# **BiblioteQ**

# A Library Application

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#### Introduction

BiblioteQ is a complex, highly-configurable, and mature library application. The software supports large, medium, and small institutions. Personal libraries are also supported.

BiblioteQ should be functional on any operating system where Qt 4.8.x (or Qt 5.x and newer), SQLite, and YAZ are supported. BiblioteQ also supports the PostgreSQL database engine.

The source is available at <a href="https://github.com/textbrowser/biblioteq">https://github.com/textbrowser/biblioteq</a>.

The purpose of this document is to detail the functionality of BiblioteQ. Installation instructions are not described in this document. Please refer to the Administrator Guide document for installation information.



### **Accessing an Existing SQLite Database**

An existing SQLite database file may be opened via two methods. The first method involves the Recent SQLite Files option of the File menu.



The Recent SQLite Files sub-menu contains a list of BiblioteQ's recently-accessed SQLite files. If an SQLite file is selected, the specified SQLite database is opened. Please note that BiblioteQ will first close an existing database, if one is open, before opening the specified database. A Clear option is also included in the sub-menu. If Clear is activated, the list of the recently-accessed SQLite files is cleared. BiblioteQ will remove duplicate *sqlite\_db\_* entries from the INI file shortly after the application is launched. Also removed will be entries whose corresponding files lack read and write permissions.

The second method of accessing an SQLite database is through the Branch Selection dialog. The dialog may be accessed via the Connect option of the File menu.



After opening the Branch Selection dialog, select local\_db as the Branch Name. This will prepare the dialog for accessing SQLite databases. Afterwards, click on the Select SQLite Database button to launch a file-selection dialog.

# Adding an Item

For PostgreSQL databases, items may be added by administrator and librarian accounts. For SQLite databases, owners may add items.

BiblioteQ supports books, compact discs, digital video discs, grey literature, journals, magazines, photograph collections, and video games.

To add an item, click on the Add Item tool button and select the desired category. A Create window will be displayed. Required fields are highlighted.

#### **Administrator Browser**

The Administrator Browser is available if an administrator role is connected to a PostgreSQL database. The browser may be accessed via the Configure Administrator Privileges tool button.

Four roles are available. Changes must be committed via the Save Changes button.

The process of committing changes to the PostgreSQL database is as follows:

- 1. The current state is inspected. Administrators without privileges as well as duplicate administrators are disclosed and the process is aborted.
- 2. A database transaction is prepared. If an error occurs, the process is aborted.
- 3. Deleted accounts are removed from the admin database table as well as from the PostgreSQL database. If an error occurs with either sub-process, the process is aborted and previous changes are reverted.
- 4. Existing admin table entries are updated. New accounts are inserted into the admin table. If an error occurs, the process is aborted and previous changes are reverted.
- 5. Existing admin table entries are granted specified privileges after all potential privileges are revoked. New accounts are created in the PostgreSQL database and assigned the appropriate privileges. If an error occurs, the process is aborted and the previous changes are reverted.
- 6. If all of the aforementioned statements execute correctly, the transaction is committed.

Please note that leading and trailing spaces will be removed from user names during the database-recording process.



# **Change Password**

A PostgreSQL account's password may be changed via the Password Selection dialog. A password must contain at least eight characters. Guest accounts are excluded.



### **Connecting to a Database**

BiblioteQ supports both the PostgreSQL and the SQLite database engines. This section will cover the details involved in connecting to a PostgreSQL database.



Click the Connect option of the File menu.



Select the appropriate non-local\_db Branch Name if one is available. Provide the Password and Userid information, if applicable, and press the Connect button.

Note: The sections Accessing an Existing SQLite Database and Creating an SQLite Database cover the details of accessing and creating SQLite databases, respectively.

### **Creating a PostgreSQL Database**

BiblioteQ supports PostgreSQL 8.x, 9.x, and newer. Please follow the PostgreSQL-provided documentation for installing PostgreSQL. After installing the required PostgreSQL packages, please perform the following operations:

- 1. Create the xbook\_db database via createdb xbook\_db -E UTF8 or via the PostgreSQL-recommended procedure. Please note that xbook\_db is only a suggestion.
- 2. Execute createlang plpgsql -d xbook\_db or the PostgreSQL-recommended procedure for adding a new programming language to the xbook\_db database.
- 3. If desired, replace all instances of the default administrator xbook\_admin in the postgresql\_create\_schema.sql file.
- 4. Log into your PostgreSQL xbook\_db database and load the postgresql\_create\_schema.sql file via \i postgresql\_create\_schema.sql.

