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Alternative Import Workflow for Inventory Data beyond CBS

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CBS / CBS2FOLIO

Central Union Catalog (CBS) as common cataloguing tool

- ~ 500 German libraries
- ~ 80 million title records (~ 230 million ownerships)
- ~ 15 million authority records
- 2021: 1.3 million new records
- ~ 80 % takeover of third party bibliographic data
- In most cases just local information needs to be added (call number, barcode ...)

CBS as data source for the local library systems

Real-time update

CBS2FOLIO

• Set of components to populate FOLIO inventory storage (instances, holdings, items) with CBS metadata



GBV - Gemeinsamer Bibliotheksverbund

Common Library Network of the German States Bremen, Hamburg, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Niedersachsen, Sachsen-Anhalt, Schleswig-Holstein, Thüringen and the Foundation of Prussian Cultural Heritage (middle blue)

SWB – Common Library Network of the German States Baden-Württemberg, Saarland, Sachsen (dark blue)



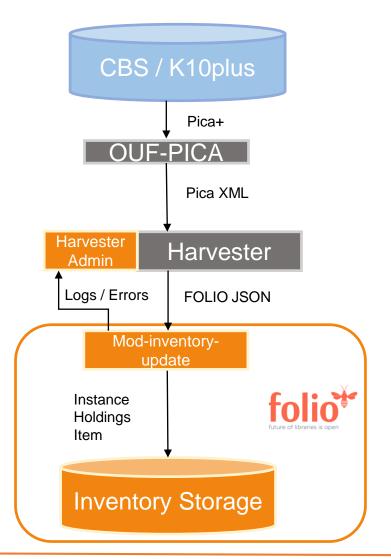


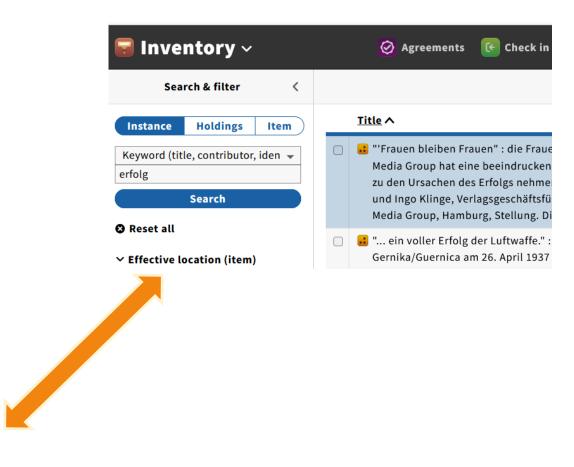
Library Systems in GBV Consortium

- CBS
 - Shared cataloguing
 - Interlibrary loan
 - Metadata source for Discovery
- Local Library System (currently OCLC LBS4, future FOLIO)
 - ERM
 - Acquisition
 - Circulation
- Not all CBS data is relevant for FOLIO
 - Selection of fields and records -> no authority records, no subject headings
 - Just a minimum of relations between different titles



