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## What's New in Ares Version 2.5

Feedback from current and prospective users continues to drive the development of Ares. These are a few of the key changes in Version 2.5—Current Ares users should review the full release notes on the Resources tab at [www.atlas-sys.com/products/ares](http://www.atlas-sys.com/products/ares).

### The Web Interface

- Instructors can create a class authentication password for cloned classes where the original class did not use the password option.
- Both serial and monograph items can be automatically routed to copyright processing
- Added enhanced support for Mac users to view PDF reserve items.
- Faculty can import items from previous classes to their new and existing classes via the web interface.
- Items cloned by Instructors retain their original instructor tags by default.

### Blackboard (E-Learning Platform Compatibility)

Ares Version 2.5 includes several enhanced aspects of Ares/Blackboard (e-learning) compatibility:

- The Ares building block is no longer accessible to guests. Every user accessing the Ares building block must be a course user.
- New courses can be created directly from Blackboard. Instructors, course builders and teaching assistants can create courses in Ares by clicking on the Course Reserves link under Class Tools or through the Control Panel, as in the past.
- If a Blackboard user becomes a teaching assistant, instructor or course builder for a course after their account was created in Ares, the Ares account will update to give them instructor permissions for the course.
- Setting the Blackboard's Instructor Display Options or Student Display Options to Class Link takes the user immediately to the Ares course page without having to click a separate link.

**To learn more about Ares—Sign up for a web demo at [www.atlas-sys.com](http://www.atlas-sys.com)**

Ares is available from the following regional networks:



## The Ares Client

### The Main Menu

- The Fulfillment menu includes an “In Transit to Pickup Location” status for items with a pickup site different from the current processing site.
- A new Batch Processing option allows you to batch process three status queues: Scan Items Later, Item Available on Shelf, and In Transit to Pickup Location

### Cloning Items

- Items cloned from within the Client retain the Copyright Required setting of the original item.

• Digital items cloned through the Client are processed on the server and no longer require downloading and re-uploading of files.

- Staff can clone multiple items to an existing class or classes. The Item Selection grid contains checkboxes allowing staff to choose which items to clone from an original class, and allows the items to have different availability dates.
- Errors in the cloning process display in the Clone Status column on the Cloned Items results grid.

## Item Processing/ The Item Information Form

- New Clone menu option allows you to clone an item to one or more existing classes. (Use Ctrl-click to select individual classes on the grid, shift-click to select all classes or consecutive classes.)

### Copyright Processing

- Ares supports the CCC Annual Copyright License. Ares automatically checks whether copyrights for individual works are covered by the annual license.
- Copyright processing can now be performed on monograph items.

## The System Manager

- Ares 2.5 has the option to connect with the institution’s registrar system to upload current course data (i.e., course, user and enrollment data).

## Add/Edit Class Forms

- If a URL with a proxy prefix matching the value in Customization is inserted into the URL field, the prefix is removed and the proxy checkbox is checked.
- Typing in the Instructor Username textbox activates a grid showing matching users based on username, firstname or lastname. Select a highlighted user by pressing the Enter or Tab key.

## Searching Items

- General Search results grid allow you to create custom views. Right clicking on a column header displays grid organizing options. Headers can be moved and rearranged by clicking and dragging. Changes to the grid layout are automatically saved upon closing the Client. Right-clicking on items within the grid allows quick routing of selected items to a new status.

## Hot Keys

- Below are new enhanced Hot Key features within the Client:
  - ❖ **Edit Class Form:** Ctrl-Alt-I adds an item.
  - ❖ **Edit Class Form and Item Form:** Ctrl-S saves the form (in addition to the default Alt-S menu shortcut).
  - ❖ **Item Form:** Ctrl-Alt-M switches to the Monograph tab and Title text box. Ctrl-Alt-S switches to the Serials Tab and Journal Title textbox.
  - ❖ **Main Menu:** Ctrl+S switches to the General Search form.



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