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Name	Date	Reason for Change
Trevor Dykstra	1 May 2012	Initial document build
Trevor Dykstra	2 May 2012	Version 1.0.3 (change index menu to home) - works with VuFind 1.3 Added section Function (Page) Details
Trevor Dykstra	16 May 2012	Publish document for general release

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Overview

Key features of the VuFind Discovery Layer are the integrated social features for Patrons to interact with the library catalogue. Some of these social features include:

- Patrons add tags to Bibliographic records (folksonomy of descriptors or subject headings)
- Patrons add comments to Bibliographic records (incorporating patron reviews and notes)

These *tags* and *comments* then become visible to the entire community using the VuFind Discovery Layer.

The **VuFind Manager** application developed by EvolvePlus is a Library Administration add-on for VuFind. It is an essential tool to assist authorised staff to review patron comments and tags, and can be used to locate and remove offensive tags or comments from the VuFind database. It also enables authorised library staff to troubleshoot the VuFind account logins and the corresponding patron credentials from the source ILS.

Notes:

- Our production/development environment is based on the Windows 2008 Server
 platform so we have not tested if VuFind Manager works with Linux or MacOS platforms
 (although it is written with PHP so it theoretically it should run on non-Windows
 platforms).
- 2. We have not tested it on large databases so we are unsure of how it performs with large numbers of comments and tags.
- 3. The application functionality is based on the architecture that we found by analysing the VuFind data schema

VuFind Manager Requirements for Windows Server

The EvolvePlus VuFind Manager is an add-on application for the VuFind Discovery Layer.

VuFind v1.3 is required to be installed and configured \underline{prior} to the installation of the VuFind Manager.

The VuFind Manager shares many of the components used by VuFind including:

- Apache HTTP Server 2.2 or later (2.2.17 or later recommended)
- PHP 5.2.x
- MySQL 5.1 or later
- Java Development Kit 6

The following installation packages have been tested by EvolvePlus for the installation of the VuFind Manager:

Description	Package
Apache HTTP Server 2.2.19 no SSL	apache-httpd-2.2.19-win32-x86-no_ssl.msi
PHP 5.2.17 -VC6 Thread Safe Mode	php-5.2.17-Win32-VC6-x86.msi
MySQL 5.5.13 Community Edition 32 Bit	mysql-5.5.13-win32.msi

Default Installation Folder for Requirements / Pre-requisites

The default installation folder for the VuFind Manager application and the Pre-requisites is usually within the **c:\WebServer** root.

This is to overcome problems with default Windows Security when installing programs to the c:\Program Files\ folder and unable to easily update any configuration files.

VuFind Manager Installation Path	Comment
C:\WebServer\VufindManager	EvolvePlus VuFind Manager application

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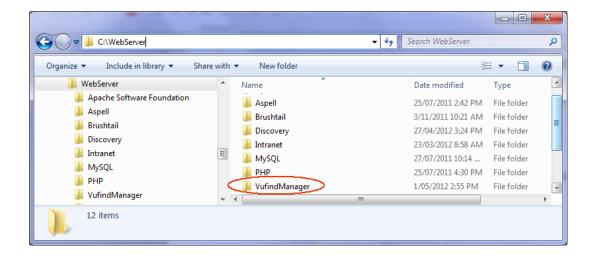
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VuFind Manager Installation

Install Software

Install (unzip) the EvolvePlus VuFind Manager to the C:\WebServer\VufindManager folder on the server.



Configure VuFind Manager

Modify the required MySQL database settings for VuFind Manager to connect to the VuFind database

The configuration file is: C:\WebServer\VufindManager\phpgen_settings.php

The settings to configure:

```
'server' => 'localhost',
'port' => '3306',
'username' => 'vufind',
'password' => 'vufind',
'database' => 'vufind'
```

Create Virtual Directory in Apache HTTP Module

Edit the Apache configuration file

{path}\Apache Software Foundation\Apache2.2\conf\httpd.conf where {path} is the root folder where Apache HTTP is installed

Create the following virtual directory settings for the VuFind Manager application at the end of the file:

Note: the above settings are NOT the finalised settings - this need to be reviewed to ensure all configuration files especially those containing MySQL database connection settings remain inaccessible to all users.

Create/Edit the Authentication configuration file

C:\WebServer\VufindManager\.htaccess

Each login is created on a separate line in the format of *<username>:<password>* For example:

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admin:admin
sysadmin:yehdt$%fsga6372
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This authentication configuration file contains the logins and password that can be used to access the VuFind Manager application.

