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Using the:
loan information
web services
Alma API

Loans information in Alma

- Integration of Alma with our portal and mobile apps

MONASH Library **Alma**   Tasks Analytics Currently at Caulfield - Information Poi...

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 External Name Williams, Rachelle Primary identifier 1075230 Record type staff
User group Library Staff (restricted)

Loans Returns Requests

Find:

Renew Selected Renew All Change due date 1 - 2

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Due Date	Barcode	Fine	Loan Date	Loan Status	Item Policy	Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verbs and tenses /	31/01/2014 23:55:00 PM EST	33168026497699	-	20/12/2013	Normal	curriculum	Matheson Library
<input type="checkbox"/>	The old fashioned mystery of the haunted dollhouse /	31/01/2014 23:55:00 PM EST	33168027223102	-	20/12/2013	Normal	curriculum	Matheson Library

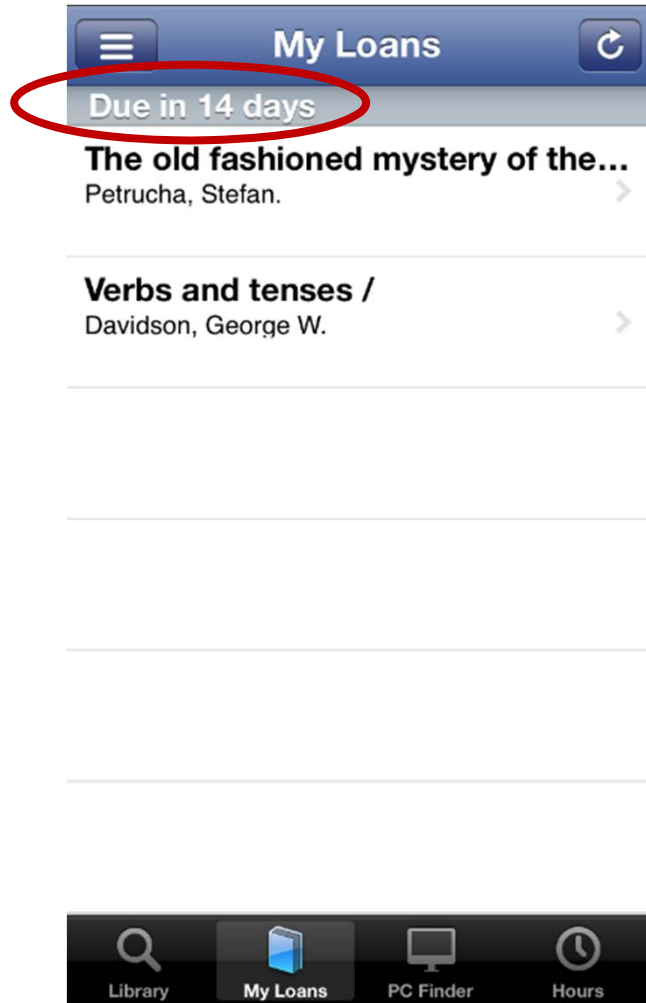
Loans info via Monash Portal

The screenshot shows the Monash Library portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the 'my monash' logo on the left and a welcome message 'Welcome Rachelle Williams' on the right. Below the logo, there are several menu items: Dashboard, Home, Email, Teaching, Research, Staff resources, Library (highlighted), Campus and community, and News and events. The date 'Friday 17 January, 2014' and a weather forecast 'Today: 44°C' are also visible. The main content area is titled 'Library items on loan' and shows '2 items on loan'. The items listed are 'The old fashioned mystery of the haunted dollhouse / Petrucha, Stefan' and 'Verbs and tensives / Davidson, George W.'. A link '[Sign in to Search to view your loans]' is provided. On the left side, there is a sidebar with a list of links: Library home, Services (highlighted), Resources, Searches, Libraries, Blog, Research, and Library help.

Something to take note of:

- API call takes about **4 seconds** to generate results
- One call has a maximum of **20 items** per API call
- If a user has borrowed 60 items that means 3 API calls at approximately 12 seconds in total.

Loans info via Monash mobile app



- Resources that are loaned
- Earliest an item is due

Renewing an item

My Loans The old fashioned my...

Due Date 2014 01 31 11:55 PM (14 days)

Title The old fashioned mystery of the haunted dollhouse /

Author Petrucha, Stefan.

Loan Date 2013 12 20 12:38 PM (28 days ago)

Call Number KEE

Renew Loan

My Loans The old fashioned my...

