

Textbook Tracker 4.0.3 Release Notes
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Browser Requirements for Web Workstations

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Overview of Major Features:

Textbook Tracker 4.0.3 is an important maintenance release in the v4 series with several bug fixes. Due to a critical database fix, everyone running Textbook Tracker v4 should upgrade to this version immediately.

Specific Enhancements and Changes:

Database:

* Under certain, unusual circumstances and when a title has more than 50 copies, the copies can become permanently associated with the wrong title. This has been resolved. Although this is a rare occurrence, this can happen to anyone. Everyone running Textbook Tracker v4 should upgrade as soon as possible.

* Enhanced stability.

Circulation:

* Focus will now be returned to the command line after a patron is selected from the homeroom pane of the circulation window, or homeroom window.

Email:

* The email-service now handles delivery errors more expectedly: now only one “ return-to-sender” email is sent and the email in question is properly removed from the send queue.

Export:

* Under certain circumstances, headers could be missing from tab delimited exports. These have been restored.

Import:

* In certain cases, field names could show up improperly, or incompletely labeled in the field mapping dialog. This has been corrected.

Reports:

* Fixed a file conflict error in report generation correcting a "hung" operations manager that some users have reported encountering.

Utilities:

* The Remove Copy Transactions utility has been fixed and when ran the system no longer reports the utility can not be found.

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Textbook Tracker 4.0.2 is a minor release which continues to build on the new technologies and features introduced in the v4 series. With the release of 4.0.2 we are introducing several new features, along with many bug fixes and minor enhancements. Among the major features are the following:

- * Implemented a new Web Workstation module. In v4 we will be completely redesigning the Web Workstation from the ground up with the intent to offer a rich and full featured module with all of the functionality found in the installed Client. v4.0.2 offers the first phases of this redesign with support for circulation, basic patron and item management, and reporting. NOTE: In 4.0.2 the Web Workstation will require FireFox 3+ or Safari 3+ for Mac and Windows. Users may experience problems with IE at this time. IE 7 and 8 will be fully supported in the next major release.
- * Implemented a new Courses module used to assist administrators in tracking patrons that have and do not have all of the required materials for classes or courses they are enrolled in.
- * Implemented Web Admin modules for the Controller product.
- * Implemented support for Operator and Patron authentication via LDAP.
- * Implemented support for receipt printing to Dymo model 400 printers
- * Implemented enhanced operation management for Reports, Utilities, and Exports. In v4.0.2 all operations, scheduled or manually initiated are managed by the operations manager on the server. This new manager governs load and offers a centralized location to monitor and track all operations and their output.
- * Implemented the Textbook Tracker Central Administrator, a tool which allows administrators the ability to manage multiple servers / collections from a single client.
- * Made several improvements throughout the reporting module offering many new options including some new requested report formats and selection / sort options.
- * Improved performance and stability throughout the application.

Specific Enhancements and Changes:

Advanced Bookings:

- * Advanced bookings has been added to Textbook Tracker.

Circulation:

- * Added Change Destination (NT and NTD) commands.
- * Added the reserve (J) command to TT.
- * The ++, !!, + and ! commands now open the associated tab in the patron and item notes windows.
- * Added the homeroom window functionality so patrons can be easily located via homeroom during circulation if desired.
- * Added the Site, Location and Sub-Location information back to the Item Pane of the Circulation window.

- * Printing holds, reservations, or charges via the 'Print' button is now working the same as when printing from the actions menu in these panes.
- * The 'D' command no longer intercepts all barcodes that begin with 'D'.
- * There are now actions menu options to open the transaction log folder in the Finder/Explorer.
- * The license information tab should now populate correctly on clients.
- * Restored patron expired card dialog to check in/check out mode.
- * The payment notes from a lost transaction are now being propagated into the charge description for future reference.
- * The temporary item window now provides a policy dropdown which allows operators to specify the item policy that will be used for the temporary transaction.
- * Added new commands: SC, ST, SA. Similar to the Locate Title "T" command in previous versions, these new "Search" commands allow you to quickly locate an item by Call Number, Title, or Author.
- * Added 'A' (awards) keyword option to 'Assign Keywords' mode. Thus, one can set Award notes on a title using the VA command.
- * Copy alert notes will again display when a copy with such notes is made current.
- * The reason for discard is now added into the copy notes when a copy is discarded.
- * The 'Z' command with notes is working again.
- * Added Check In option when renewing an item with a pending hold.
- * Added message to reservation alert window with the copy barcode of the next available copy.
- * Holds, reservations, and charges panes are no longer allowing multiple selections.
- * Duplicating a title no longer also duplicates the title hold queue.
- * Charges tab/Make payment: If a patron has credit then that credit can be used in the payment.
- * When "Allow check in with confirmation during check out" is set in preferences, Renew is now the default option in the confirmation dialog.
- * Patrons can now have their library cards renewed or activated from the circulation window when the patron expired/not active dialog is shown.

