

The University of Haifa Library has developed local applications that enhance the Aleph-based acquisitions process: 1) A payments system that generates payment orders for the University's financial office, based on data in current dealer invoices. In addition, the system includes modules for statistical summaries and viewing scanned images of the original invoices and 2) A mechanism for informing librarians and lecturers of the current status of acquisitions requests they have submitted. This includes a weekly distribution, via email, of notices regarding items whose processing status has recently changed, and a Web interface displaying the current status of all requests submitted by an individual. Both systems are in-house developments based on php and Linux shell scripts, interacting with Aleph's Oracle database.