Due Date 2014 02 28 11:55 PM (42 days)

Title The old fashioned mystery of the haunted dollhouse /

Author Petrucha, Stefan.

Loan Date 2013 12 20 12:38 PM (28 days ago)

Call Number KEE

Loan Renewed

What you need to know

- SOAP/XML messages
 - Used to pass input parameters and read results
- WSDL (Web Services Description Language) definition
 - XML based interface describing the functionality offered. Shows what parameters are expected and returned.
 - <https://ap01.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/almaws/LoanWebServices?wsdl>
- XSDs input/output of the operations (Refer to Alma Developers Page)
 - XML Schema Definitions available in the Help file
- Roles & Privileges
 - API User Information Read & Write Roles
- Authentication:
 - Username: AlmaSDK-[username]-institutionCode-[inst_code]
 - ex. AlmaSDK-rwilliams-intitutionCode-61MONASH

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SOAP/XML example

The screenshot displays the SoapUI 4.6.1 interface. On the left, a project tree shows the 'Authcate Request-Arg2-20' selected. The main window is split into two panes: 'Raw' XML for the request and 'Raw' XML for the response. The request XML is as follows:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/'>
  <soap:Header/>
  <soap:Body>
    <alma:getUserLoans>
      <!--Optional:-->
      <arg0>xarodico</arg0>
      <!--Optional:-->
      <arg1>AUIH</arg1>
      <!--Optional:-->
      <arg2>0</arg2>
      <!--Optional:-->
      <arg3>20</arg3>
    </alma:getUserLoans>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

The response XML is as follows:

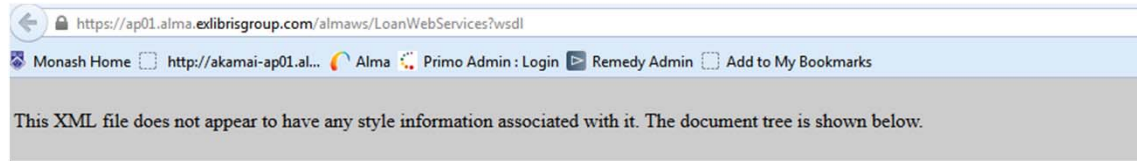
```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'>
<soap:Envelope xmlns:soap='http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/soap/envelope/'>
  <soap:Body>
    <ns2:getUserLoansResponse xmlns:ns2='http://alma.exlibris.com/'>
      <SearchResults><![CDATA[<web_service_result xmlns='http://com.exlibris/urm/general/xmlbeans'>
        <errorsExist>false</errorsExist>
        <result>
          <search_web_service>
            <searchResult>
              <xb:item_loans>
                <xb:item_loan>
                  <xb:loanId>2222804934870001751</xb:loanId>
                  <xb:loanStatus>Active</xb:loanStatus>
                  <xb:dueDate>2014-02-28 23:55:00</xb:dueDate>
                  <xb:processStatus>Renew</xb:processStatus>
                  <xb:description xsi:nil='true' />
                  <xb:locationCode>TE-JF</xb:locationCode>
                  <xb:itemBarcode>33168027223102</xb:itemBarcode>
                  <xb:title>The old fashioned mystery of the haunted dollhouse </xb:title>
                  <xb:author>Petrucha, Stefan.</xb:author>
                  <xb:callNumber>KEE</xb:callNumber>
                  <xb:loanDate>2013-12-20 12:38:12</xb:loanDate>
                  <xb:locationName>Teach Junior Fiction</xb:locationName>
                  <xb:itemPolicy>curriculum</xb:itemPolicy>
                  <xb:loanFine>0.0</xb:loanFine>
                </xb:item_loan>
                <xb:item_loan>
                  <xb:loanId>2222804935890001751</xb:loanId>
                  <xb:loanStatus>Active</xb:loanStatus>
                  <xb:dueDate>2014-02-28 23:55:00</xb:dueDate>
                  <xb:processStatus>Renew</xb:processStatus>
                  <xb:description xsi:nil='true' />
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                  <xb:itemBarcode>33168026497699</xb:itemBarcode>
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                  <xb:author>Davidson, George W.</xb:author>
                  <xb:callNumber>428.2 D252V 2003</xb:callNumber>
                  <xb:loanDate>2013-12-20 12:38:31</xb:loanDate>
                  <xb:locationName>Teach</xb:locationName>
                  <xb:itemPolicy>curriculum</xb:itemPolicy>
                  <xb:loanFine>0.0</xb:loanFine>
                </xb:item_loan>
              </xb:item_loans>
            </searchResult>
            <searchResultDetails>
              <from>0</from>
              <numberOfRecords>20</numberOfRecords>
              <maxResult>2</maxResult>
            </searchResultDetails>
          </search_web_service>
        </result>
      </SearchResults>
    </ns2:getUserLoansResponse>
  </soap:Body>
</soap:Envelope>
```

At the bottom left, the 'Request Properties' table is visible:

Property	Value
Name	Authcate Request-Ar...
Description	
Message Size	457
Encoding	UTF-8
Endpoint	http://ap01.alma.exlib...