Controller:

- * Implemented a Web Administration module for the Controller.
- * Fixed an issue in the email notification code that prevented all administrators from receiving messages.
- * The Controller now creates a default user on startup (Admin/<serial number>).
- * As a security measure, the Controller now defaults to requiring a user login. Note: this only applies to newly registered data sets.
- * A Workstation client connected to a Data Station in a Controller is now allowed to check for updates. Although the client won't be given the option of an application update, other resources can now be obtained as required.
- * Browsing to a sites list enabled controller no longer saves the users site selection indefinitely unless they opt to "Always use this server" by selecting the check-box labeled such.
- * The Workstation now displays the serial number in the transaction log and the circulation window's title bar when it's connected to a Data Station in a Controller.

* Shared IP addresses and web ports are now displayed for Data Stations running in a Controller.

Courses:

* Added Courses module to Textbook Tracker. This module can be used to assist administrators in tracking patrons that have and do not have all of the required materials for classes or courses they are enrolled in.

Database:

* When updating from pre-v4 versions, the systems data folder will be automatically archived incase needed. The data will be stored in the Textbook Tracker Support folder in an appropriately named sub-directory.

* Restore from Archive has been added to Textbook Tracker.

* Remove archive has been added to Textbook Tracker.

Dictionary:

* The Dictionary window has been added to Textbook Tracker.

Email:

* SMTP server test functionality is now again working properly.

* There is now much more email related information in the primary email log, and much less in the visible transaction log. Once per hour Textbook Tracker will check for email errors, and if there are any, it will write a single transaction log message to inform the operator.

Export:

* Added an export option to limit a MARC record export to 25 copies per record. This option can be used when it is possible a MARC export will exceed the 10,000 character limit. Limiting such an export to 25 copies per title will more often ensure the overall size of the MARC record will be under the size limit. Copies in excess of 25 are addend to a new title record until all copies have been exported.

* Made several fixes in Textbook Trackers export behavior. Exports should now function more reliably and respect all notification and location options.

* Scheduled exports no longer prompt for input when they shouldn't.

* Removed extraneous copy data from MicroLIF exports.

* Preferences export option will now include policies and calendars.

Help:

* Help throughout the application has been enhanced. Many of the help pages on the wiki have been better organized and updated with more current content.

Import:

* Tab-delimited import of item purchase and / or replacement cost information should now work correctly.

* Changes are now saved to the correct advanced import record when changes are made to a saved import operation.

- * Imports that are in progress now respect the Cancel option if selected.
- * Address books can now be imported.

Interface:

- * Image files can now be copied and pasted into image locations.
- * The System Information pane now shows the actual monitor resolution on Windows instead of just the workspace area.

Inventory Helper:

- * The Inventory Helper now recognizes when a user is logged in.
- * Items not inventoried in the review should now report the correct number of items.

Item Management:

- * Modifying the Title replacement cost field in item management now invokes a utility which updates the replacement cost for all copies of that title.
- * The 830 Series tag is no longer displaying twice in Item Management.
- * Audited all MARC tags and subfields and made necessary updates and additions per 2008 / 2009 MARC 21 updates.
- * Enhanced the Item selection window to remember search and search type settings until the management window is closed.
- * When opening the Item window a last modified search is performed as the default selection. When "Filter Results by Site ID code" is set in preferences, this search will implicitly filter for the current site. This means that operators will only get results for items with copies that match the logged in users site code, or have an empty site code.
- * Added additional Item quick-searches to the lower actions menu in Item Management. Such searches include: Most Recently Modified, Most Recently Added, Created Today, Created in the Last Week, Modified Today, Modified in the Last Week.
- * Added additional counters for copy status in the Item Statistics tab. This includes: checked out, lost, on-reserve, in stock hold, discarded, library use, repair, on-order, archived, in-transit and in-transit hold.
- * Made the 'x of y copies available' display on the Item Management window linkable to the Copy List window.
- * We now offer MARC, MicroLIF, Tab-Delimited and the special case 'Texas Library Connection' export options for single record exports from within the item management interface.
- * Display of title and copy sequence numbers has been restored to the Item Management window.
- * Added Copy Sequence Number browse capability to Item Management.
- * Added a link at the bottom of the ISBN editor window to go to the ISBN Calculator/Converter.
- * Added an indicator in the form of a text label for titles that are 'Available at Public Library'. When applicable, this information will appear just below the Title's 'Don't show in Researcher' checkbox.
- * When adding a title through the 'Add Title Assistant', we are now making sure to include the newly added title in the result list in item management.

