page ~ we wanted as many as can fit on each page. They are sorted by location and call number

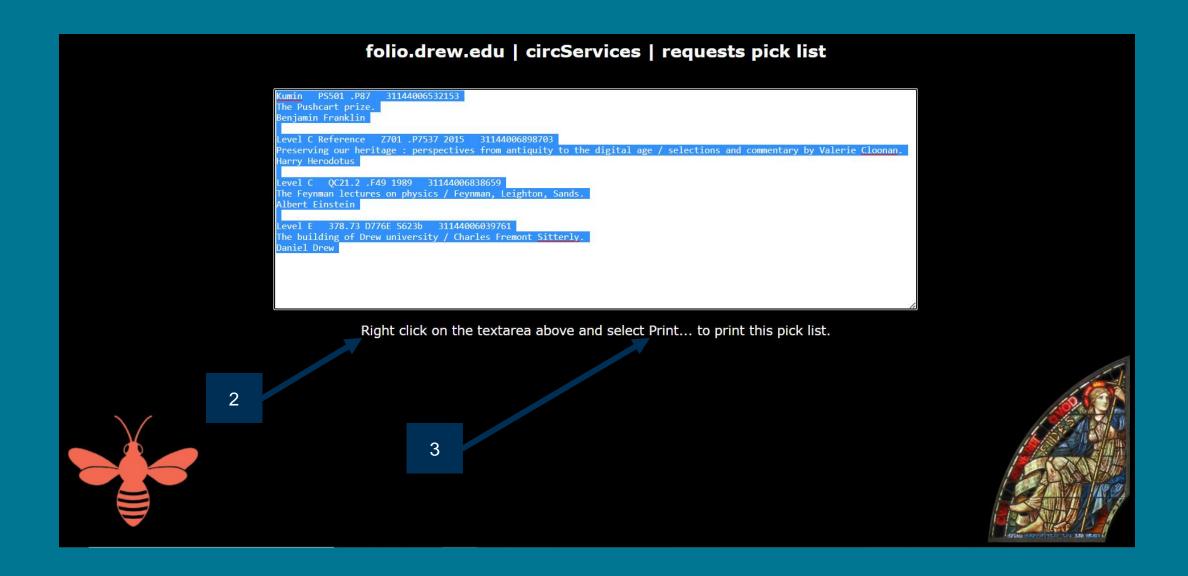
via the UI

- Apps
- Requests
- Request type: Pages
- Request status: Open not yet filled
- **Actions**
- Print pick slips for circulation and reserves

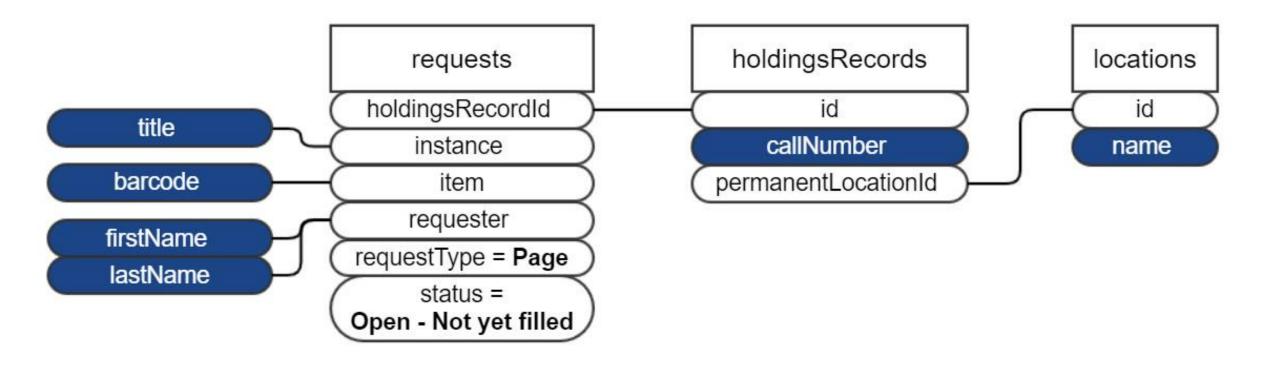
via the web app

- requests pick list
- right click
- Print...





- GET -d 'limit=0' /request-storage/requests?query=requestType==Page
 this returns the number of requests to be considered (aka totalRecords)
- 2. GET -d 'limit=\$totalRecords' /request-storage/requests?query=requestType==Page
 this returns all of the "Page" requests so that they can be sifted to find those with an "Open Not yet filled" status it also supplies the item's barcode, holdingsRecordId, requester.firstName, requester.lastName, and title
- 3. GET /holdings-storage/holdings/\$holdingsRecordId this supplies the location and callNumber
- Perl sorts the list on location and call number and delivers it as a textarea with instructions for printing



check item status

check item status

This brings a number of data points together in one place:

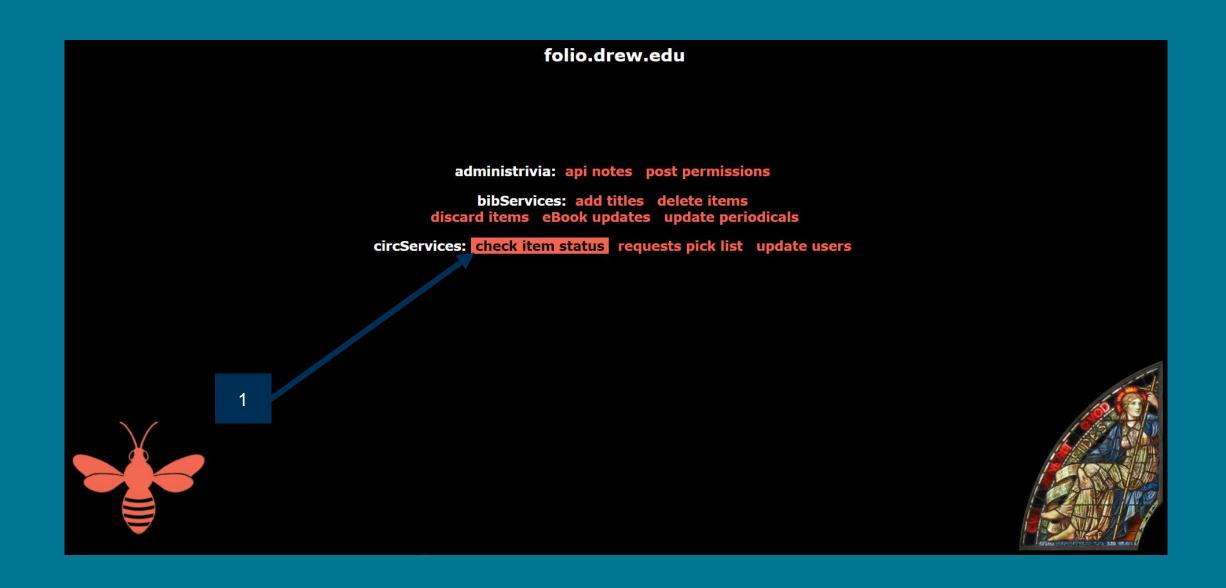
- author, title, publication info
- location, call number, (barcode), status
- loan date, due date,
 status, patron name and barcode