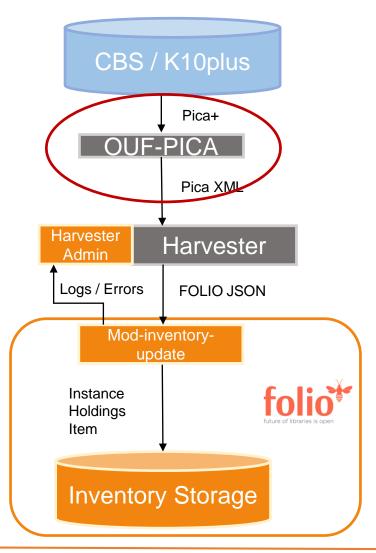










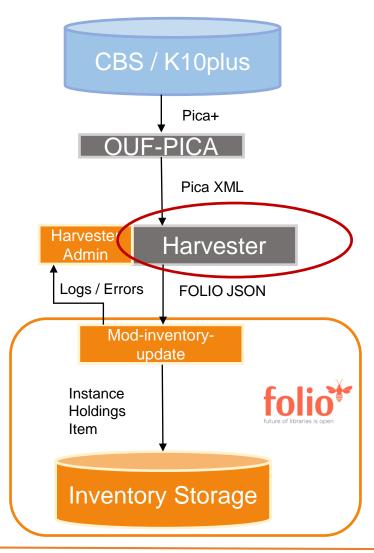


OUF-PICA

- fetches records from CBS using the CBS OUF tools
- calculates the record status (upsert or delete)
- converts Pica+ to XML
- controls the Index Data Harvester







Harvester / localindices

- Its primary use is harvesting of bibliographic records and its holdings
- Can read data from a variety of data sources
- Transforms the data through highly configurable XSLT based transformation steps and pipelines
- Stores the transformed data to storage systems like Solr databases or FOLIO Inventory
- Harvest job definitions, scheduling, and transformation pipelines are configured in a MySQL database
- https://github.com/indexdata/localindices





Harvester: Transformation via XSLT

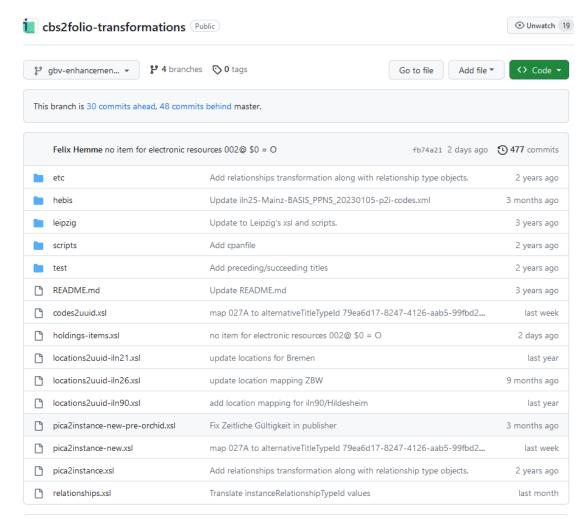
Example for XSLT transformation steps



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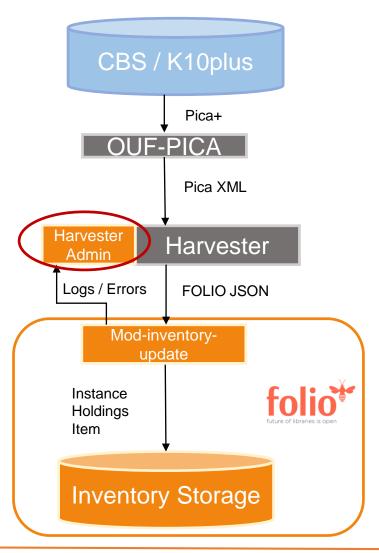
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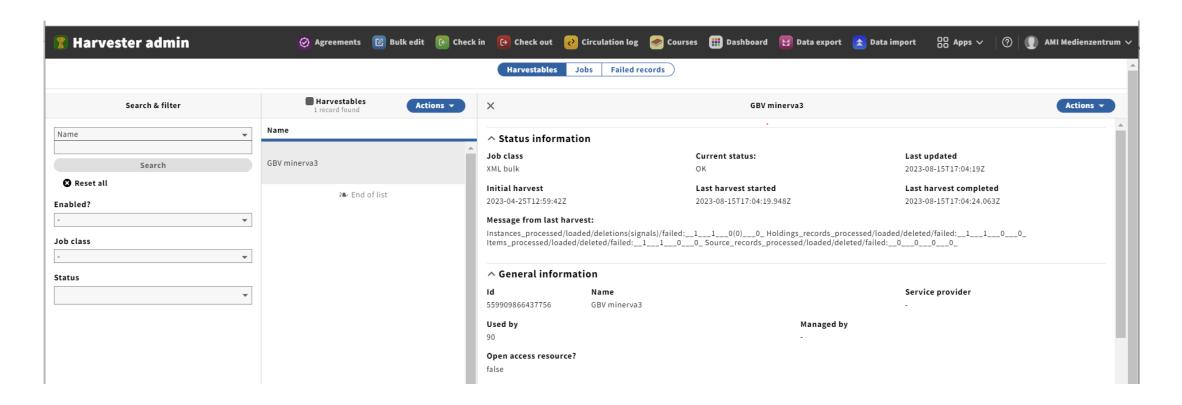
- mod-harvester-admin
 - Okapi service that can be put in front of Harvester
 - Provides FOLIO based access to control the Harvester
 - https://github.com/indexdata/mod-harvester-admin
- ui-harvester-admin
 - Provides an FOLIO/JSON based interface to the configuration database that FOLIO clients (like a Stripes UI) can use
 - https://github.com/indexdata/ui-harvester-admin