- * Changed 'Search Result Cap' to 'Search Result Limit' in the Item selection window.

Log:

- * An empty workstation log is no longer created when archiving log files on the server.
- * The login/logout log entries have been enhanced to show the security level (name) as well as the username.

Miscellaneous:

- * We now support Patron or Item picture imports via drag and drop on the Circulation window.
- * ZZRESETPATRONPASSWORDS implements a utility to reset all blank (encrypted blank) passwords to the standard default, the last name.
- * The Patron Attachments feature that existed in Textbook Tracker v3 has been removed for re-design in v4. For those that need access to existing patron attachments, we have created an export function for you. The command is ZZPATRONATTACHMENTS. This command takes a single parameter of 'ALL' or a patron barcode. When ran, this creates a Folder called ZZPATRONATTACHMENTS in the Application's support folder. For each patron processed a subfolder is created. The patron's attachments are placed in this folder. For url attachments, they are placed in a 'URL Attachments' text file.
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Operation Management:

- * Implemented enhanced operation management for Reports, Utilities, and Exports. In v4.0.2 all operations, scheduled or manually initiated are managed by the operations manager on the server. This new manager governs load and offers a centralized location to monitor and track all operations and their output.

Patron Management:

- * The patron details window now prints the correct total replacement costs for checked out items.
- * Enhanced the Patron selection window to remember search and search type settings until the management window is closed.
- * When opening the Patron window a last modified search is performed as the default selection. When "Filter Results by Site ID code" is set in preferences, this search will implicitly filter for the current site. This means that you will only get results for patrons with site codes that match the logged in users site code, or have an empty site code.
- * Added additional Item quick-searches to the lower actions menu in Patron Management. Such searches include: Most Recently Modified, Most Recently Added, Created Today, Created in the Last Week, Modified Today, Modified in the Last Week.
- * Display of patron sequence numbers has been restored to the Patron Management

window.

- * Modified grade field in patron selection window to work like the other similar selection fields.

- * Changed 'Search Result Cap' to 'Search Result Limit' in the Patron selection window.

Preferences:

- * Implemented LDAP preferences necessary to support user authentication via LDAP.

- * The Web-Branding preference pane is not used in TT anymore, and has been removed from the Preferences interface.

- * When editing an address-book the availability options are now "Available" and "Unavailable". Eliminated the Researcher option that does not apply in Textbook Tracker.

- * Textbook Tracker's default DS address book entry should now have the right type - Textbook Tracker Data Station.

- * Added the MARC Search Preference Panes to Edit - System Preferences - Network Services - z39.50 Services. These are used by the Add Title Assistant.

- * Fixed a number of issues in patron grade table. Patron grade information should now be saved more reliably, and patrons should advance as expected when advancing grades.

- * The item policy default fine rate for all standard and user-defined policies is now \$0.00 (zero).

- * The default entry for a new address book is now given the registration name instead of "My Data Station".

- * Corrected several cases where one could encounter problems saving exceptions to new policies that haven't yet been saved.

- * The logout password window is no longer invoked unless the preference requiring a logout password is set.

- * If the next barcode in a users preferences is the same as the next barcode in the systems preferences, changing the user's no longer incorrectly changes the system's as well.

- * The Call Number Policy Mapping preference is now a tab of the Management - Cataloging Preference.

- * The current tab will now be the only tab restored when using the restore defaults function on a preference pane that has multiple tabs.

- * Restoring user and machine preferences to system defaults should now work properly for all preferences in the system.

- * You can now restore Damage Code preferences to defaults.

- * Added a preference for receipt printing to obscure the patrons ID on the receipt. When enabled, if the length of a barcode is < 6, it prints an * for every digit except the last digit of the barcode, which is shown. If it is longer than 5, then it prints an * for every digit save the last 3, which are shown.

- * You can now select multiple entries in the Circulation Groups preferences. Edit or double clicks will edit the first selected item. More importantly, removing will eliminate all selected items.

- * The list of circulation groups now has a counter, a line number for each circulation

group.

- * Disabled the policy check box to limit holds by copy library for non-central union registered installations.
- * An automatic patron utility modifying all patron grades to match grade table settings is no longer being ran when changing level values in the grade table as this was making changes to patron data many users were not expecting.
- * The security report ran from within security preferences now generates a proper report.