### **Creating an SQLite Database**

A new BiblioteQ SQLite database file may be created via the New SQLite Database option of the File menu.



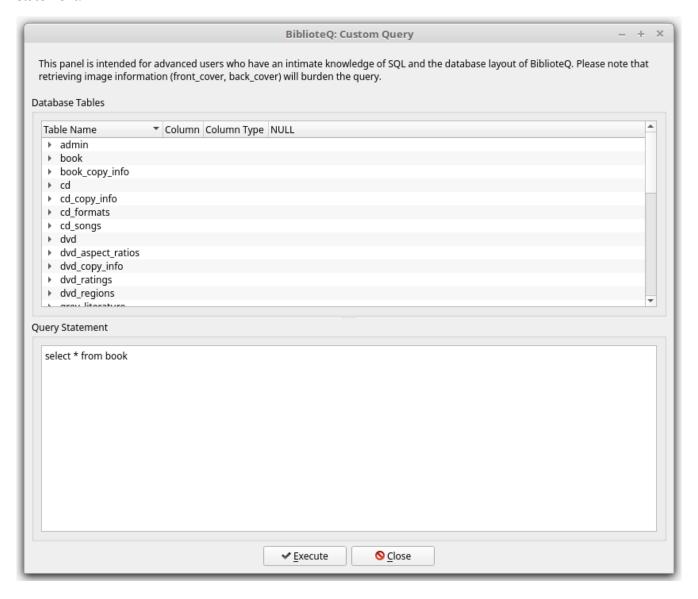
After the option is selected, a file-selection dialog is displayed. An existing or a new file may be specified. A confirmation dialog is displayed if an existing file is selected.

Once the SQLite database file has been initialized, BiblioteQ will open it. If a database is already open, a confirmation prompt is displayed. If confirmed, the current database is closed and the newly-created database is opened.

### **Custom Query**

Custom SQL queries may be performed via the Custom Query window.

After a successful query is performed, the main table's columns will be set according to the query statement.

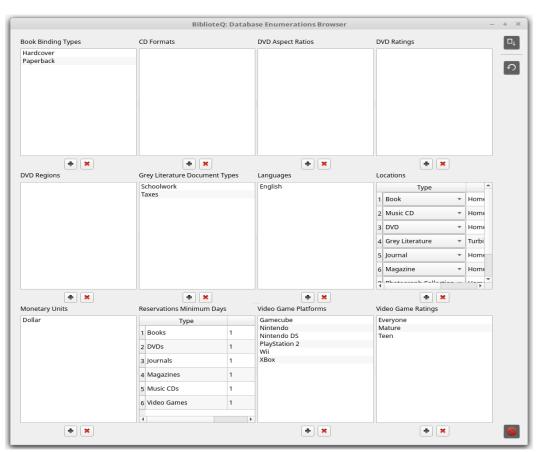


#### **Database Enumerations Browser**

The Database Enumerations Browser is available to accounts having administrator or librarian privileges and is accessible via the Database Enumerations tool button. The browser contains configurable item values.

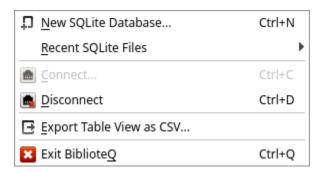
The process of committing changes to a database is as follows:

- 1. For each sub-panel (Book Binding Types, etc.), prepare a database transaction. If an error occurs, iterate to the next sub-panel.
- 2. Delete all items in the respective database table. For example, for the Book Binding Types subpanel, all entries from the book\_binding\_types database table are deleted. If the process fails, revert the changes and proceed to the next sub-panel.
- 3. Insert the new values into the respective database table. If the process fails, revert the changes and proceed to the next sub-panel.
- 4. Commit the current database transaction.



# **Disconnecting from a Database**

To disconnect from a connected database, click the File menu. Then click the Disconnect option.



# **Document Changes**

#### Version 1.00

• Initial version.

#### Version 1.01

• New Tools menu image.