mod-harvester-admin / ui-harvester-admin

 Harvester-admin provides an FOLIO/JSON based interface to the configuration for managing harvest jobs (Harvestables)

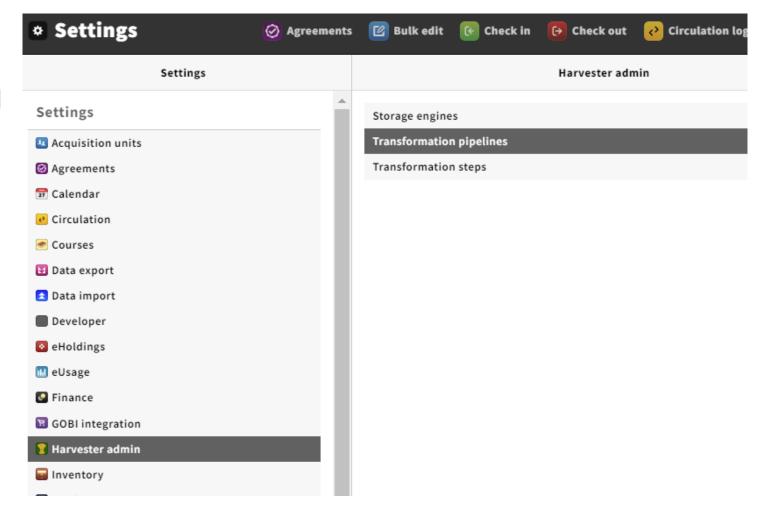






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- ... for managing the
 - Storage Engines
 - Transformation Pipelines and
 - Transformation Steps