Reports:

- * Canceling reports ran from a client no longer cause the client to disconnect from the server. Also corrected many additional situations that could cause clients to unexpectedly lose connection to the server.
- * You are no longer able to open multiple report edit windows at once.
- * Generating PDF reports has been reworked. They should look more similar to printed VWP reports now, particularly in regard to image and barcode image display and placement.
- * Printing landscape PDF reports no longer prompts to adjust paper size and generates a PDF with the correct paper size.
- * VWP reports are again locked by default.
- * Added 2 new patron reports to support the Courses module; "Required Items - Has All" and "Required Items - Missing".
- * Fixed Has Email selection in patron reports.
- * Fixed patron Balance Amount selection in patron reports.
- * Restored title sort and selection option to circulation reports.
- * Fixed Circulation Group Code sort type so sorting by Circulation Groups again sorts as one would expect.
- * Removed custom text dialog from label reports that were using it, and added custom text filed to the report edit window; this solution better supports saved / scheduled label reports.
- * Added Copy Barcode sort option to circulation reports.
- * Added Copy Call Number selection option for circulation reports.
- * Added Copy Serial Number selection option to copy reports.
- * A new operations name is now set only when explicitly saved.
- * Call number can now be omitted from copy barcode labels by deselecting the "Include Call Numbers" checkbox.
- * Added "Print Patron's Name" option to Circulation List - 1 Line Circulation report so users can omit the name if needed for privacy reasons.
- * Renamed Patron SIF updates Patron report appropriately so it could be found by users.
- * Fixed PDF barcode reports so that long titles no longer run onto adjacent labels.
- * Fixed selection error in Authority Control selection list
- * Fixed PDF landscape output in Landscape format reports.
- * Report headers now display selection values for reports with more than one selection.
- * Made many additional formatting improvements throughout the report module.

SIP2:

- * SIP2 Support has been implemented in Textbook Tracker

Utilities:

- * Fixed clear copy history utility.
- * Added option to remove temporary items in remove lost and archived copy utilities.
- * The Replace Information - Purchase Cost / Replacement Cost copy utilities now properly modify Purchase Cost or Replacement cost, respectively.
- * The copy-transfer utilities have been enhanced to support the Renumber Duplicate Copy Number and Use Smallest Available Copy Number features. An undo-script name and file browser option was also added so users can revert changes easily if required.
- * Restored Copy Call Number selection for Circulation Utilities.
- * Added operator export/import capabilities.
- * Scheduled utilities set to archive first will now run properly.
- * The Remove Title utility now sets copies to lost properly.

VWP:

- * Pictures now print properly when printing VWP documents.
- * Fixed text drawing issue in VWP when an initially small VWP window is quickly made larger.

Web Install:

- * Fixed several web install issues, both in and out of controller. As a result, client web installs should now work as expected in most cases.

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Overview:

Textbook Tracker 4.0.1 Controller is now available. Support for running as a service on Mac and Windows has been implemented for stand-alone servers as well as the Controller product. In addition to such systems level features, v4.0.1 offers many additional enhancements as well. Please review the Major Features section below for a more detailed overview of key improvements by category / area.

Major Features:

Controller:

- * Textbook Tracker Controller can now be run as a service on Mac and Windows.
- * The Controller no longer requires its Data Stations to have unique IP addresses.
- * Added a Show Archive Folder button to the controller.
- * The Controller now logs when a Data Station begins running as well as when one is stopped.
- * The Controller window now displays the process ID (PID) for each running Data Station and other helpful information.
- * The Controller again downloads and creates client installer resources on behalf of its Data Stations.

Item Management:

- * Copy replacement cost and purchase cost fields now use and display the correct values when adding or editing copies.

* Adding a copy on a LWS via the unknown barcode window is now working properly.

Web Workstation:

* Made several fixes which should correct many non-functional buttons and options in the Web Workstation.

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Mac OS 10.5+, Windows XP or Vista
G4+, Pentium 4+ (or equivalent)
512 MB of RAM or more
200 MB of Free HD or more
TCP/IP Network

Browser Requirements for Web Workstations

Minimum (recommended)
Internet Explorer 7+ for Windows
Safari 3+ for Mac OS X
1024 x 768 Resolution

Optional
FireFox 3+ and others for both Mac
and Windows

Overview:

Textbook Tracker 4.0.0 is a major release introducing many new features, as well as enhancements to the core technologies, and user interface throughout the application. With the release of version 4.0.0, COMPanion will begin “rolling out” these latest advancements in the Data Station and Workstation products with many updates planned for associated products and modules in subsequent releases. Support for enhancements to the Textbook Tracker Controller and Web Workstation will be available in updates scheduled for release over the course of the coming year.

