



LIBRARIES
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Libilsws

Tools for Coding PHP Applications that
Communicate with Symphony via Web
Services

Who is this Presentation For?

- PHP developers
- Perl programmers
- Anyone who is considering learning to program
- Anyone who has access to developers who might benefit from using the code library



About the Project

- Multnomah County Library is building a new website that uses the Drupal content management system
- Drupal is written in the PHP scripting language
- Our old website uses a slightly cumbersome method of processing forms, with Drupal talking to a custom, intermediate API which talks to the Symphony Web Services API
- For the new website, we wanted to create a simpler and more supportable method of processing patron information
- We elected to build a PHP code library that would handle all the complexity of talking to the Web Services API: Libilsws



What is a Code Library?

A collection of code functions, typically distributed in a package so that they share a common configuration and installation process

```
136      * Connect to ILSWS
137      *
138      * @return string $token The x-sirs-sessionToken to be used in all subsequent headers
139      */
140      public function connect ()
141      {
142
143          $action = "rest/security/loginUser";
144          $params = 'client_id='
145              . $this->config['ilsws']['client_id']
146              . '&login='
147              . $this->config['ilsws']['username']
148              . '&password='
149              . $this->config['ilsws']['password'];
150
151          $headers = [
152              'Content-Type: application/json',
153              'Accept: application/json',
154              'SD-Originating-App-ID: ' . $this->config['ilsws']['app_id'],
155              'x-sirs-clientID: ' . $this->config['ilsws']['client_id'],
156          ];
157
158          $options = [
159              CURLOPT_URL                => "$this->base_url/$action?$params",
160              CURLOPT_RETURNTRANSFER     => true,
161              CURLOPT_SSL_VERIFYSTATUS  => true,
162              CURLOPT_CONNECTTIMEOUT    => $this->config['ilsws']['timeout'],
163              CURLOPT_HTTPHEADER        => $headers,
164          ];
```



What Kind of System Do I Need?

- Libilsws was designed, developed, and configured to be run on a computer running the Linux operating system
- You can also install it on other systems that have PHP installed on them:
 - Windows
 - Windows Linux subsystem (WSL)
 - MacOS



Where do I Get the Code Library?

- Libilsws utilizes the Composer package management software
- If you have composer on your computer, you can tell Composer to require the package
- You may also download and install the package from GitHub or Packagist:
 - <https://github.com/multnomah-county-it/libilsws>
 - <https://packagist.org/packages/multnomah-county-it/libilsws>



Need More Detail?

Let's do it together



Install the Library

1. `sudo apt update`
2. `sudo apt install composer`
3. `composer require multnomah-county-it/libilsws "~1.0.3"`
4. `cp vendor/multnomah-county-it/libilsws/libilsws.yaml.sample ./libilsws.yaml`
5. `nano libilsws.yaml`



Configure the Library

- Edit the `libilsws.yaml` file
- Get connection credentials from SirsiDynix for the `ilsws` section
- Things to check in the configuration:
 - Age ranges
 - Patron profiles
 - Support languages
 - Zip codes of your service area
 - Patron categories



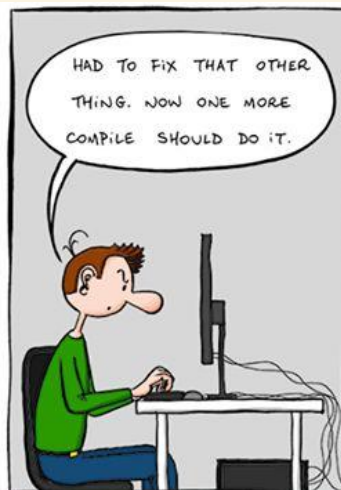
The Library is Installed—What Now?

```
$ilsws = new Libilsws\Libilsws("./libilsws.yaml");  
$token = $ilsws->connect();  
$params = [  
    'ct'           => '50',  
    'rw'           => '1',  
    'j'            => 'AND',  
    'includeFields' => 'key,firstName,middleName,lastName',  
];  
$response = $ilsws->search_patron($token, $index, $search, $params);  
$json = json_encode($response, JSON_PRETTY_PRINT);  
print "$json\n\n";
```



Let's write a PHP script!





The Script

```
<?php

require_once 'vendor/autoload.php';

if ( count($argv) < 3 ) {
    print "Syntax: php $argv[0] INDEX SEARCH\n";
    exit;
}

$index = $argv[1];
$search = $argv[2];

// Initialize
$ilsws = new Libilsws\Libilsws("../libilsws.yaml");

// Connect and get token
$token = $ilsws->connect();

/**
 * Search for a patron. If the $params array is empty or any item is omitted,
 * default values will be supplied as shown, with the exception of the
 * includeFields, which is configured in the libilsws.yaml file.
 */
$params = [
    'ct'          => '50',
    'rw'          => '1',
    'j'           => 'AND',
    'includeFields' => 'profile,birthDate,library,lastActivityDate,alternateID,firstName,middleName,displayName,lastName,barcode,category01,category02,category07,category11,lastActivityDate',
];

$response = $ilsws->search_patron($token, $index, $search, $params);
$json = json_encode($response, JSON_PRETTY_PRINT);
print "$json\n\n";

// EOF
```



Sample Scripts Included

check_duplicate.php

delete_patrons.php

describe_bib.php

describe_item.php

describe_patron.php

get_bib_circ_info.php

get_bib_marc.php

get_bib.php

get_bib_raw.php

get_call_number.php

get_hold.php

get_item.php

get_library_paging_list.php

register_patron.php

reset_patron_password.php

search_bib.php

search_patron.php

send_get_describe_call.php

test.php



Application Made with Libilsws

<https://lib-paging.multcolib.org/paging-dev/>



Questions

Is cereal soup? Why or why not?



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