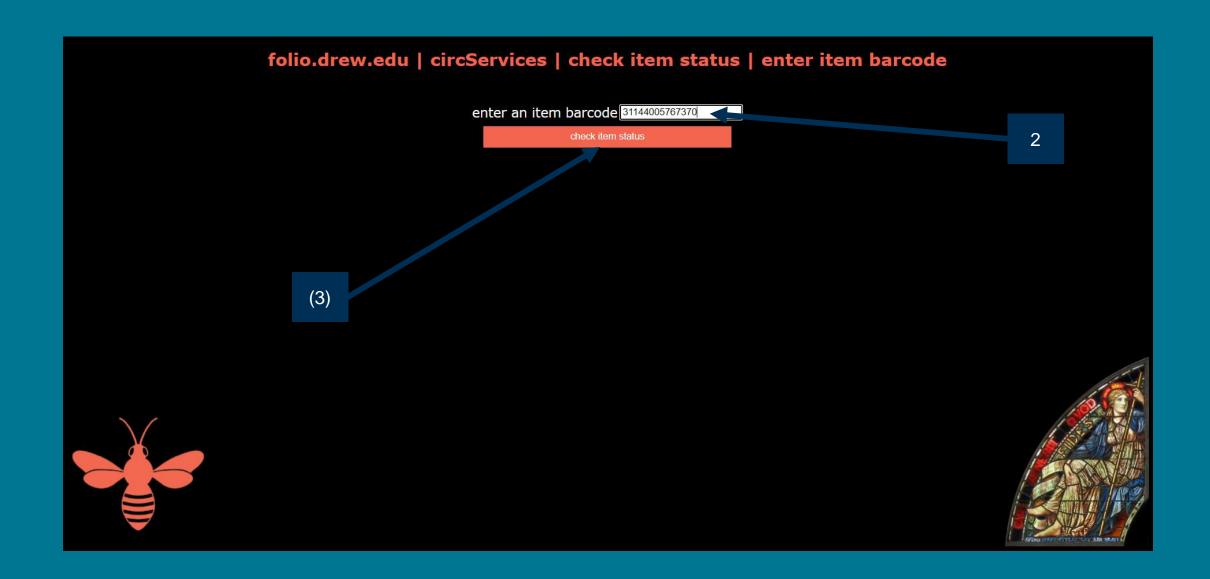
via the UI

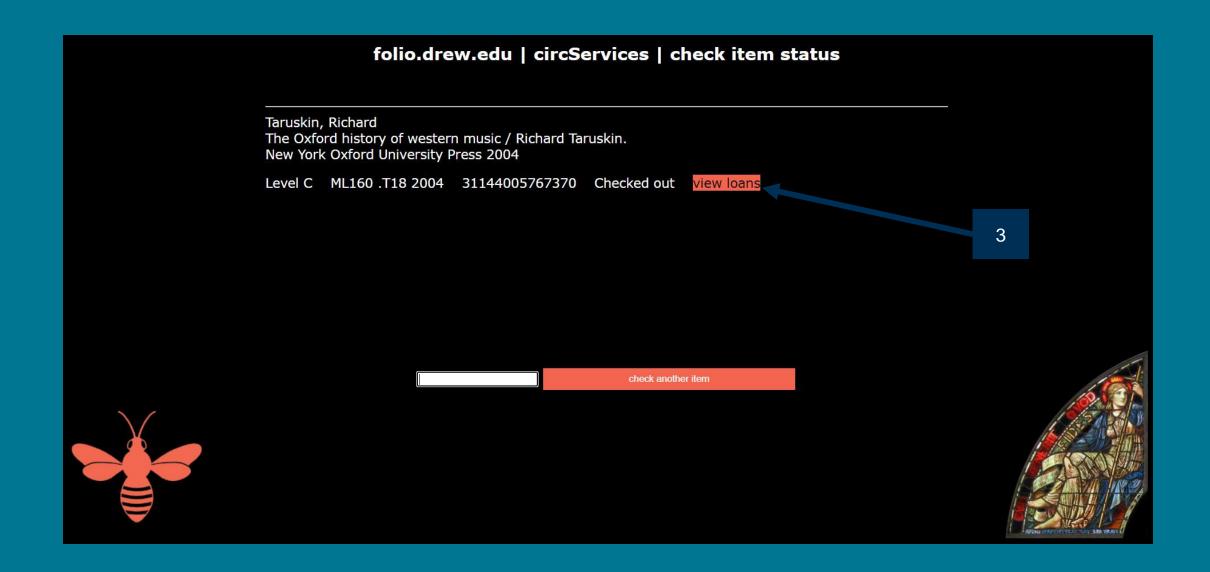
- 1. Apps
- 2. Inventory
- 3. Items
- 4. Barcode (not Keyword)
- 5. enter barcode
- 6. Search
- 7. open the holdings accordion
- ...et voila re status
- 3. Circulation log
- 9. enter Item barcode
- 10. apply
- ...et voila re loan history

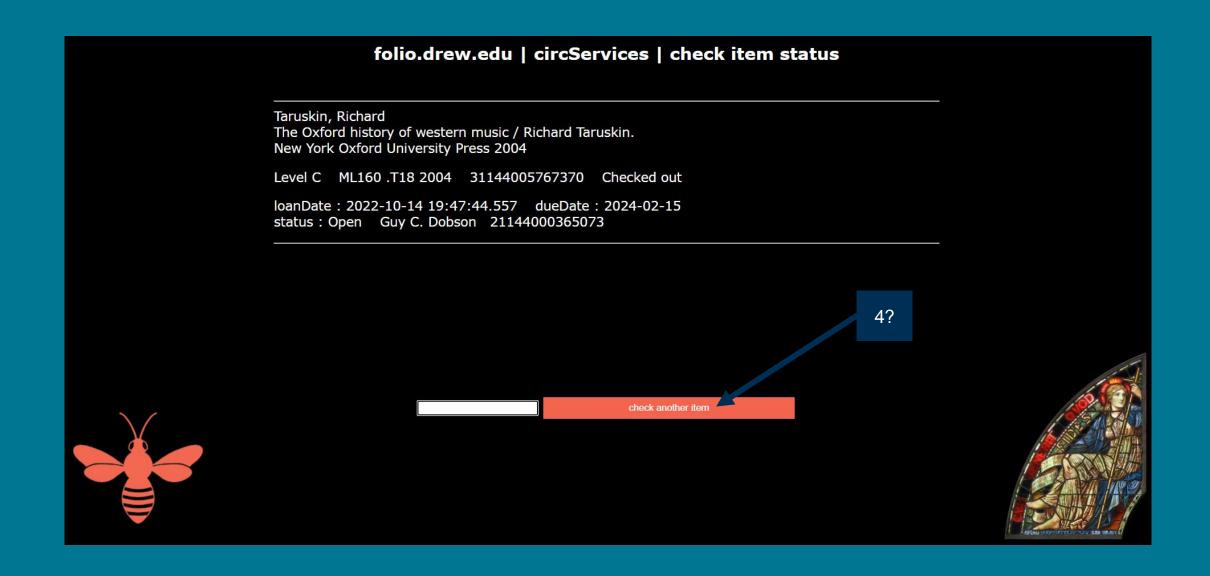
via the web app

- 1. check item status
- 2. enter item barcode ...et voila re status
- 3. View loans ...et voila re loan history

