

# Item Description Templates

Alma allows for a template to be configured when generating an item description based on the enumeration/chronology fields in an item record.

WRLC has 32 different item description templates configured in our Network Zone and pushed to all Institution Zones.

These templates are only applied to item records with one of the following material types :

Code	Description
BOOK	Book
ISSUE	Issue
ISSBD	Bound Issue

For a full list and description of these templates, please see the [Templates configured in the WRLC NZ](#) section of the [Item Record Description Policies and Templates](#) page.

To view the NZ template configurations in your own IZ, go to **Configuration > Resources > General > Description Templates**; they will be listed under the **Network Rules list** section.

The screenshot shows the Alma Production interface for Marymount University. The main content area is titled 'Description Template Setup Rules' and contains a 'Network Rules List' table. The table has columns for Rule Name, Description, Updated By, and Update Date. There are 11 rows of rules, each with a unique ID and a corresponding description template using variables like {EnumA}, {EnumB}, {EnumC}, {ChronJ}, and {ChronK}. A filter dropdown is set to 'All'. A sidebar on the left contains navigation icons for various Alma modules: Alma Production, Acquisitions, Resources, Discovery, Fulfillment, User Management, General, and Analytics.

Rule Name	Description	Updated By	Update Date
1 v.x: no.x, iss.x (Year: Mo. Day)	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB}, {EnumC} ((ChronJ): {ChronK}) {ChronK}	System	05/01/2023
2 v.x: no.x, iss.x (Year: Mo./Seas)	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB}, {EnumC} ((ChronJ): {ChronJ})	System	05/01/2023
3 v.x: no.x, iss.x (Year)	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB}, {EnumC} ((ChronJ))	System	05/01/2023
4 v.x: no.x, iss.x	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB}, iss.{EnumC}	System	05/01/2023
5 v.x: no.x (Year:Mo. Day)	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB} ((ChronJ): {ChronJ}) {ChronK}	System	05/01/2023
6 v.x: no.x (Year: Mo./Sea)	v.{EnumA}: no. {EnumB} ((ChronJ): {ChronJ})	System	05/01/2023
7 v.x: no.x (Year)	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB} ((ChronJ))	System	05/01/2023
8 v.x: no.x	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB}	System	05/01/2023
9 v.x: iss.x (Year: Mo. Day)	v.{EnumA}: iss.{EnumC} ((ChronJ): {ChronJ}) {ChronK}	System	05/01/2023
10 v.x: iss.x (Year: Mo./Sea)	v.{EnumA}: iss.{EnumC} ((ChronJ): {ChronJ})	System	05/01/2023
11 v.x: iss.x (Year)	v.{EnumA}: iss. {EnumC} ((ChronJ))	System	05/01/2023

The NZ templates are configured so that they have precedence over any templates configured in the individual Institution Zone. This means that NZ description templates are applied to item records first, and then IZ-only description templates are applied.

Configuring: Marymount University

Rules Precedence: Network

Institution Rules List

Filter: All

Enabled	Move Up	Move Down	Rule Name	Description	Updated By	Update Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Serials all fields	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB}, {EnumC} {{ChronJ}: {ChronJ} {ChronK}}	Maravilla, Liliana	04/27/2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲	▼	Serials with number only no serials	v.{EnumA}: no.{EnumB} {{ChronJ}: {ChronJ}}	Maravilla, Liliana	04/27/2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲	▼	Serials with only volumes and issues	v.x: iss.x (Year: Mo.)	Maravilla, Liliana	04/27/2023
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	▲		Newspaper	year: Month Day - (Month) Day	Maravilla, Liliana	04/27/2023

Network Rules List

Filter: All

Rule Name	Description	Updated By	Update Date
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This setting is configured in **Configuration > Resources > General > Other Settings**. The parameter **network\_description\_templates\_rules\_precedence** should be set to **true** in all WRLC Institution Zones.

59	network_description_templates_rules_precedence	repository	true	Network item description templates	WRLCadmin	05/01/2023	...
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