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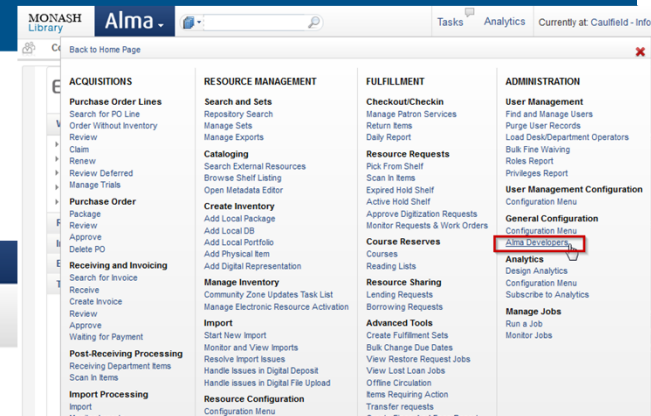
WSDL Example



```
- <wsdl:definitions name="LoanWebServices" targetNamespace="http://alma.exlibris.com/">
- <wsdl:types>
- <xs:schema elementFormDefault="unqualified" targetNamespace="http://alma.exlibris.com/" version="1.0">
  <xs:element name="getUserLoans" type="tns:getUserLoans"/>
  <xs:element name="getUserLoansResponse" type="tns:getUserLoansResponse"/>
  <xs:element name="renewUserLoans" type="tns:renewUserLoans"/>
  <xs:element name="renewUserLoansResponse" type="tns:renewUserLoansResponse"/>
  + <xs:complexType name="renewUserLoans"></xs:complexType>
  + <xs:complexType name="renewUserLoansResponse"></xs:complexType>
  - <xs:complexType name="getUserLoans">
    - <xs:sequence>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="arg0" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="arg1" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="arg2" type="xs:string"/>
      <xs:element minOccurs="0" name="arg3" type="xs:string"/>
    </xs:sequence>
  </xs:complexType>
  + <xs:complexType name="getUserLoansResponse"></xs:complexType>
</xs:schema>
</wsdl:types>
+ <wsdl:message name="getUserLoansResponse"></wsdl:message>
+ <wsdl:message name="renewUserLoans"></wsdl:message>
+ <wsdl:message name="renewUserLoansResponse"></wsdl:message>
+ <wsdl:message name="getUserLoans"></wsdl:message>
+ <wsdl:portType name="LoanWebServices"></wsdl:portType>
+ <wsdl:binding name="LoanWebServicesSoapBinding" type="tns:LoanWebServices"></wsdl:binding>
- <wsdl:service name="LoanWebServices">
  - <wsdl:port binding="tns:LoanWebServicesSoapBinding" name="LoanWebServicesPort">
    <soap:address location="http://ap01.alma.exlibrisgroup.com/almaws/LoanWebServices"/>
  </wsdl:port>
</wsdl:service>
</wsdl:definitions>
```

Parameters for getUserLoans

Alma Developers Page



Alma

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Fulfillment Web Services : Loan Information Web Services : Retrieve User Loans

Retrieve User Loans

This Web service retrieves bibliographic and loan information related to a given user's loan ID, if the input parameters provide a match.

If the input parameters do not provide a match, an error message is returned, stating the reason why the information cannot be retrieved.

Input Parameters ▼

- User identifier – A unique identifier for the user.
- Identifier type (optional) – The type of identifier that is being searched. If this is not provided, all unique identifier types are used. The values that can be used are listed in the table.
- From (optional) – The first record to retrieve. This is specifically for use in cases where there are many loans. If not supplied, the Web service retrieves the first record.
- Number of records (optional) – The number of records to retrieve. If this number is not specified or greater than 20, only 20 records are retrieved.

Possible Error Codes ▼

Possible Error Codes

Code	Message
401650	User identifier is empty.
401651	User not found.
401652	General Error – An error has occurred while processing the request.

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Thank you!

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