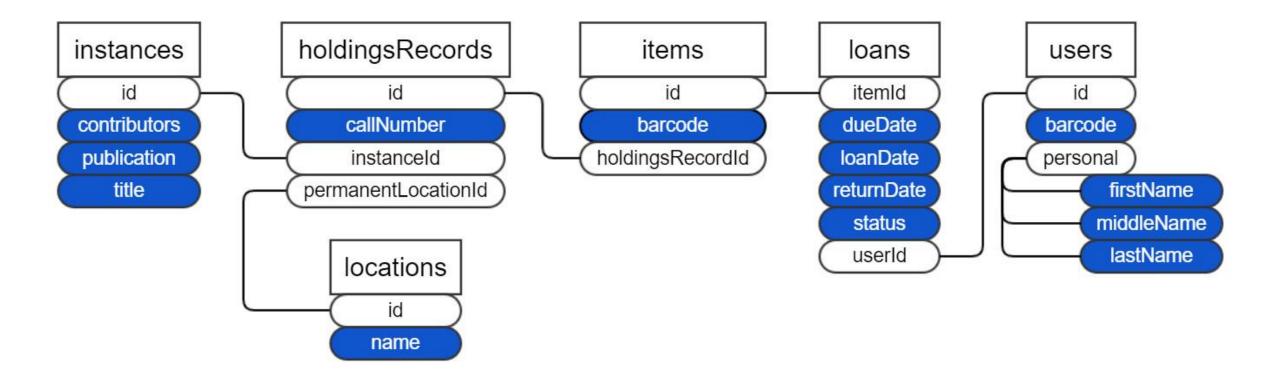








- **GET -G -d 'limit=1000' /locations** provides location ids and names so that the permanentLocationId can be translated
- **GET /item-storage/items?query=barcode=="\$barcode"** provides holdingsRecordId, itemId, and status.name
- GET /holdings-storage/holdings/\$holdingsRecordId provides callNumber, instanceId, and permanentLocationId
- **GET /instance-storage/instances/\$instanceld** provides title, contributors(s), and publication info
- **GET /circulation/loans?query=itemId=="\$itemId"** provides dueDate, loanDate, returnDate, status.name, and userId
- **GET /users?query=id=="\$userId"** provides patron's name and barcode
- Perl sorts the loans on loanDates
- JavaScript hides the loans from view and displays them on demand



delete items or update periodicals

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While weeding our periodicals we found that the UI can only delete one item at a time. We were weeding a lot of items and updating our holdings statements. So many clicks! So little time!

via the UI

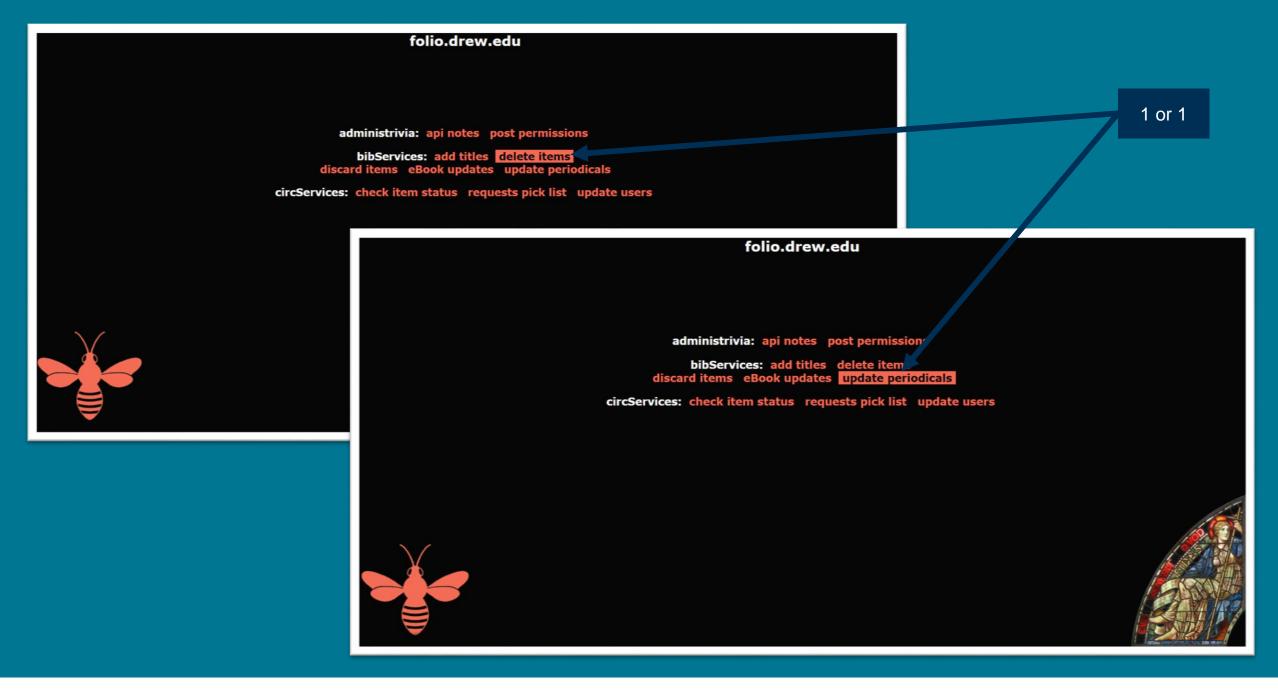
- 1. Apps
- 2. Inventory
- B. Search...
- 4. Select
- 5. Open holdings accordion
- 6. Click on barcode
- 7. Actions
- 3. Delete
- 9. Delete

