

Dear valued SirsiDynix customer,

Later today, SirsiDynix will make an exciting announcement for both our company and the library market. Before the announcement becomes public knowledge and a press release is issued, I wanted to personally share now what the rest of the world will hear shortly – as well as explain to you what it means for customers of SirsiDynix Horizon, Corinthian, and Dynix Classic integrated library systems. SirsiDynix will unveil that we are blending the strengths and best features of Horizon/Corinthian, Unicorn, and other solutions to create a new, versatile technology platform to serve 21st-century libraries and consortia. Code-named “Rome,” this platform goes beyond the traditional integrated library system to encompass the full range of technology building blocks for managing library operations and resources, while providing meaningful user experiences to your information consumers. Rome is built on the architecture of the industry-standard Unicorn Library Management System – with its record of stability, quality, and performance – and will include an impressive set of new solutions created as part of Horizon 8.0/Corinthian development. The first release of Rome will be available in the fourth quarter of this year. The target time for the second release is late 2008.

What does this mean to Horizon/Corinthian and Dynix Classic customers?

There are several key points you should know:

- SirsiDynix will continue to maintain and support Horizon 7.3/7.4.
- Horizon 8.0/Corinthian, which is already in use at a limited number of sites, will not be generally released. Horizon 8.1/Corinthian and Unicorn GL3.2 will not be released. Instead, the new functionality of both will be incorporated into Rome over time.
- We will focus our research-and-development efforts on Rome. In doing so, we will be able to better deliver the capabilities expected in Horizon 8/Corinthian, but faster and on a more stable platform. As a result, Rome will be the platform for all SirsiDynix users in the future.

Here are the upgrade or migration paths for customers planning to move to Horizon 7.3/7.4 or Horizon 8.0/Corinthian, or for those on the Dynix Classic legacy system:

- Customers in the queue to implement Horizon 7.3/7.4 can choose to continue on this path. They do so with the understanding that their next upgrade will be to Rome and that additional training and other activities might be required for Rome.
- As there will be no further implementations of Horizon 8.0/Corinthian, customers in the queue to implement Horizon 8.0/Corinthian can move to Horizon 7.3/7.4, if they are not already on that version.
- The immediate Dynix Classic migration option is to move to Unicorn GL3.1, just as those sites would have migrated to Horizon 8.0/Corinthian. Otherwise, they can follow the migration path to Rome in the coming months. Migrating to Unicorn GL3.1 will later minimize additional training and upgrade activities required for moving to Rome.

The upcoming press release will offer more information about the major features and benefits of Rome. I cannot stress enough that this new technology platform will provide the “best of both worlds” – the stability you require and the features you need.

As always, if you have questions about your particular case, please contact your SirsiDynix account representative.

Regards,

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