

The Union List of Israeli Libraries (ULI), started in 1997, and operated by the Israeli academic MALMAD Consortium, is a collection of bibliographic records from all member libraries (53 primarily academic and research libraries). It is built and automatically updated from records harvested from their catalogs (Aleph sequential or MARC-xml formats). The ULI database currently consists of some 9.4m undeduped records. While maintaining the separate records of each library is convenient for updating and copy cataloging, it resulted in an unwieldy search experience for public use. During 2010-11 we have upgraded the ULI by providing a new discovery layer based on the open-source VuFind system, and deduping/merging the records as part of the export procedure from Aleph to VuFind. The presentation will describe the processes we went through and the logic implemented for merging records brought from various institutions to provide an improved, unified search experience for the users.