rinse and repeat 5-9

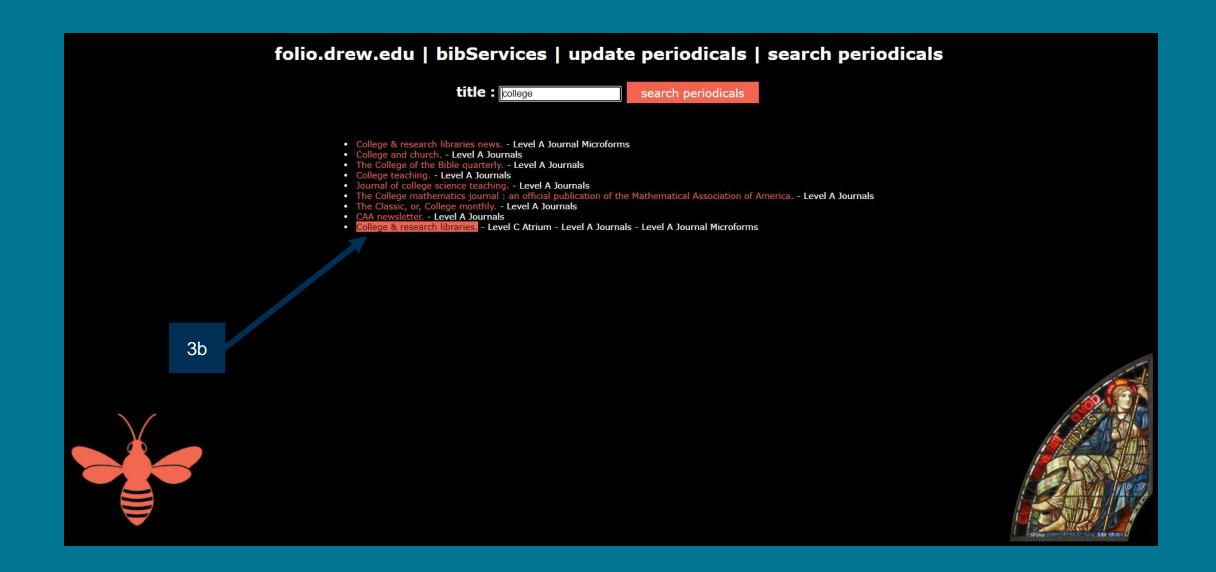
(total items x 5) + 5 = total clicks

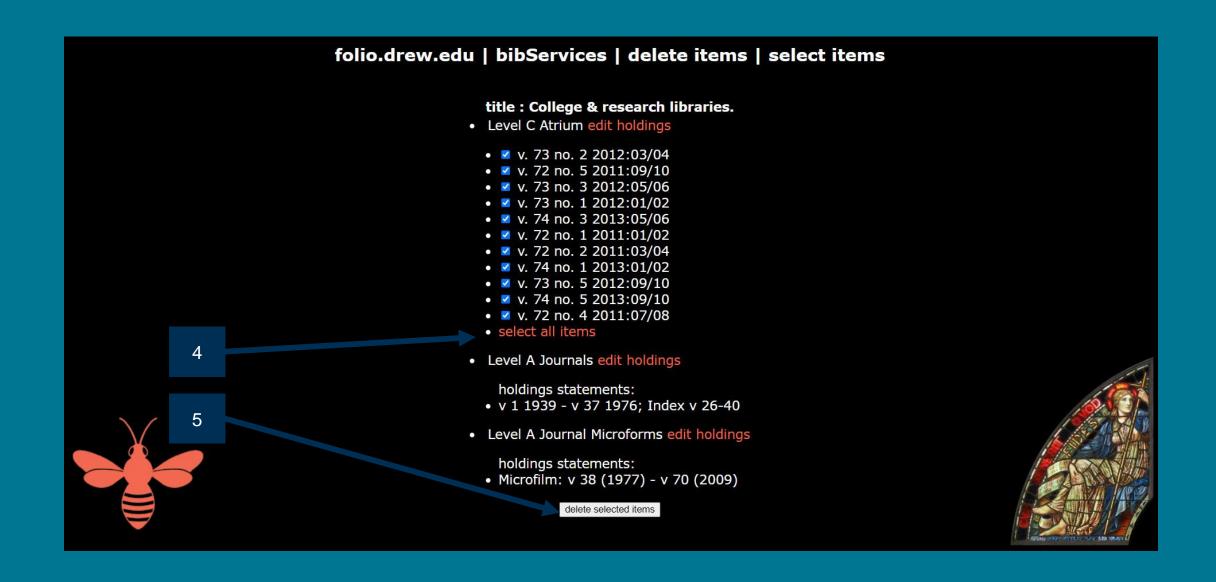
via the web app

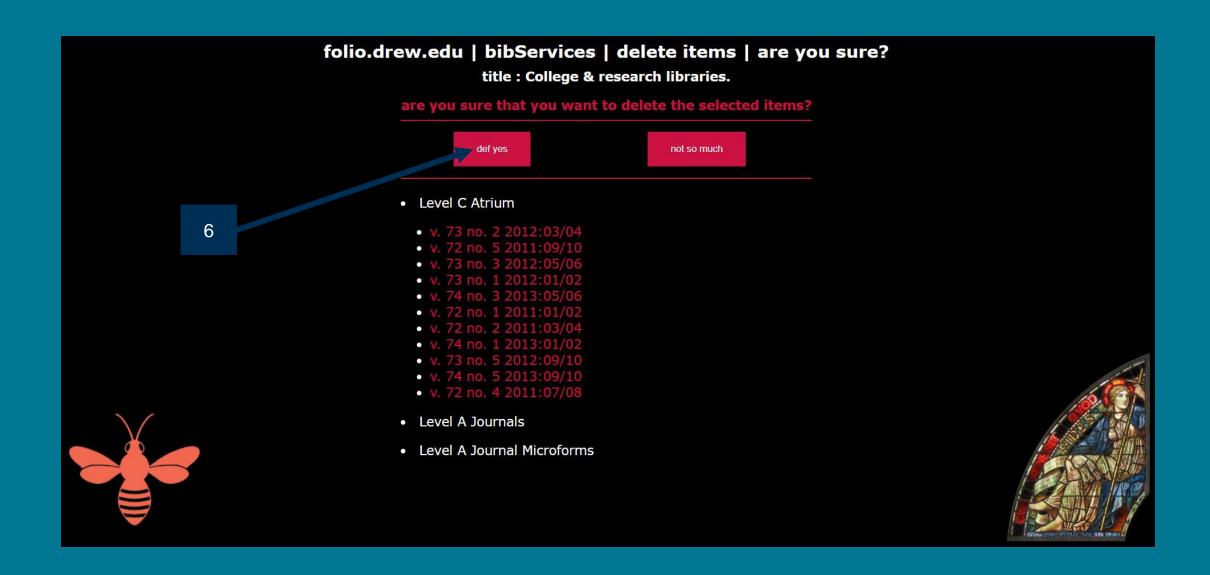
- 1. delete items
- 2. enter and instance hrid (or search periodicals)
- 3. Next...
- 4. select all items (or otherwise be particular)
- 5. delete selected items
- 6. are you sure?











Re searchPeriodiclas.pl

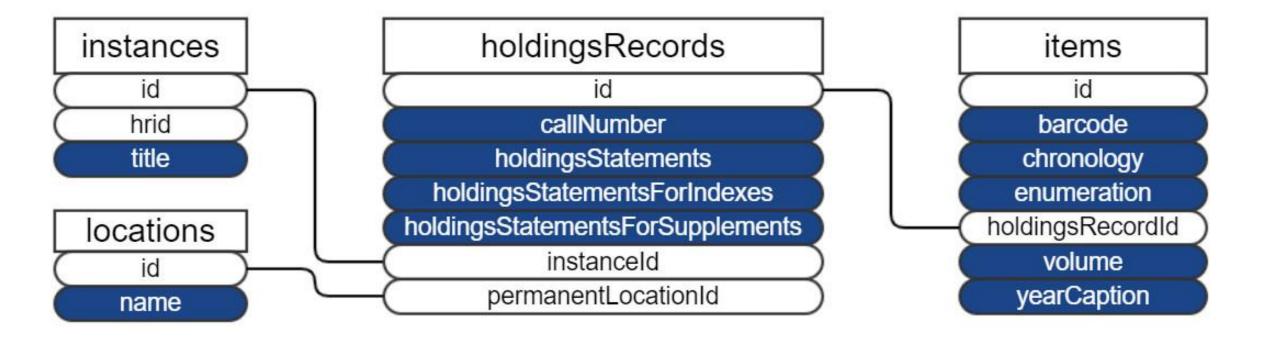
- GET /search/instances/ids?query=title="\$query" just returns instancelds
- **GET /instance-storage/instances?query=id=="\$instanceId"** provides titles HRIDs
- GET /holdings-storage/holdings?query=instanceId=="\$instanceId" provides permanentLocationIds (we only want periodical locations)

Re selectItems.pl's:

- GET /instance-storage/instances?query=hrid==\$hrid which provides the instanceId and the title
- **GET /holdings-storage/holdings?query=instanceId==\$instanceId** which provides the callNumber, holdingsRecordId, holdingsStatements, and permanentLocationId
- **GET /item-storage/items?query=holdingsRecordId==\$holdingsRecordId** which provides the itemId, barcode, chronology, enumeration, volume, etc.