#### Version 1.02

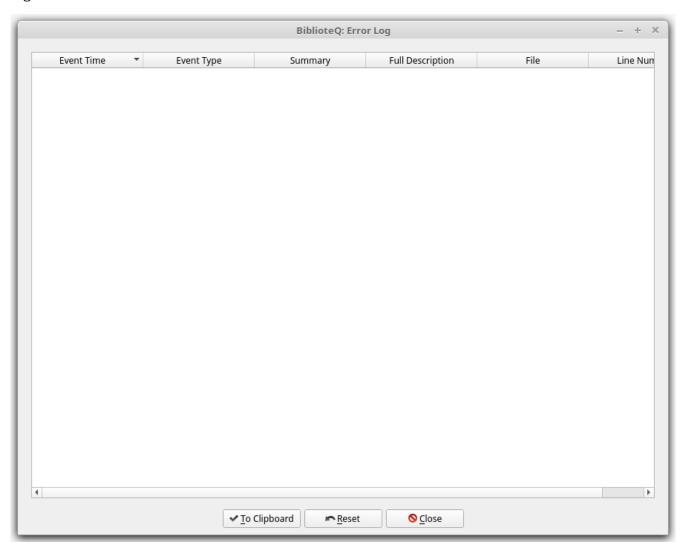
- Corrected Configure Administrator Privileges button name.
- Corrected Index entries.

#### Version 1.03

• ASIN support for Amazon image retrieval.

# **Error Log**

The Error Log may be accessed via the View menu. The window details critical exceptions which were raised during a BiblioteQ session. The status bar of the main window will indicate whether or not the log contains entries.



### **Exporting a Table View to a CSV File**

The current table view's contents may be exported to a CSV file via the Export Table View as CSV option of the File menu.



If clicked, a file-selection dialog is displayed.

The generated CSV file will contain comma-separated values. Values which contain commas will be encased in double-quotes. For example, *A book of abstract algebra*,"*Pinter, Charles C.*",*McGraw-Hill*,1990-01-01,*New York*,2,"*Algebra*,

Abstract.", English, 0070501386, 0.00, Dollar, 1, Hardcover, Home, 9780070501386, 89035355, QA162. P56 1990, 512/.02, 1,0, Original, As New,.

The first line of the generated file contains the exported view's header strings.

# **Hyperlinks**

BiblioteQ supports embedded hyperlinks. When clicked, a search is initiated using the specified text for the given category. Please note that a clicked hyperlink will not be activated if the parent widget is editable.

	Barnes & Noble Classics
Publisher	

#### Limitations

BiblioteQ does not impose artificial limits on the data content. However, this does not mean that the software is boundless. Please note that both PostgreSQL and SQLite have rigid limitations. Please read <a href="https://www.sqlite.org/limits.html">https://www.sqlite.org/limits.html</a> for SQLite details.

#### Generally:

- Attached files may be of any size. Please note that submitting large files will burden both local and remote queries. PostgreSQL and/or SQLite may limit field sizes.
- Infinitely-many items may be stored, although PostgreSQL and/or SQLite may prevent this.
- Pagination is implemented with the use of the LIMIT and OFFSET clauses.
- The number of PostgreSQL accounts is not limited through the software.

#### **Main Window Tool Buttons**

This page will describe the various tool buttons which are present on the main window.



The tool buttons are described from left to right.

View Selected Item(s)

Open the detail window(s) of the selected item(s). A confirmation prompt is displayed if the number of selected items exceeds four. The tool button is disabled if the current account has administrator privileges.

Add Item

Add an item. The tool button is disabled if the current account does not have Item Creation privileges.

Duplicate Selected Item(s)

Open the detail window(s) of the selected item(s). A confirmation prompt is displayed if the number of selected items exceeds four. The tool button is disabled if the current account does not have Item Creation privileges.

Delete Selected Item(s)

Delete the selected item(s). A confirmation prompt is displayed. The tool button is disabled if the current account does not have Item Deletion privileges.

Modify Selected Item(s)

Modify the selected item(s). A confirmation prompt is displayed if the number of selected items exceeds four. The tool button is disabled if the current account does not have Item Updates privileges.

Print Current View

Print the items in the current view. A Print dialog is displayed.

Select Viewable Columns

Select the columns that are to be shown in the main window's table.

View Member's Reservation History (Patrons Only)

Display the current patron's reserved items. The tool button is enabled only for patron accounts.

Request Selected Item(s) / Cancel Selected Request(s)

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Available for patrons, these options allow for the requesting of items as well as for the canceling of requested items.