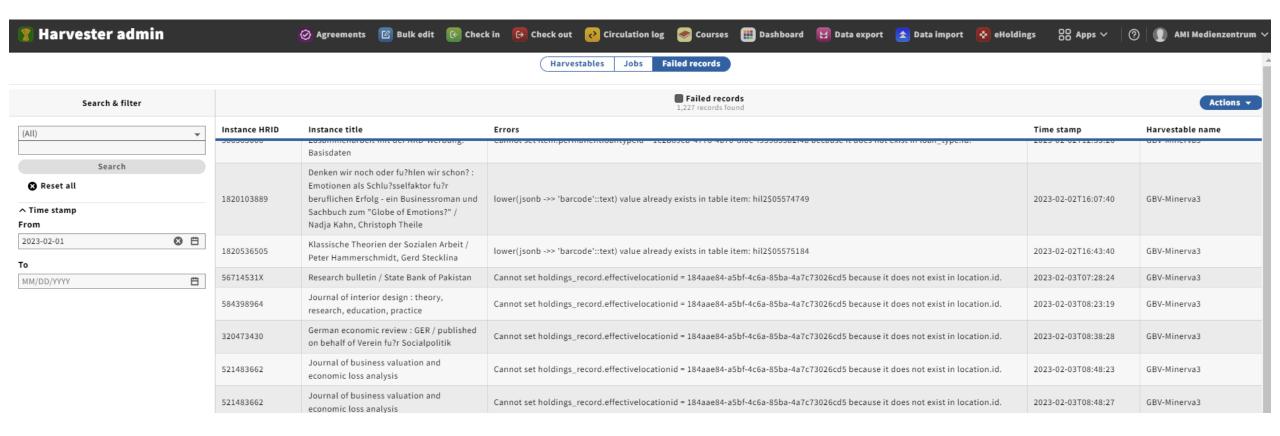






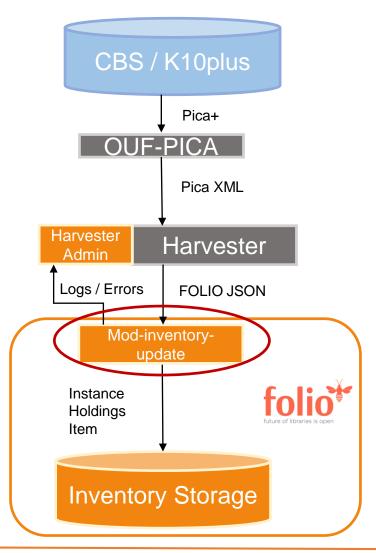
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... for monitoring logs and error reporting









- mod-inventory-update (MIU)
 - Okapi service in front of mod-inventory-storage (Inventory Storage) for populating the storage with instances, holdings and items
 - https://github.com/folio-org/mod-inventory-update

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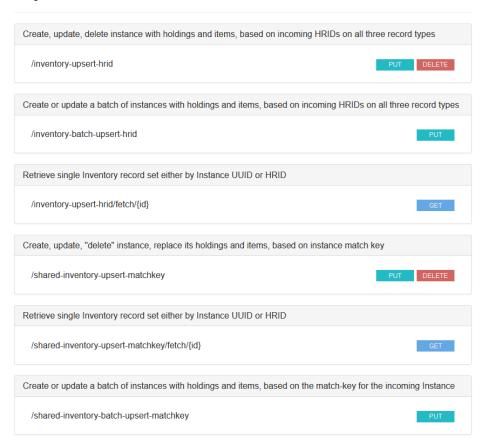
- Accepts GET, PUT and DELETE requests
- 2 matchkeys (each also with batch process)
 - inventory-upsert-hrid / inventory-batch-upsert-hrid (GBV)
 - shared-inventory-upsert-matchkey / shared-inventory-batch-upsert-matchkey
- Provisional instance created when related instance does not exist yet
- Control record overlay on updates / Prevent MIU from overriding existing values

Inventory Update version v1.0

http://localhost

Inventory update APIs

Provides various schemes for creating, updating and deleting instances, holdings records and items in Inventory storage



https://s3.amazonaws.com/foliodocs/api/mod-inventory-update/r/inventory-update.html





Performance and Scalability

- Stable and sufficiently fast processes for the initial loading of a tenant's data and the real-time update
- Example: State and University Library Bremen
 - Initial loading: 6.75 hours for 18.8 million instances, holdings and items Average: 773 records / second
 - Real-time update: 2 hours for 1,5 months of changes in the CBS production system



CBS2FOLIO in a nutshell

- Functionality to import non-marc records into inventory
 - Record types such as json or xml are possible
 - 24/7 real-time update
 - Consistent results / controlled overriding of existing values
- Good Performance and Scalability
- Flexible Mapping by XSLT
- 2 matching processes (HRID or matchkey, each also with batch process)
- All CRUD processes are implemented (create, read, update, delete)
- Logging that allows the user to troubleshoot
 - Identifiers are given
 - Error messages are understandable
 - Clean up of the log file planned
 - Information about a hanging job and the last loaded record
- No connection to SRS yet, no authority records, minimum of relations between records



CBS2FOLIO -> thirdPartySystem2FOLIO?