Links to the UI provide an opportunity to edit holdings statements and javaScript enables all items to be selected at once. The hrid along with the UUIDs of selected items are then sent to are YouSure.pl which, if you are sure, forwards the itemIds to deleteItemsAPI.pl which then, for each UUID...

DELETE /item-storage/items/\$itemId



eBook updates

eBook updates

We want our eBook (& eVideo) subscriptions, DDA packages, etc to be discoverable in our Locate OPAC so this web app creates instances, holdings, and items that can be removed if/when DDA titles get dropped or a subscription is cancelled. New titles are added to a queue to be loaded from the command line. Old titles can be removed directly via the web app.

via the UI

via the web app

- 1. eBook updates
- 2. select a vendor

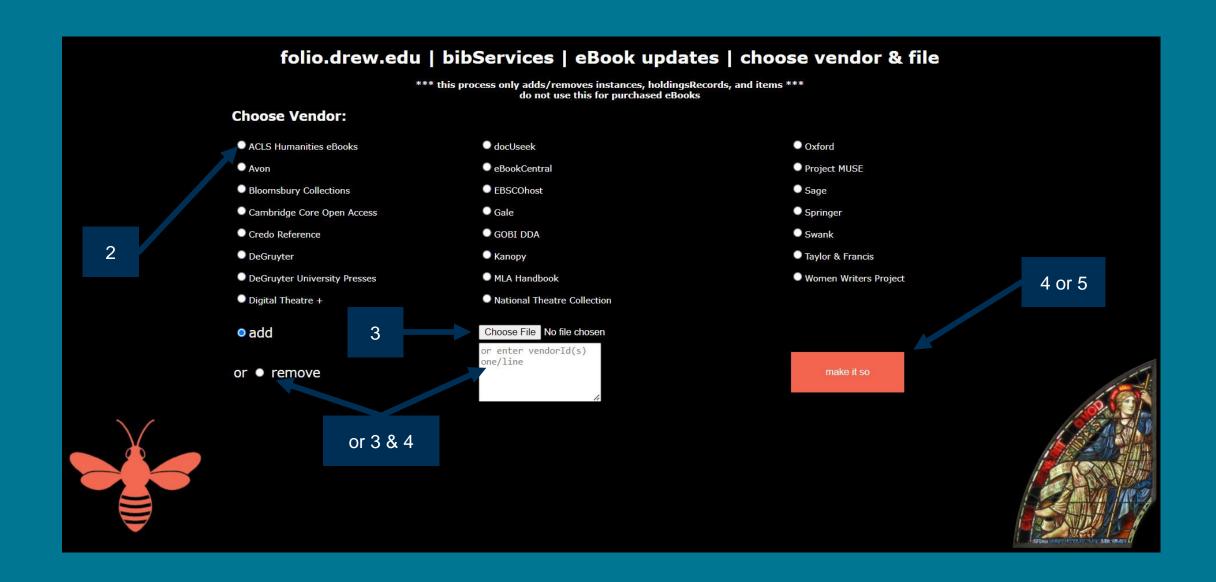
for new titles:

- 3. choose a file
- make it so

For old titles:

- 3. remove
- 4. make it so
- 5. enter vendorld(s)
- 6. remove item(s), holdingsRecord(s), and instance(s)

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the following MARC files are now in the queue:

- 1. all_changes-delta-Apr-2023--May-2023.zip from Avon
- 2. CredoReferenceMarcRecords (5).mrc from Credo
- 3. CredoReferenceMarcRecords (6).mrc from Credo
- 4. heb_update_2023-02-14.mrc from acls
- 5. heb_update_2023-03-11.mrc from acls

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3 instances (and holdingsRecords (and items)) have been removed







if, after selecting a vendor, a file is chosen for "add":

- The vendor code is prepended to the filename which is then added to a queue for overnight processing which will
 - POST JSONs to /instance-storage/instances (instance.source = vendorCode), /holdings-storage/holdings, & item-storage/items
 - store the relevant vendorld, instanceld, holdingsRecordld, & itemId in a MySQL table named eBookUpdates.folioUUIDs

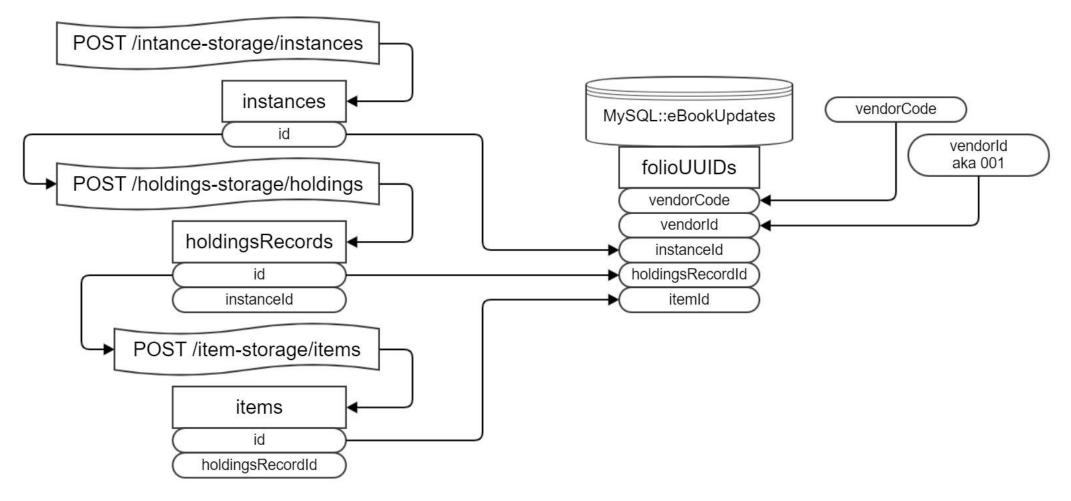
if "remove" is selected and vendorlds are listed in the textarea:

- SELECT itemId, holdingsRecordId, instanceId FROM eBookUpdates WHERE vendorCode=\$vendorCode and vendorId=\$vendorId
- DELETE /item-storage/items/\$itemId
- DELETE /holdings-storage/holdings/\$holdingsRecordId
- DELETE /instance-storage/instances/\$instanceId
- DELETE FROM eBookUpdates WHERE vendorld=\$vendorld

