

What's Next for Ares 4.7?

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Ares Release Schedule

- Ares 4.6 release:
9 February 2016
- Ares 4.7 planned release:
February 2017
- Ares 4.5 end of support:
1 June 2017 (tentative)



Disclaimer

The following topics are things that *might* be in Ares 4.7 but in no way are a promise of their inclusion.

We're just brainstorming right now. 😊

Reporting and Statistics – Now

- Current reporting option is SQL Server Reporting Services
- Able to do some querying in the staff client
- Need knowledge of database to create custom queries

Reporting and Statistics – Future

- No longer require SQL Server Reporting Services
- Expand the querying and export options in the staff client
- Create a reporting addon to allow for statistic to be run in staff client and exported from there

Instructors and Proxies

- Currently there can only be one instructor and all others are considered “proxies”
- Proxies can be class-specific or full proxies for an instructor
- Would like to allow option for multiple instructors in addition to multiple proxies to better match the registrar data (and reality)

Copyright

- Ability to store more than one scanned document for an item
- Ability to use more than one CCC account
- Choosing what copyright information to clone with an item
- More tracking of dates for permission requested and received and the restrictions therein

Internationalization and Time Zones

- Want to convert Ares to use UTC time versus local SQL Server time
- Would allow for the local site's time to display for hosted servers
- Also allow for different date/time displays such as YY/MM/DD

Reserve Item Organization

- Allow instructors and/or students to arrange items in folders? This may be very difficult to implement and could be a moot point if sites choose to display items directly in their course management system.
- Which leads to the idea of integrating with course management systems in more ways ...

Course Management Systems

- Want all sites to move to Basic LTI as soon as possible
- If you are using a building block, or nugget, or other proprietary link, please contact Atlas for details on how to migrate. We want to make sure you will have all the same functionality with LTI.

What Now?

If you have questions, comments, or complaints about anything in Ares please contact me!

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