



LIB-IT UPDATE



Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2009, where we'll be updating you on all the latest developments at LIB-IT, including our products LIBERO and FILERO. Find out about the advantages of the new version of our software solution FILERO, discover which functions are new and take a look at the additional solutions which make using FILERO even easier. The new version of our library software LIBERO has been available for all customers since July. We'll outline the main highlights of the new version below.

In addition, we're going to be reporting about various new projects and partnerships which have been realized in the past few months. We're particularly pleased to include a user report from SLUB, detailing their experiences with the adaptation of the LIBERO WebOPAC CSS. We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter!

Yours,

Dagmar Causley
Chief Executive, LIB-IT GmbH

FILERO

Here an overview of the latest additions and improvements to be found in FILERO version 1.7.5. There are two brand new products for use alongside FILERO: the import and export program FILEROader and AutoClick, a solution for automated data capture.



The new version 1.7.5. has been available since April of this year and offers numerous improvements. One such development is the ability to specify how many levels of the structure display should be displayed in parallel.

The functions in the administration area have also been expanded, so the administrator can control how FILERO should proceed with the extraction of different file types. For example, the administrator can now switch the extraction feature on or off and can choose to ignore errors in the extraction process while still importing the files into FILERO.

Quick searches have also been enhanced: with the new search attribute @USERNAME, users and administrators can now create quick searches with search strings which automatically include the name of the system user who is currently logged in.

A further highlight is available when working with emails: all attachments of emails can also now be opened in the document pool.

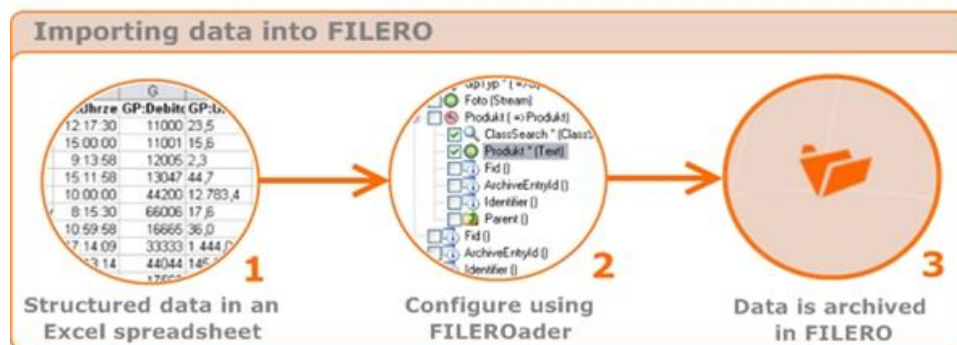
Presenting our new additional program: FILEROader



FILEROader is a new program for importing and exporting structured data to and from FILERO. The data source and/or destination is Microsoft Excel.

The configuration of import and export jobs is based on the archive structure and classes in the FILERO system. Classes and archive names are presented to the user during configuration, meaning that the user is not required to enter them into FILEROader. This saves time and means that errors in the configuration are drastically reduced (for example, typing errors are not an issue).

FILEROader can work with different FILERO systems. FILEROader creates a local database on the client PC, in which both the structure information of the FILERO system (classes, archives etc.) as well as the configured rules for the import and export of data is saved.



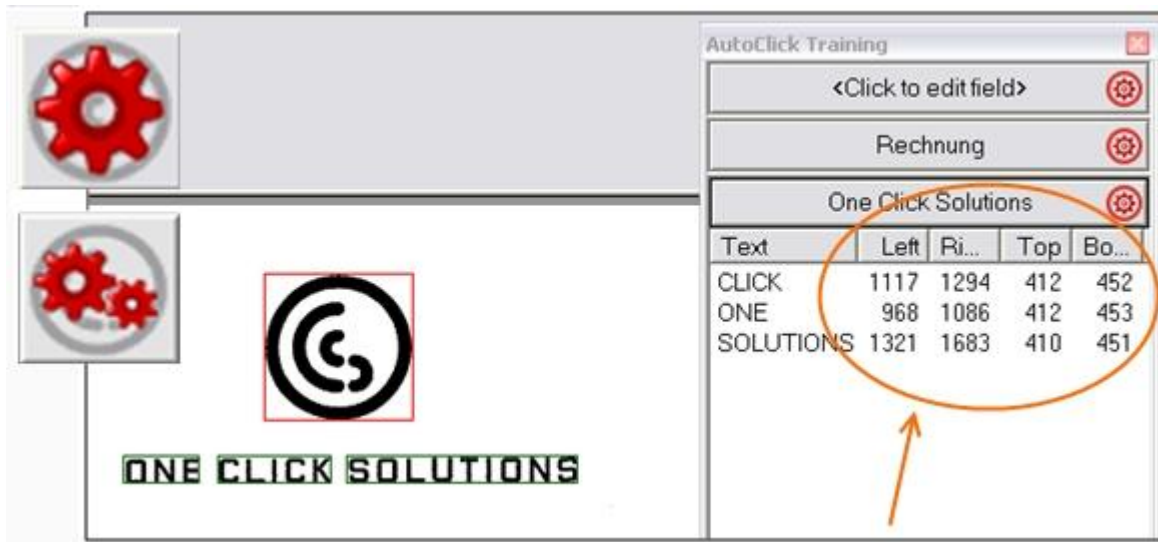
Due to the fact that data is stored locally, protocols and data files containing any data records which were unsuccessfully transferred are created. The import or export process can therefore be carried out again in event of a pause or interruption (from the same point at which the process was interrupted).