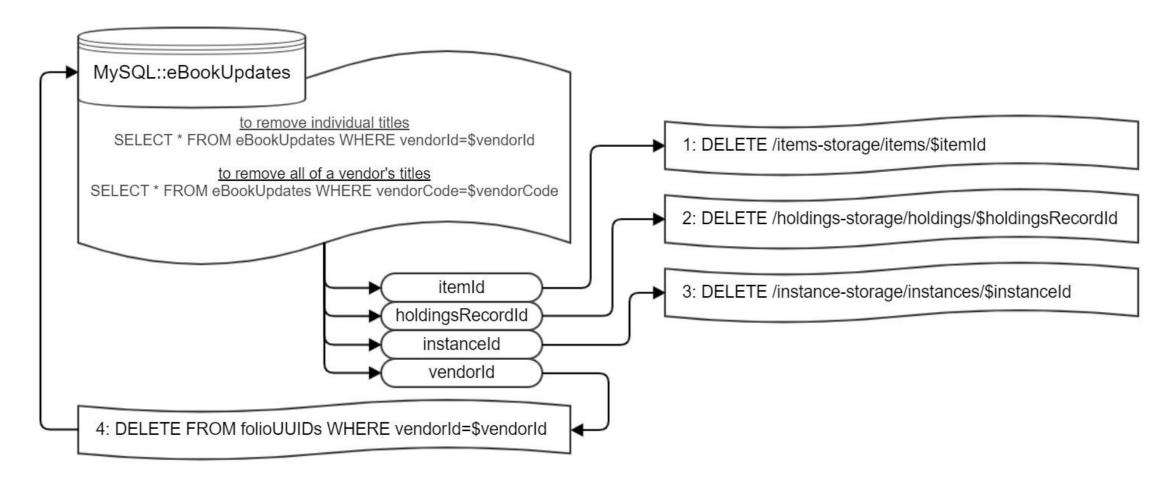
if "remove" is selected and an asterisk is entered in the textarea (aka remove all instances for that vendor):

- SELECT itemId, holdingsRecordId, instanceId FROM eBookUpdates WHERE vendorCode=\$vendorCode
- etc, etc, etc...

how it works : adding eBooks



how it works : removing eBooks



update users

update users

Every once in a while we change fixed due dates and expiration dates for employee (faculty and staff), or student patronGroups. It isn't a big deal to change due dates in the UI but changing user expiration dates en masse is not an option, so, might as well do both and make have the "make it so" form guess what those patronGroups and relevant dates should be.

via the UI

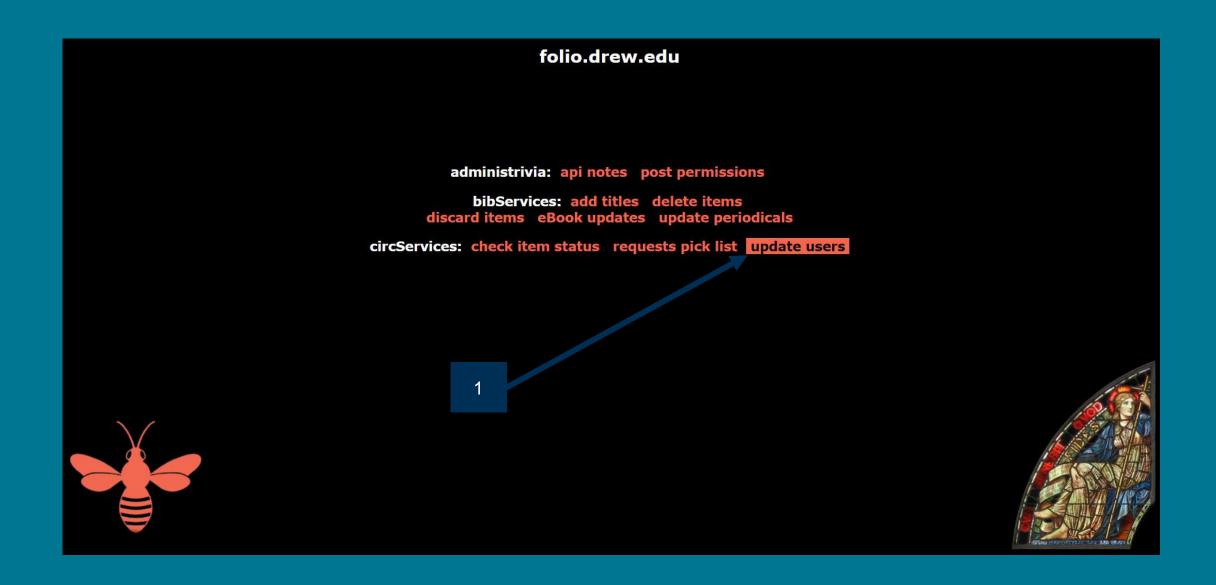
re due dates

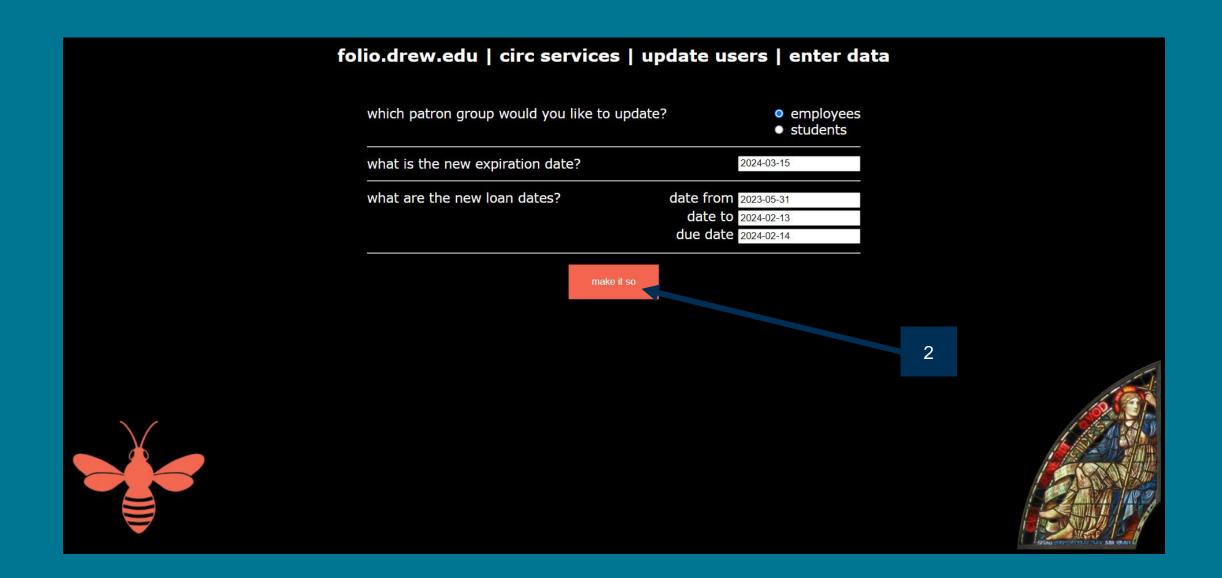
- Apps
- **Settings**
- Circulation
- Loans:Fixed due date schedules
- Faculty due date
- Edit
- change Date from
- change Date to
- change Due date
- Save & Close

re user expiration dates n/a

via the web app

- update users
- change dates, maybe
- make it so





The enterData.pl form knows what day it is and makes an educated guess re which patron group you want to fuss with and what the new due and expiration dates should be. You can, of course, change anything that it doesn't get right.