Major Features:

Program Menus

Textbook Tracker’s menu structure has been organized and arranged to be more concise and user friendly. Textbook Tracker offers several primary menu items where

most features and modules can be found. Key options are noted below:

- 1) Edit - The edit menu contains preferences items.
- 2) Show - The show menu offers access to all primary management modules in the software, including Patron and Item Management.
- 3) Tools - The tools menu offers access to all supporting modules in the software, including Reports and Utilities
- 4) Help - The help menu offers access to the online documentation, updates services, and similar functions.

Circulation

The Circulation window has been modified to better present operators with the available tools and controls pertinent to or accessible from this window. Additionally, many of the features have been audited and streamlined for convenience and ease of use. Textbook Tracker v4 also introduces a new Self Service circulation interface for unattended checkout or bookdrop stations. This mode can be configured to allow for self service checkout, self service bookdrop, or both.

An Offline Mode is also provided at workstations when connection to the data station is temporarily unavailable.

Patron and Item Management

The Patron and Item Management systems offer improvements in the database as well as user interface enhancements which present an improved layout and management tools. Record selection capabilities within these modules has been greatly enhanced to allow for simple record lookups or more complex queries for sets of related records you may need to work with.

Reports

The Textbook Tracker report writer has been extensively modified with emphasis placed on saved operations. In addition to allowing for Ad-Hoc, or on-the-fly type reporting, all reports can now be customized and saved for easy access when needed. All saved reports can also be scheduled so regular operations can be made automatic saving you time for other tasks. Report output can be in PDF or COMPedit format and scheduled reports can be delivered in several different ways including via email or to our new System Reports module, which is accessible from the Tools menu within Textbook Tracker.

Utilities

The Utilities systems have been modified with an emphasis being placed on saved operations. In addition to allowing for Ad-Hoc, or on-the-fly utilities, all utility operations can now be customized and saved for easy access when needed. All utility operations can now be scheduled so regular operations can be made automatic

saving you time for other tasks. Textbook Tracker offered scheduled archive options in past versions, with v4 nearly all available utilities can be configured, saved, and scheduled to run automatically, including Archive and Rebuild.

Export

Textbook Tracker's data export tools have been modified with an emphasis being placed on saved operations. In addition to allowing for Ad-Hoc, or on-the-fly data export, all export operations can now be customized and saved for easy access when needed. All export operations can now be scheduled so regular operations can be made automatic saving you time for other tasks. Export output can be directed to a local file directory or to a remote server via ftp.

Import

The data import mechanism has been improved with an emphasis being placed on saved operations. In addition to allowing for Ad-Hoc, or on-the-fly import of patron and item data, all import operations can now be configured and saved for easy access when needed. All import operations can now be scheduled so regular operations can be made automatic saving you time for other tasks.

Preferences

Preferences have been enhanced with a new user interface which makes the many available settings options easier to find, understand, and use. Many preference options including Policies, Operators, and Security have been revised to offer more control and improved manageability and many new options have been added for licensed users, including SIP2 support. Our new preference model also introduces User Preferences which allow Operators to maintain settings custom to their specific login. This new system completely replaces the Global / Default Local / Local controls that existed in version 3.

Inventory Management

Textbook Tracker version 4 introduces many improvements which should streamline the inventory process. All tools that have existed in the past to manage your sites inventory remain, and we have also implemented a new Inventory Helper under the Tools menu to further simplify the process by centralizing all reporting, status, and utility tools required to complete a successful inventory on a collection or area within a collection.

System and Framework

Textbook Tracker's core technologies have been greatly updated in this release. Several enhancements have been made which will offer users greater performance and system reliability. In addition to these "under the hood" improvements, COMPAnion is introducing some new system tools such as a built in outgoing mail server so Textbook Tracker can send email without the need to configure or load an external, supporting mail system to manage these tasks. Many additional enhancements have been included in this release as well, such as improved support for SIF management and others.

Documentation

In version 4 Textbook Tracker will begin offering extensive online documentation. Located at our online Wiki, Operators will find the Users Manual, Help documents, and technical resources to assist them when learning the system or looking for reference on a particular feature or task. Most Help and other documentation requires an internet connection with COMPanion's Servers. This is provided through port 80 using modern web technologies so there should be no special configuration on the part of your IS department.