The database is created and maintained by the program itself. In principle, this is a single file in which all information is saved. The interfaces which are created are exportable as XML files, so that they can be used by customers as the basis for the creation of a customer-specific API interface.

Request your test licence for FILEROader today. Please email dcausley@lib-it.de

And another innovation: improved connection between ClickReader and FILERO with AutoClick

Automatic data capture is most profitable when the volume of documents regularly comprises lots of documents with the same layout from a single customer, business partner or supplier.



With AutoClick, the automatic capture of scanned documents is possible. Naturally, the first time AutoClick is used it has no record of frequently used document types in your company and it therefore automatically goes into „learning mode“. This is where AutoClick stores the information about the document type. AutoClick can easily be trained by the user with just a few clicks - just click, don't type!

The user has the advantage that no manual selection is required. They must simply check the automatic entries and subsequently send all data to FILERO. The scanned documents as well as the automatically captured data are conveniently archived in FILERO, where the user has a complete overview of all information. The application can be easily configured. No technical knowledge or time-intensive programming is required.

During the training, the exact position of data in relation to other elements in the document type is recorded and saved so that in the future AutoClick will „know“ where it should search for the required data in each document type.

Thornberry integrates Enterprise Information Management technology from LIB-IT DMS

The new partnership between Thornberry Limited and LIB-IT DMS introduces new technology to the home health and hospice industries.

Thornberry Limited and LIB-IT DMS announce a newly formed partnership. An industry first, Thornberry's NDoc point of care system will enable agencies to dramatically improve their access and management of information, using LIB-IT DMS's Enterprise Information Management System FILERO.

FILERO integrates data from an organization's existing application databases, as well as other types of structured and unstructured data. A web-based application, it enables clinical, clerical and executive staff to quickly find information, by using a search function much like an internet search engine.

"Integrating FILERO to our technology platform furthers Thornberry's vision of connected care," said Tom Peth, president of Thornberry. "This latest partnership will connect all of the data in an agency and make it readily available exactly when and where it is needed. This creates tremendous potential for improved patient outcomes, greater staff efficiency and better informed decisions."

Jeremy Causley, chairman of LIB-IT DMS says: "We are very happy about our partnership cooperation with Thornberry, as they understand the professional information management challenges facing the healthcare industry today. Using the rich functionality of FILERO in conjunction with Thornberry's proven health care solutions, Thornberry will dramatically improve the access and management of healthcare information for their customers, whilst improving productivity."

LIBERO

LIBERO, our software for library management, also offers a range of enhanced functions: with the updates for the new LIBERO version, our customers can now use the program's improved offerings. All innovations and special features are listed here in overview.



The new LIBERO version 5.5sp2 was released for all customers in July. LIB-IT would like to support all customers through the update process, so that libraries can begin enjoying the benefits of the new version as soon as possible.

Of all the new functions, we'd especially like to highlight the new accessible WAI/WCAG-compliant WebOPAC, which focuses on interactive Web 2.0 features.

For example, new user administration functions are part of the improvements. Tagging, bookmarking and self administration of SDI functions allow the user to effortlessly interact with materials.

New search functions mean that searching for specific information is easier than ever: the recommender system aids the user with title recommendations and ratings, which are created by WebOPAC users. The search term cloud, the ability to restrict searches according to language of publication and the search for specific literature departments allows users to find media content of every type easily and quickly.

The grouped display of serials issues makes an overview far easier and the enhancement of the catalogue with covers and synopses (e.g. from Bowker - Syndetics) makes browsing in a virtual shelf possible. In addition there are links to well-known websites such as LibraryThing, Google, Wikipedia and Amazon. The user can also pay fines using the innovative e-payment method which is incorporated in the user account. To ensure optimal security, the user account and the lock flag display have not only been restructured, but an email is also sent when an account is disabled due to false password entry.

The WebOPAC is not the only feature which has been improved. Further new features can be seen here at a glance:

- LibNew with Z39.50 for MAB and MARC21
- Boolean searches with media search #89
- 13-digit ISBNs
- Signature printing on loan receipts
- Positioning of the username on reservation receipts selectable
- Printing of transfer receipts
- Entry in new acquisitions list via returns
- Batch deletion of users by file
- Batch deletion of items in catalogue module (#73)
- No loan of multiple copies of a title to the same user
- Password-expiry for system users
- Allocation of branches for multiple orders
- OCSL - Online Cataloguing Service for LIBERO
- Batch dispatch of reservation notifications via e-mail
- Automatic creation of orders and items (MARC21)

LIBERO abroad!



LIBERO has proved itself in many countries and our library software is now also being introduced in Oman. The library of the German University of Technology (GUTech) has been using our system since September of last year.