Reserve Selected Item

Reserve the selected item. The tool button is disabled if the current account does not have Item Reservations privileges.

Display Members Browser

Display the Members Browser window. Only available for administrator, circulation, and membership accounts.

Database Search

Activates a context menu containing various search options.

**Custom Database Query** 

Display the Custom Query window.

Refresh Table

Reload the current view.



Again, the tool buttons are described from left to right.

Connect

Display the Branch Selection dialog.

Disconnect

Disconnect from the current database.

Change Password

Display the Password Selection dialog. Not available for PostgreSQL guest accounts and SQLite databases.

Configure Administrator Privileges

Display the Administrator Browser window. Only available for administrator accounts.

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Display the Database Enumerations Browser window. Only available for administrator and librarian accounts.

Exit BiblioteQ

Terminate the application.

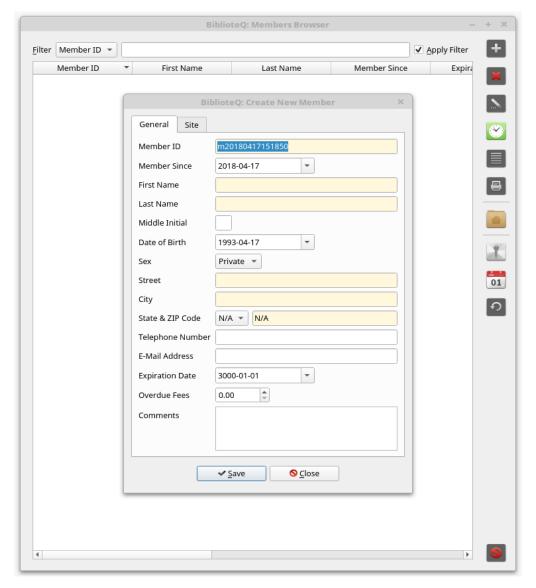
#### **Members Browser**

The Members Browser is available off of the View menu. For PostgreSQL databases, the browser is accessible if the current role is administrator, circulation, or membership. For SQLite databases, access to the browser is always available.

The browser allows administrators to create, delete, and modify patron account details. Reservation processes are also available in the Members Browser.

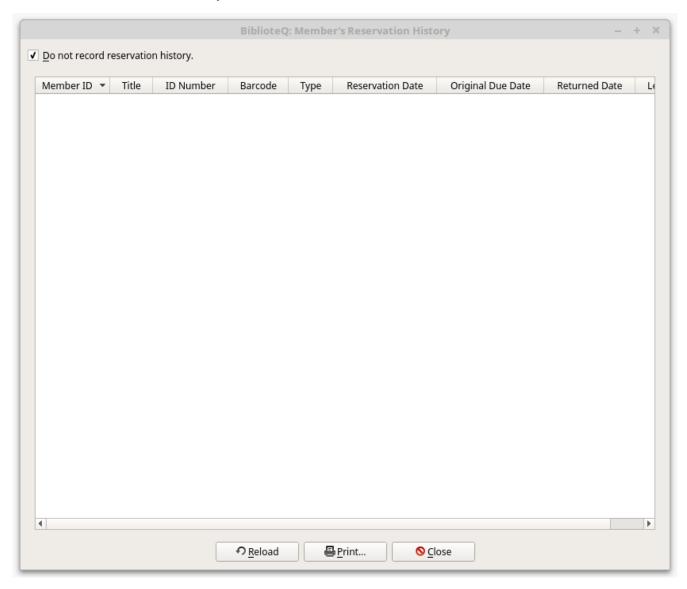
#### **Grant Privileges**

Grant Privileges is available for PostgreSQL databases. If pressed, each listed account is removed from and added to the biblioteq\_patron role.



# **Member's Reservation History**

A patron's reservation history may be accessed via the Member's Reservation History window. Reservation histories are initially disabled.

