

Future of Library Automation

Vendor announced they will be dropping support for C Client

Sirsi/Dynix, the vendor for the INFOhio library automation software, has announced they will no longer support the current client we are using after the GL3.2 software upgrade targeted for release in Summer 08. Therefore, it is necessary for INFOhio to begin migrating all users across the State off the current client and onto the new Java Client being released.

INFOhio has begun a pilot phase for the migration and has already migrated some schools in the State to the beta version of the new Java client. LACA will not be migrating our schools to the new client until the pilot phase has been completed and the final “Gold” release of the client is made available.

Updated Workstation Specifications

The following updated workstation specifications have been provided to us from the vendor:

WorkFlows Release	OS/Platform	Processor	RAM	Disk Space for WorkFlows	Monitor Resolution	TCP/IP network
WorkFlows GL3.1 Java™ Client	Windows 2000, XP, or Mac OS X (Tiger 10.4.* and higher plus JRE 1.5 required)	Minimum: 700 MHz Suggested: 1 Ghz	Minimum: 256MB Suggested: 512MB	100MB	1024 x 768 or better	Y
WorkFlows GL3.1 C Client	Windows 95, 98, XP, NT, 2000	Pentium	128MB	20MB	800x600 or better	Y

Note 1: On workstations running the WorkFlows Java™ client, SirsiDynix recommends setting the virtual memory association to equal twice the amount of physical memory, at minimum. Please work with your PC administrator to check the virtual memory setting on each workstation running the WorkFlows Java™ Client, and increase the memory if necessary.

Note 2: WorkFlows Java will **not** affect OPAC stations, which will continue to require the ability to support current browser versions of Internet Explorer or Netscape.

Most of the changes to the specs affect MAC clients versus PC clients. The two main changes for PC clients is the increase in disk space needed to run Workflows and also doubling the virtual memory.

NOTE: Staff will still be required to have Administrative Rights to the workstation in order to run the Java Client.

LACA Implementation Plan

LACA Server Upgrades

This summer we will be upgrading our Unix server to the GL3.1 software release which supports the new Java Client.

Site Visits and Installs

Beginning Fall of next year we will begin scheduling site visits to install the new Java Client on the administrative workstations in each of our libraries. We will be contacting the librarian in the building along with the Technology Coordinator to setup a time to install the client and do initial testing. It will be necessary for the Technology Coordinators to make the virtual memory change to the administrative workstations in the libraries prior to the site visits.

Migration Schedule

It is our plan to develop a migration schedule similar to how we did the conversion from MultiLIS to Sirsi. We will be assigning Districts to a migration group and will be bringing up one group at a time during the second semester of next school, pending the final release of the Java Client from the vendor.

Training

Librarians in each of the buildings will need to be re-trained on the new client. We are anticipating one full day of training for each of the migration groups.