During a ten day stay in Oman, LIBERO was installed by two of our colleagues and users were trained in using the system. The university library launched the cataloguing, lending and acquisitions modules to begin with. GUTech, the fourth private university in Oman, is located in the capital city region of Maskat and is associated with the RWTH Aachen.

The long term goal is the establishment of the university as the leading technical university in the region. As well as making the search for literature easier, the functions of the internal WebOPAC, cataloguing, lending and acquisitions modules are above all advantageous for library employees. Because LIBERO is multilingual and Unicode compatible, operators could begin using the system straight away.

The number of media in the campus library increases on an almost daily basis. Small but rapidly growing institutions need not constantly update their software infrastructure, as LIBERO has been conceived for libraries of all sizes.

In the long term, LIB-IT will also be assisting GUTech as a partner: additional training of library personnel and the usage of further modules are in preparation.

New design for the SLUB catalogue

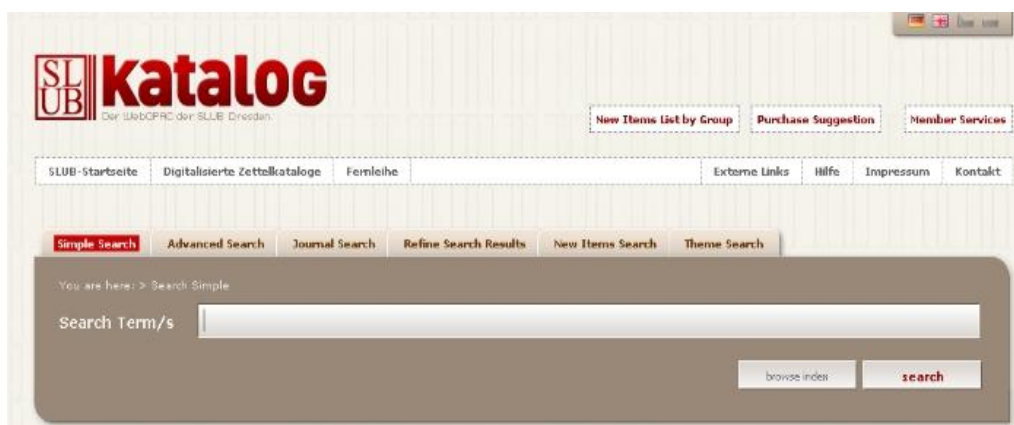
Thomas Jung, Dr. Andreas Kluge, IT department, 11.08.2009

The presentation and design of web applications are criteria which are increasingly essential to the success of a product. Libraries are not exempt from this development! To be able to react to this development, each (web-) design should conform to two basic rules. The first of these is „form follows function!“ and was coined in 1896 by the US architect Louis Sullivan. The second, equally important rule was coined by the American IT consultant Steve Krug with the title „Don't make me think!“ - a book about web usability. After a whole range of SLUB's information offerings were overhauled with these fundamentals in mind and new developments were launched using contemporary designs, it was obvious that the SLUB catalogue was also due a revision.



Comprehensive options for the design of the WebOPAC were available on the basis of Cascading Style Sheets (CSS) from LIBERO version 5.3 on. These new possibilities were now being intensively used. Together with the layout, user guidance was an essential element of the work.

In the resulting redesigned catalogue, all interactive elements are presented in a brightly coloured shade (in this case, green-brown). All other informative areas are discretely offset. In this way, the person searching can easily recognize which areas of the page they can „work“ with. The optical starting point of the design is the architecture of SLUB itself. For example, the travertine cladding of the central library is used as the background picture of the SLUB catalogue. Other elements, such as the interior decoration of the reading room, inspired the earthy tones of the interactive area. Other parts of the page then developed from this colour palette. This creates an overall impression of deep, but serene and mainly warm colours which should make working with the catalogue easier for the user. This means that the user’s eyes are given a break - a too high-contrast design would have, in most cases, lead to the user tiring quickly and immediately feeling stressed.



This work was combined with structural alterations. For example, amongst other things, the „simple search“ was made as uncomplicated as possible by leaving out the selection options. The result is similar to what the user sees in Google - just a search field and a search button. The fields which were removed are (and were) fully available as part of the advanced search.

The result (webopac.slub-dresden.de) proved itself in the testing phase and has subsequently lead to dramatically increased user satisfaction.

Company news

LIB-IT and its products online: you can find more information about us, our products, projects and partners on our website at <http://www.lib-it.de>. LIB-IT is also represented on several other internet portals and platforms.

LIB-IT films on YouTube

You can find a film about the consequences for companies which ignore the legal requirements for archiving on YouTube. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_xieQUMLmQ (Please note, this particular video is in German with English subtitles). We’ve also produced a range of short videos about the individual functions of FILERO.



You can find an overview of all our FILERO videos on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/filerofilm>. Also on YouTube is a video about the new functions available in LIBERO WebOPAC as well as an online demonstration in nine parts which details the main features of LIBERO. The demonstration can easily be found by searching for 'LIBERO Demo'. An overview can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/liberofilm>.

You can, of course, also view all our videos by visiting our websites:
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