

Announcing Docutek ERes v5.0.05

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INTRODUCTION

Docutek is happy to announce the v5.0.05 update for Docutek ERes! Since the initial release of v5 in July 2004 we have received valuable feedback from our users; each of our updates reflects those requests! This version focuses primarily on improving the user interface screens for the patrons, including new icons and a streamlined document loading process. Please see below for a complete description of this update, as well as installation instructions.

PATRON INTERFACE CHANGES

In response to feedback we have received from users we have made a few adjustments to the main patron interface screens. The first change users can now submit their course searches using the enter key on their keyboards; the user no longer has to click on the 'Search' button. Once a student has selected a coursepage they can now hit 'Enter' to accept the copyright statement as well, removing yet another required click.

On the coursepage itself you will notice that we have created many new icons to represent different kinds of information stored within a document. There are unique icons for attached files, a web link, hard copy information or quick text. In addition to the icons on the coursepage we have also added icons for the attached files in the document view window. Now each attached file will have a unique icon based on its file extension: Adobe, Microsoft Office, audio, video, etc.

The final large change for the patron interface is that the document info window (aka intermediate window) can now be turned off in the system settings. When this option is disabled any document that contains only a single attached file (or a single web link) will load automatically from the coursepage. The only case where a patron would see the info window is when a document contains more than one piece of information. The info window will always be shown to faculty and librarians since it contains additional tabs that are admin specific. Please note that the document info window is turned on by default, but this can be changed via the System Configuration screen.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

- Users can now modify all homepage links, including the link to the course and resource index screens. Users can also change the order of the links on the homepage.
- Fixed a problem that allowed users to submit pages that contained invalid dates.
- Added an option that controls the default course index, resource index and coursepage tabs; please contact Docutek Support to change your defaults.
- Fixed a problem that caused uploads to fail when using Netscape 7.1.
- The system will now automatically rename any attached files that contain invalid characters ('', #, /, \, etc) during both the upload and the document view process.
- Fixed a visibility problem for documents located inside a folder or sub-folder.

- Added a system option that will remove the intermediate screen from the document view whenever the document contains only a single attachment, or a single web link.
- Repaired a JavaScript error that caused the preview function in the DocuFAX staging area to fail.
- Added additional help videos (document creation) and content (copyright management).
- Fixed a problem that caused the URL preview link to fail in Netscape 4.x.
- Repaired a problem on the document management screen that threw an error whenever a user had access to zero documents.
- Expanded the external linking function (courses and documents) to include support for both blank and unknown referrers.
- Fixed a problem that was stopping the document posting control notification emails from being delivered.
- Adjusted the course number search so that the system ignores spaces: "MATH101" and "MATH 101" are considered the same.
- Added a system option that specifies if a user is allowed to hit the Enter key to accept the coursepage copyright statement.
- Hitting the Enter key on the course index or resource index screens will now submit your search.
- Improved formatting on the course index and resource index screens so that they will fit on smaller monitors/resolutions.
- Reversed the order of the files in the DocuFAX staging area so that the newest items are at the top.
- Changed the coursepage layout so that each document type has a unique icon; also added format information to the coursepage. Icons were also added to the attached files list in the document info window.
- Fixed a problem that would cause the initial login to fail when the system was accessed via a secondary web address (URL).

INSTALLING THE UPDATE

To install this update ask your server admin to run the "WebUpdate - ERes" icon from the server desktop. If you receive a warning message during the download please wait a minute and try once more, as the download servers may be busy. Follow the instructions that are displayed, and reboot the server if prompted to do so. Once you have run the update it's a good idea to run "WebUpdate - ERes" until you will see a message that says "no sites will be updated"; this shows that you are at the latest release. If you need help, or would like to request the update be applied to your hosted system, please visit our new support form at <http://www.docutek.com/support> to make your request for assistance.

JOIN THE DOCUTEK ERES USER GROUP

If you have not yet joined the Docutek ERes Usergroup, we would recommend doing so. It is the best place to discuss the real-world application of your electronic reserves system, and get recommendations from other users. To join, send an email to ereserves@docutek.com with the word 'Subscribe' in the Subject field.

CLOSING

As always, thank you for your support of Docutek ERes, and for the user feedback that helps improve our system! If you have any comments, questions or suggestions please send them to us via our new support request form at <http://www.docutek.com/support>.

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