

Electronic Resources Conceptual Overview (6/27/2016)

Key Terms:

Electronic Collection most often refers to databases. Databases might include e-journals, online video, ebooks, or other electronic resources. Databases can be full-text or abstracting/indexing. An example of an electronic collection is **Academic Search Premier**.

Portfolios are individual resources within an electronic collection, such as a journal title, ebook title, or individual video. An example of a portfolio is the serial ***Publisher's Weekly***. Note that portfolios can be stand-alone; they do not have to be a part of a collection. Stand-alone portfolios are often linked to bibliographic records. An example of a stand-alone portfolio in CSUN's Alma environment is anything in Kanopy (e.g., *Maid in America*), because there is not currently a Kanopy Community Zone Collection.

Service refers to what kind of access is available for the portfolio in the Electronic Collection. In most cases, the service will be full-text. The service uses **Parsers** which configure how the link is constructed to an individual resource. Note that for journals, the service parser often builds a link not only to an individual journal, but to individual *articles*, enabling a user to link directly to a specific article within portfolio. An example use of a service parser is a full-text link in Primo to an article in Publisher's Weekly that is available full-text.

Community Zone - a knowledgebase of (mostly) electronic collections maintained by Alma users and Ex Libris. When coverage for an electronic collection changes, the community zone record is updated by information Ex Libris receives from publishers.

Activities:

1. Find the electronic collection for Academic Search Premier. View the collection level information [click the EDIT link in the brief display]. How many portfolios are available? [See "Additional Information" Tab].
2. Test access to the film *Maid in America* from within Alma:
 - a. Search Electronic Portfolios for *Maid in America*
 - b. Click EDIT in the brief results display
 - c. Go to the Linking Information Tab