Re expiration dates:

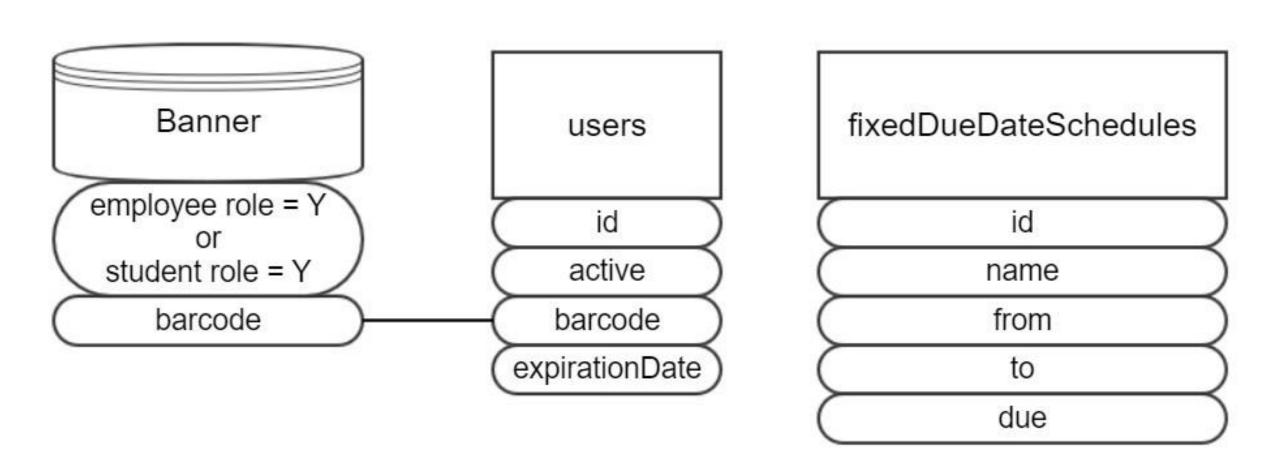
- If a person currently has either an employee or a student "role" in Banner (and matches the patronGroup in question):
- 1. GET /users?query=barcode==\$barcode returns a JSON document which, after massaging with regex to replace...
 - "active":false with "active":true, and
 - the old expiration date (whatever it is) with the new expiration date
 - ...can be used to replace the user record via:
- 2. PUT -d '\$json' /users/\$userld

Re due dates (aka fixed due date schedules):

- 3. GET /fixed-due-date-schedule-storage/fixed-due-date-schedules?query=name="faculty*" returns a JSON document which, after massaging with regex to replace...
 - "from": "2023-02-03T00:00:00.000+00:00", with "from": "2024-02-03T00:00:00.000+00:00",
 - "to": "2024-02-14T04:59:59.000+00:00", with "to": "2025-02-14T04:59:59.000+00:00",
 - and "due": "2024-02-15T04:59:59.000+00:00" with "due": "2025-02-15T04:59:59.000+00:00"

...can be used to replace the fixedDueDateSchedules record via:

4. PUT -d '\$json' /fixed-due-date-schedule-storage/fixed-due-date-schedules/\$fixedDueDateScheduleId



add titles (along with a call number and a barcode)

add titles

This web app boils the questions that need to be answered down to the minimum and makes educated guesses for most of those leaving little for the librarian to do other than scan a barcode.

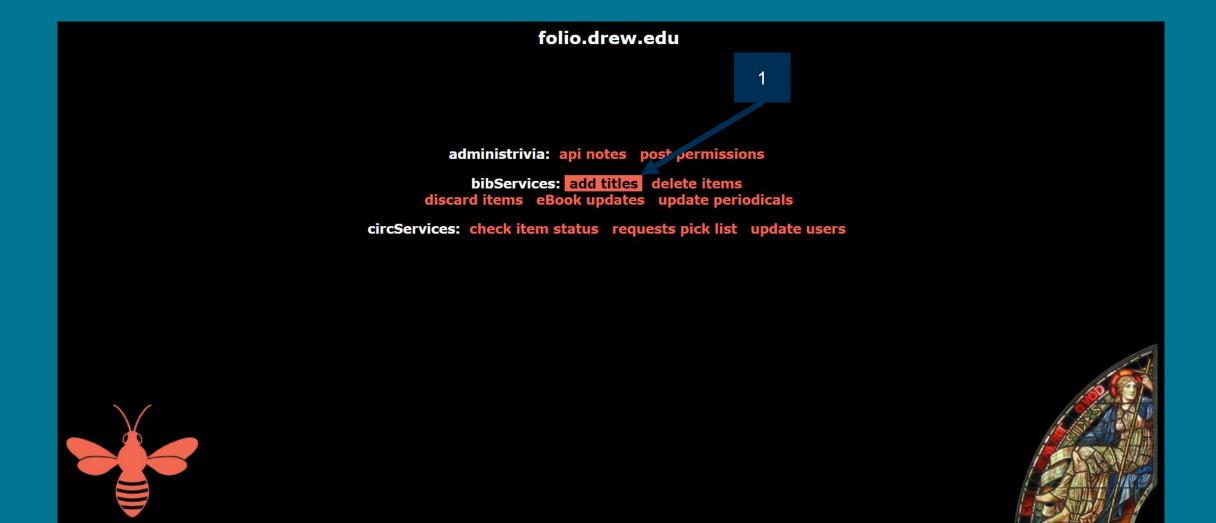
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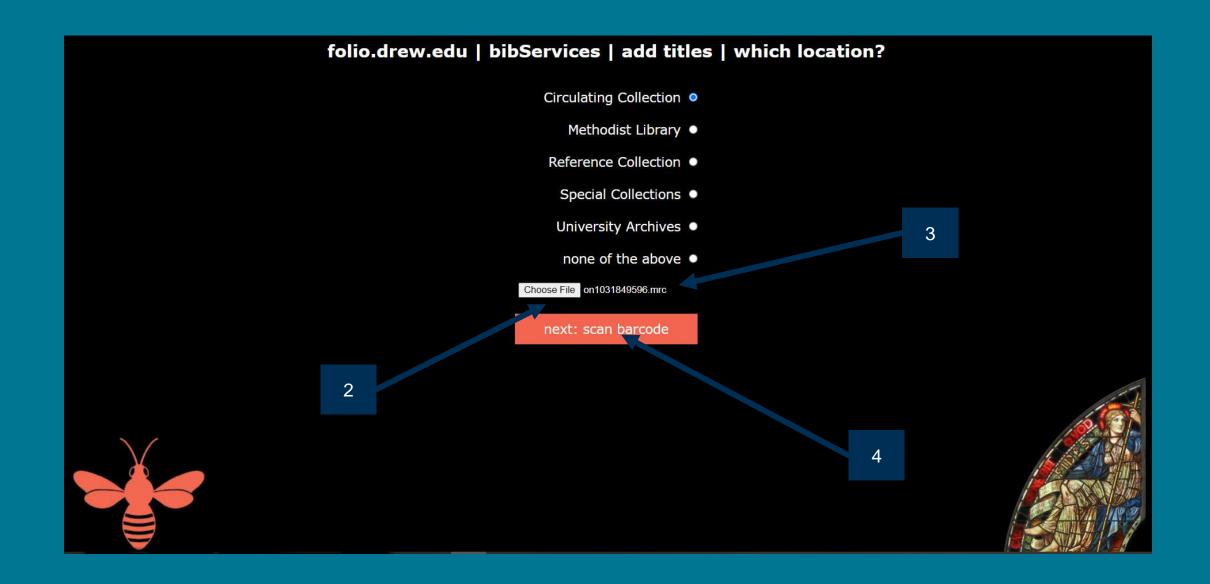
- 1. Apps
- 2. Data import
- choose files
- 4. browse, select, Open
- 5. select Job profile
- 6. Actions
- 7. Run
- 3. Run
- 3. click File name
- 10. click "Created"
- 11. Add holdings
- 12. open Permanent location select box
- 13. select location
- 14. open call number type select box
- 15. select call number type
- 16. enter call number
- 17. Save and close
- 18. Add item
- 19. click on the barcode text box
- 20. scan the barcode
- 21. open material type select box
- 22. select material type
- 23. scroll down

