Koha : an open source library automation software

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- Open source Integrated Library Automation Software.

- Useful for day to day operations in the library.

- It can be used for any type of library either school, college, university, public or research library.

- It has all functionalities required for a library of a small, medium or a large library that are available in any commercial software.

- More features for users to search books and other documents easily through OPAC.

History

- Development started during 1999 and its first version was released during 2000.

- The name of the software comes from a Maori term which means a gift or donation.

- Project started in New Zealand by a web company Katipo for Horowenua Library Trust.

- Currently its version is 20.05.01 which was released on 23rd June 2020.

- Almost every fortnightly new intermediate version is made available.

Koha Implementation

- Developed by a community of libraries and volunteers from around the globe.

- Koha has been implemented globally and especially in developing countries many libraries have implemented Koha.

- In the US, 15.2% of libraries are using either Koha or Evergreen. (Breeding, Marshal, 2020 Library System Report)

- In India as well many states and funding agencies have made it mandatory to use Koha.

Koha Installation

- Koha can be installed on a linux server – Ubuntu or Debian

- Many Koha LiveDVD's are available to easily install and learn Koha.

  - https://sourceforge.net/projects/kohalivedvd/

    - https://sourceforge.net/projects/livedvdvufindkohadspace/files/livedvd64bits/custom-backup.iso/download

  - https://sourceforge.net/projects/liblivecd/

Course contents

- The course will cover
    - General Introduction about library automation
    - Installation/configuration of Koha
    - Basics of Koha
    - Global System Preferences
    - Koha administration
    - Acquisitions, Cataloguing, Serial Control, Circulation, Patrons, Authorities, Reports, Tools, Lists, OPAC
    - Data export/import
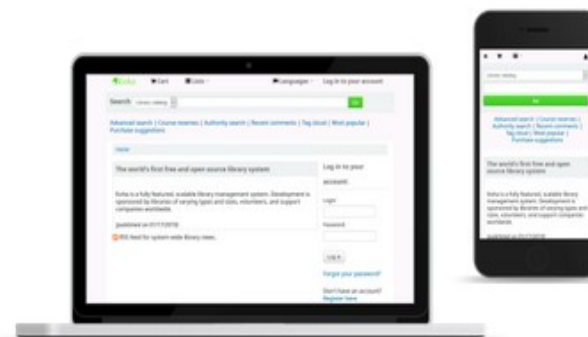   - Koha backup/restore/upgrade
    - Union Catalogue

Koha Library Software

The world's first free and open source library system

Koha is a fully featured, scalable library management system. Development is sponsored by libraries of varying types and sizes, volunteers, and support companies worldwide.

Introducing Koha 20.05

Try it now

Thank You!