- The software we developed provides the ability to connect a CBS based union catalog to FOLIO Inventory, but is not limited to CBS
- Let's take a deeper look at some of the components and possible scenarios





Import scenario

- Functionality to import MARC and non-MARC records
- MARC should be provided in <u>XML serialization</u>
- No limit to file size. Harvester can be configured to spilt large files at defined number of records
- Can load in parallel using multiple harvestables at once
 - A harvestable is a job configuration that holds information about the transformation pipeline, storage, log level, URL to monitor
 - Can be used just once or multiple times, depending on the use case
- Create, update, and delete *Inventory record sets*
 - An *Inventory record set* is a set of records including an Inventory instance, and an array of holdings records with embedded arrays of items



Managing transformations

- Create XSLT mappings for MARC files
- XSLT can be shared and reused across libraries using external services like GitHub or GitLab, including version control
- This enables a collaborative workflow of managing mappings and the technical conversion





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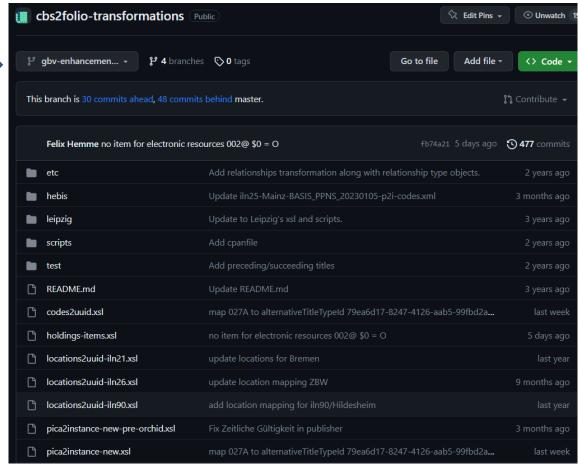
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Excerpt from pica2instance-new.xsl (source and hrid)

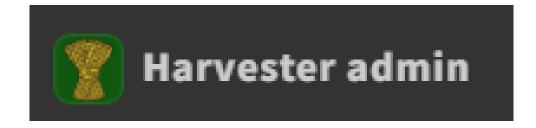








A look at the Harvester admin FOLIO app



Improvements

Some areas of interest might be:

- SRS connection?
- Matchkeys?
- Testloads?
- Use cases?



SRS connection

- Reminder: No connection to SRS yet
- MIU populates into mod-inventory-storage directly
- The Harvester can store original MARC records in a given storage
- SRS records link to their Inventory equivalent by storing their UUIDs in 999's – would need to look up the UUIDs after an import
- Unknowns:
 - Performance when populating SRS
 - Actions taken by SRS on Inventory records





Matchkey methods

- Two matchkeys implemented to match on HRID or an matchkey
- Would potentially need to enhance matchkeys to support matching on ID's like OCLC ID in MARC 035\$a/\$z and on other fields in the Inventory records
- Investigate the need for multiple matchkeys with if/else conditions
- Example:

```
if 035$z matches instanceIdentifierTypeId abc
then update the instance
else if 001 matches hrid
then update the instance
otherwise do nothing
```



Testloads

- Investiage a dry run functionality
- Perform a testload to see if record matching would work as expected
- Preview some statistical data, e.g.
 - Records matched
 - Records created
 - Records updated
 - Records deleted
 - Errors





Summary

- MIU and MHA can be used to connect a CBS based union catalog to Inventory, but they are not limited to CBS as a source.
- The tools are format agnostic; they rely on XSLT transformations and can convert data that is provided in an XML (MARC XML, DC XML, PICA+ XML etc.) or JSON format
- MIU has proven to be reliable when it comes to loading millions of instances, holdings, and items during migration. It is also performant when loading batches of records on a daily basis.
- There is no connection to SRS yet. MIU is connected to mod-inventorystorage directly. If there is interest in pushing (MARC) data into SRS, the workflow has to be enhanced.



Thank you!

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