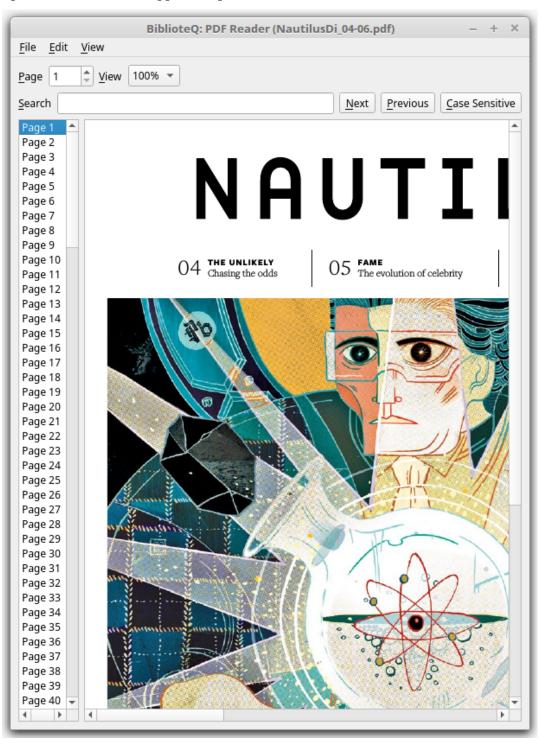


# **Operating Systems**

BiblioteQ supports FreeBSD, Linux, Mac OS X, OS/2, OpenBSD, and Windows. Generally, the application should be compatible with any operating system where Qt, SQLite, and YAZ are supported. The software has also been tested on a variety of architectures, including AMD, ARM, Alpha 21264, PowerPC, and Sun UltraSparc.

#### **PDF**

BiblioteQ supports PDF content through the Poppler open source library. Browsing, printing, and searching options are included. Support is optional.



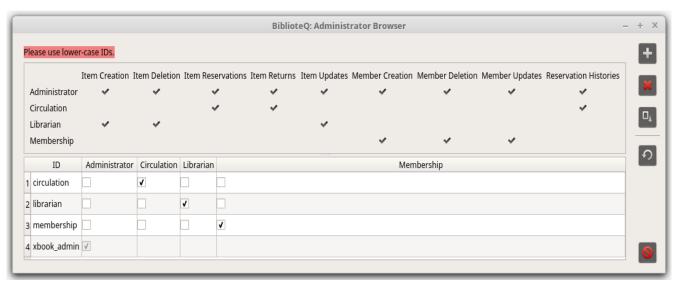
#### **PostgreSQL Accounts**

BiblioteQ provides three tiers of PostgreSQL database roles: administrator, guest, and patron.

Initially, the postgresql\_create\_schema.sql script may be used to create the administrator account xbook admin.

Guest roles are provided a read-only interface. Patron roles are granted reservation permissions.

PostgreSQL accounts may be modified via the Administrator Browser. Please note that the Administrator Browser is only available within an administrator role.



Additionally, there are four administrator levels: Administrator, Circulation, Librarian, and Membership. The abilities of each level is described next.

Administrator permissions:

Item Creation

Ability to create books, etc.

• Item Deletion

Ability to remove books, etc.

• Item Reservations

Ability to reserve items.

Item Returns

Ability to process returned items.

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• Item Updates

Ability to modify books, etc.

Member Creation

Ability to create administrators and patrons.

Member Deletion

Ability to remove administrators and patrons.

Member Updates

Ability to update information of patrons and permissions of administrators.

• Reservation Histories

Ability to read reservation histories of patrons.

#### Circulation permissions:

- Item Reservations
- Item Returns
- Reservation Histories

#### Librarian permissions:

- Item Creation
- Item Deletion
- Item Updates

#### Membership permissions:

- Member Creation
- Member Deletion
- Member Updates

### Preparing biblioteq.conf

The biblioteq.conf file contains non-user settings. The location of the file varies with distribution. This page will describe the various properties which may be defined in the biblioteq.conf file.

[Amazon Front Cover Images]

Describes required settings for retrieving book front-cover images from amazon.com.

host

Host name of the Amazon image server.

path

Path of the image file. BiblioteQ substitutes the respective ISBN in the percent sign. Please note that ASINs may also work.

The optional properties proxy\_host, proxy\_password, proxy\_port, proxy\_type, and proxy\_username are also supported. The proxy\_type property supports values of HTTP, None, Socks5, and System.

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[Branch-1]

The first database branch.

connection\_options

PostgreSQL-specific connection options. An example is *connect\_timeout=10*;sslmode=verify-full.

database\_name

The name of the database as it will appear in the Branch Selection dialog.

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database\_type

The database's type. Must be set to postgresql or sqlite.

hostname

The host name of the PostgreSQL database server. Both IP addresses and fully-qualified domain names may be assigned.

port

The port value of the PostgreSQL database server.

ssl enabled

If false, SSL/TLS communications are disabled.