It is **important** that you change the default logins and passwords supplied in the sample file (default is admin/admin).

If your VuFind system takes sensitive information as input (for example, if you want to protect passwords from being sent in plain text), you may want to consider putting it behind SSL so that communications are encrypted. SSL configuration is beyond the scope of this document, but a lot of helpful resources exist on the web.

Start VuFind Manager

After installation and configuration you can test the VuFind Manager using your web browser:

The VuFind Manager URL will be something similar to:

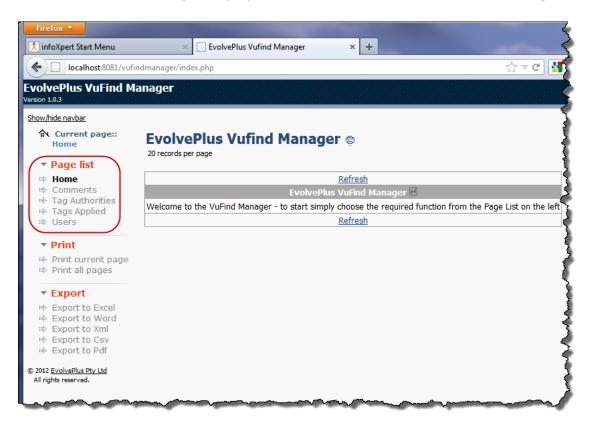
http://localhost/vufindmanager/ (replace localhost with the server name)

If you have configured Apache HTTP and VuFind to use Port 8081 then the URL will be similar to http://localhost:8081/vufindmanager/

Note: the default login is admin (password of admin), which should be changed prior to live rollout of the application. (It you are <u>not</u> prompted for a login please review your Apache Virtual Directory configuration and .htaccess file.)



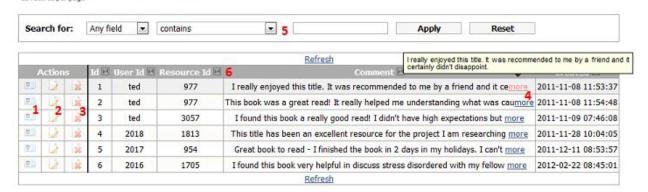
The start page (index) is then displayed after successful authentication, with the available functions for the VuFind Manager displayed on the left *navbar* under the section *Page List*:



Some view and edit features of VuFind Manager include:

- 1. View record in separate 'pop up' window
- 2. Edit record in separate 'pop up' window
- 3. Delete record
- 4. Hover over *more* link to display more data
- 5. Filter/search across columns (fields)
- 6. Sort by columns

VuFind Comments by Users Advanced search O records per page



Development References

Application Version Revision Log

Name	Version	Reason for Change
Trevor Dykstra	1.0.0	Initial module build
Trevor Dykstra	1.0.1	Update styling of user interface Include Index.php (home page)
Trevor Dykstra	1.0.2	Add User List to application Add Password Authentication using Apache .htaccess
Trevor Dykstra	1.0.3	Change <i>Index</i> menu item to display <i>Home</i> Note: VuFind Manager will work with VuFind version 1.3 and above

Feature 'To Do' List

The following is list of features to be investigated / completed as part of future versions of VuFind Manager.

Description	Complete
Check security of application.	
Performance Testing with database containing in excess of 10,000 comments and tags	

Function (Page) Details

index.php

Home (starting) page of the application.

The initial home screen executes a SQL statement to test connectivity to the database.

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select 'Welcome to the VuFind Manager - to start simply choose the required function from the Page List on the left' as 'EvolvePlus VuFind Manager' from DUAL
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vufind_comments.php

Displays the Comments added by patrons to Bibliographic records in VuFind.

vufind_resource_tags.php

Displays the Tag Authority List from VuFind.

Each time a patron adds a tag it is created/shared within the *resource_tags* table and linked to the bibliographic record via the *tags* table.

e.g. if the same tag of 'Health services' is attached to $2 \times 10^{-2} \times 10^$

vufind_tags.php

Displays tags applied to bibliographic records by patrons.

The actual tag data is shared (and stored) in the *resource_tags* table and linked to the bibliographic record via the *tags* table.

vufind_user.php

Displays list of users that have registered with VuFind to access Social Features and/or account details. The first time a patron authenticates within the VuFind, a copy of their ILS settings (e.g. barcode/password) is captured within the *user* table.