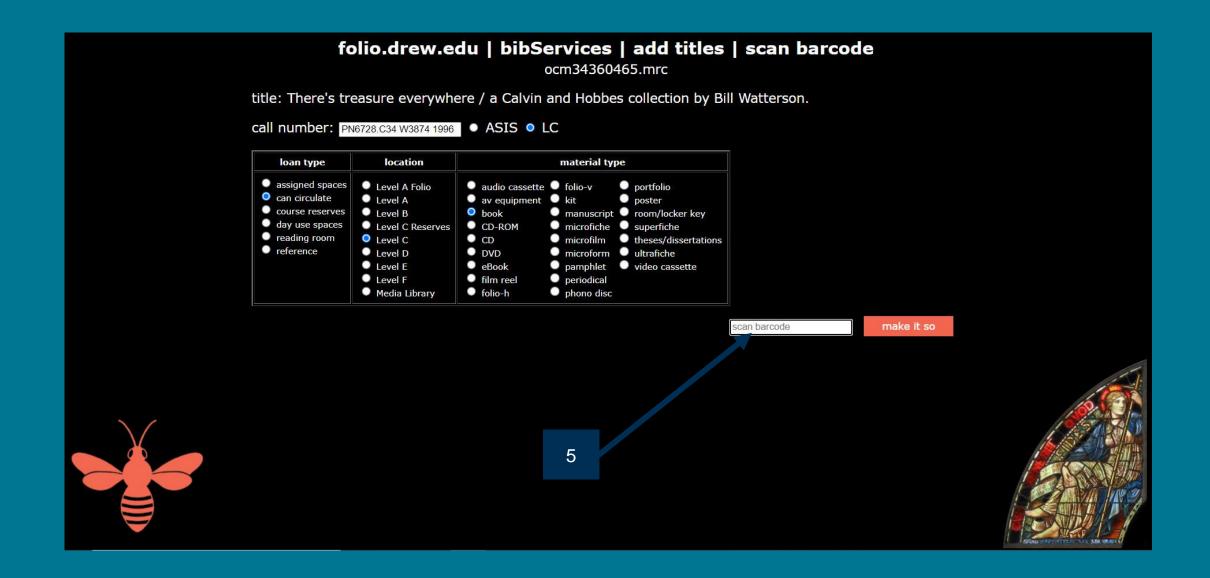
- 24. open permanent loan type select box
- 25. select loan type
- 26. Save and close

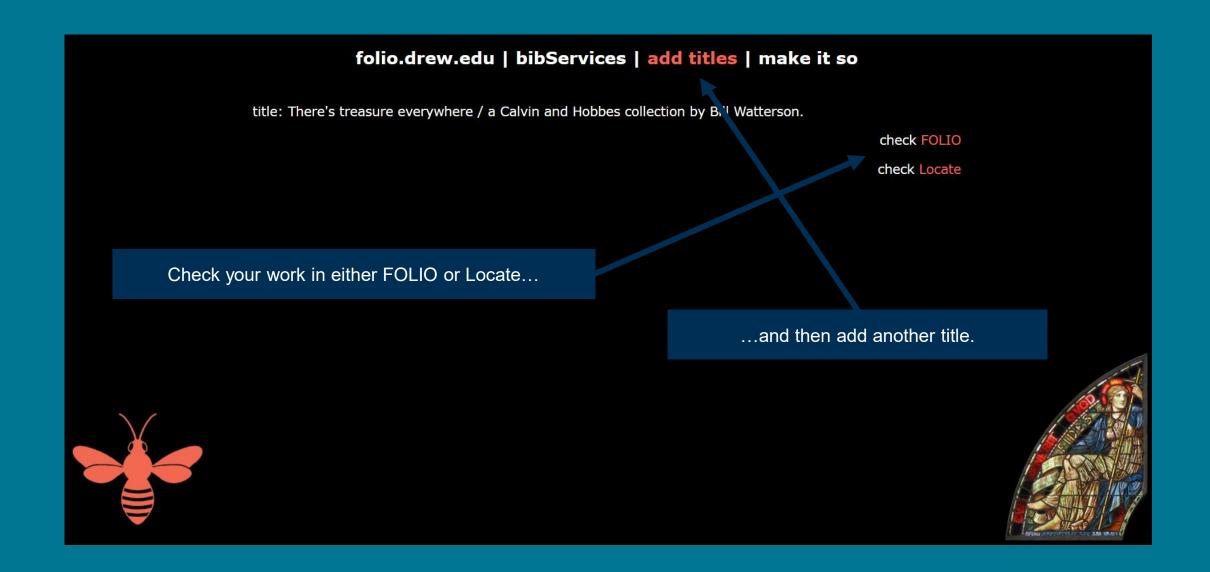
via the web app

- 1. add titles
- select location, maybe
- 2. Choose file
- 3. browse, select, Open
- 4. next
- double check the
 - call number
 - call number type
 - loan type
 - Location
 - material type
- 5. Scan the barcode
- make it so









- chooseFile.pl collects the \$locationGroup from whichLocation.pl
- scanBarcode.pl displays the title and puts the call number that is in the 050 in the call number text box
- for the circulating collection there is logic that looks at the call number to determine what the location should be
- the call number type (LC), loan type (can circulate), and material type (book) are simple defaults
- makeItSo.pl saves the MARC as [username].mrc and then...
- POST -d '{"fileDefinitions":[{ "name":"[username].mrc" }]}' /data-import/uploadDefinitions this creates an uploadDefinition which supplies an \$uploadDefinitionId, \$fileDefinitionsId, and \$jobExecutionId
- POST -d @[username].mrc /data-import/uploadDefinitions/\$uploadDefinitionId/files/\$fileDefinitionsId this actually uploads the MARC to the server
 - * this requires -H 'Content-type: application/octet-stream' rather than the usual -H 'Content-type: application/json' *

- With the help of regular expressions replace the metadata in the \$uploadDefinition with the necessary jobProfileInfo including the id, name, and datatype
- 3. POST -d '\$uploadDefinition' /data-import/uploadDefinitions/\$uploadDefinitionId/processFiles
 this tells FOLIO to get the job, Create instance and SRS MARC Bib, done but it takes a moment, so...
- 4. GET /metadata-provider/jobLogEntries/\$jobExecutionId
- ...repeats itself, and counts Mississippis, until the value of totalRecords is greater than zero. Once that's done the entry will supply the \$sourceRecordId so that...
- **5. GET /source-storage/records/\$sourceRecordId**, which also requires counting Mississippis, can supply the \$instanceId and...

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...a simple $json can be assembled:

"instanceId":"$instanceId",

"callNumber":"$callNumber",

"callNumberTypeId":"$callNumberTypeId",

"permanentLocationId":"$locationId"
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6. POST -d '\$json' /holdings-storage/holdings then creates the holdingsRecord and supplies the \$holdingsRecordId

• another simple \$json can then be assembled to create the item record:

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"holdingsRecordId":"$holdingsRecordId",
"barcode":"$barcode",
"materialTypeId":"$mtypeId",
"permanentLoanTypeId":"$loanTypeId",
"status" : {"name" : "Available"}
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- 7. **POST -d '\$json'** /item-storage/items then create's the item and Bob's your uncle.
- links into FOLIO and Locate are then provided so that you can check your work