[SRU-1]

Describes the first SRU site.

name

Name of the site as it will appear in the application.

url\_isbn

Complete URL of the site for retrieving data via ISBNs. The tokens %1 and %2 are replaced by the ISBN-10 and ISBN-13 fields.

url issn

Complete URL of the site for retrieving data via ISSNs. The token %1 is replaced by the ISSN field.

The optional properties proxy\_host, proxy\_password, proxy\_port, proxy\_type, and proxy\_username are also supported. The proxy\_type property supports values of HTTP, None, Socks5, and System.

[Z39.50-1]

Describes the first Z39.50 site. Please also see <a href="http://www.indexdata.com/yaz/doc/zoom.records.html">http://www.indexdata.com/yaz/doc/zoom.records.html</a>.

database\_name

The remote database name.

format

Render format. An example: *marc8,utf-8*.

name

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Name of the site as it will appear in the application.

port

The remote database's port number.

record\_syntax

Preferred record syntax. Example: *MARC21*.

The optional properties password, proxy\_host, proxy\_port, and username are also supported.

# Requesting an Item

PostgreSQL patrons may request one or more books, compact discs, digital video discs, journals, magazines, and video games. After selecting an item, please press the green Telephone tool button. To cancel a request, please set the Category to All Requested, select the desired item, and press the red Telephone tool button. A confirmation is displayed and if accepted, the selected request is canceled.

### Reserving an Item

For PostgreSQL databases, items may be reserved by administrator and circulation accounts. Owners of SQLite databases may reserve items. Books, compact discs, digital video discs, journals, magazines, and video games may be reserved. To reserve an item, select it in the main window and press the Reserve Selected Item tool button. If the item is available for reservation, the Members Browser will be displayed. Select the desired patron in the Members Browser and press the Reserve Selected Item tool button in the Members Browser. The Copy Browser dialog is displayed. Specify the Due Date and select the desired copy. Finalize the reservation process by clicking the Reserve button.

Please note that the default Due Date may be modified via the Database Enumerations Browser.

# Returning an Item

For PostgreSQL databases, reserved items may be returned by administrator and circulation accounts. Owners of SQLite databases may return reserved items. The quickest method of identifying reserved items is by the All Reserved category of the View menu. An item may be returned via its details window. Open the selected item's details and click the Reservation Status button. The Item Reservation Status dialog is displayed. Select the copy which is about to be returned and click the Return button. Confirm the process.

### SRU & Z39.50

BiblioteQ supports both the SRU and Z39.50 Internet search queries for books, journals, and magazines. Sites may be defined within the biblioteq.conf file.

### **Translations**

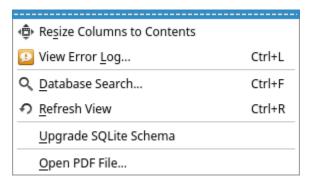
Translations are incomplete. Translating BiblioteQ is quite simple. Please download and install Qt from <a href="https://download.qt.io">https://download.qt.io</a>, download BiblioteQ's source, and become an expert in Qt's Linguist. Linguist documentation is available at <a href="https://doc.qt.io/qt-5/qtlinguist-index.html">https://doc.qt.io/qt-5/qtlinguist-index.html</a>.

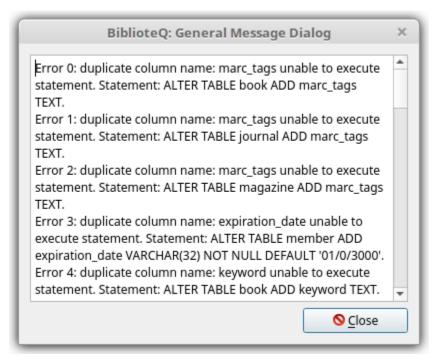
# **Upgrading a PostgreSQL Database Schema**

Some software releases require database schema changes. Please read the version-specific section of the postgresql\_update\_schema.sql file and execute the required SQL statements.

### **Upgrading an SQLite Database Schema**

It may be necessary to upgrade an existing BiblioteQ SQLite database schema after a software release. An upgrade tool is available off of the Tools menu. A confirmation prompt is displayed before the process is initiated. After the upgrade process is completed, a dialog depicting abnormalities will be displayed.





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