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Against the backdrop of 40 Florida state colleges and universities transitioning together from Aleph to Sierra (Essence Duet) in 2017, the University of Central Florida (UCF) is planning to improve patron and librarian experience at its ten joint-use libraries across central Florida. Joint-use libraries reside at a state college where UCF classes are being taught. Collections are shared, and services are provided to patrons at both sites, but acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, collection management, and resource sharing are too complicated. Sierra to the rescue?! Learn how UCF and its partners plan to use Sierra to create seamless patron and staff interactions for all.

Problem:
- Two library databases without any communication between them
- Redundant cataloging
- Limited circulation capability
- Less than seamless user experience

Solution:
- One unified database
- One and done cataloging
- One circulation system & patron database
- One stop shopping with University Aleph
- One Sierra system

Records from universities and colleges merged into one Sierra database
- "Extra" item record deleted
- Ownership information added to other item record
- For newly cataloged items, use college barcode & enter UCF ownership information into item record
- Item is cataloged once
- Automatic blocks on delinquent patrons
- Item cataloged and available for checkout
- Holds can be placed on any item
- Ow!
- Yes!

Legend:
- Ow!
- YES!
- Cataloging and acquisitions
- Circulation and ILL

Two separate circulation systems
- Books received @ UCF main campus
- Books sent to regional campus
- Recataloged in college Aleph with UCF barcode
- Need to contact other library to block non-UCF patrons
- Users on regional campuses have limited rights
  2 accounts needed
- Can't put holds on items @ regional joint-use facilities (SCLC ILL needed)

One system accessible from all locations
- One patron database, also accessible from all locations
- Items cataloged and available for checkout
- OW!
- YES!