

Destiny Library Manager™, Destiny Textbook Manager™, Destiny Media Manager™ and Destiny Asset Manager™ are part of the Destiny Resource Management Solution™, designed specifically for K-12 school districts. Run from a single district location, Destiny reduces total cost of ownership, and cuts staff workload and hardware requirements.

What are Destiny's technical benefits?

- Browser-based client functionality—no client installation of any Destiny software or Java client is required. Terminal Services are not required.
- Runs on a centrally controlled server at the district.
- Easy to install, upgrade and support your entire district with Destiny's central install and browser-based access.
- Low workstation requirements let you use existing hardware. Any workstation in the district with a supported web browser can access Destiny.
- Provides rock-solid reliability.
- Customizable security levels support central or site system administration.
- Enables you to easily automate routine tasks, such as backups and student data updates.

Does Destiny use a mainstream database?

Destiny uses the industry-standard, proven and cost-effective Microsoft® SQL Server™ 2005 database. School districts with fewer than 7,200 students can use the SQL Express 2005 version for Destiny, which does not require a separate purchase of Microsoft SQL Server.

How much bandwidth does Destiny require?

Destiny requires very little bandwidth. Destiny serves straightforward HTML web pages. No Java applets, no large Windows clients, no database connections from client to server. Destiny can be used over virtually any wide area network.

What web server does Destiny require?

Destiny is packaged with an Apache project web server, and does not require IIS. Apache or IIS can be configured to serve as a "front end" web server for Destiny, if desired.

Technical FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions for

- Library Manager™
- Textbook Manager™
- Media Manager™
- Asset Manager™

Will Destiny work with Novell® NetWare®?

Destiny will coexist with NetWare servers. Although Destiny runs on Windows 2003 Server, Destiny servers are not administered as network file servers requiring end-user accounts. Administering Destiny hardware is as easy as administering any Windows workstation on your network.

Can backups be automated?

With Destiny, you have full control over backups. The database can be backed up "live" using popular backup agents for SQL Server 2005. Destiny can also be backed up using open file managers. In addition, Destiny provides you with the ability to script system stop and start if you prefer to schedule file-based backups.

Is Destiny designed for high availability?

Destiny is built with thousands of automated tests and stress-tested to millions of transactions to ensure system reliability. A complete high-availability strategy requires multiple layers of software and hardware redundancy and includes:

- An automated backup process with transaction logging.
- Hard drives configured with hot-swappable RAID support for data redundancy.
- Database transactions logs residing on an independent volume for enhanced recoverability and performance.
- Support for database clustering via SQL Server 2005 Standard Edition and Windows 2003 Enterprise Edition.

Is Destiny LDAP compatible? Will Destiny work with Microsoft Active Directory® and Novell eDirectory™?

Yes, Destiny supports LDAP integration with Microsoft Active Directory and Novell eDirectory via anonymous binding.

Can Destiny be accessed through a firewall?

You may allow home and community access to Destiny over the Internet. By default, Destiny uses ports 80 and 443 for HTTP and HTTPS. For additional security, Destiny enables you to place a proxying web server between users and Destiny. This configuration limits firewall traffic so that only the proxying web server has direct access to Destiny. In this way, there are no outside user connections through your firewall.

Can schools continue to function during a network outage?

Schools can continue checking resources in and out during a network outage by scanning student and item barcodes into a local text file or a portable hand-held device. Follett also provides a free workstation scan utility for offline circulation barcode capture. When the network is restored, the barcode data can be submitted on a Destiny web page and all transactions will be processed.

Can Destiny create custom reports?

Destiny includes many standard reports for your district and library users. Destiny 7.0 includes a report builder that enables end users to build their own customized reports. Destiny also allows read-only access to all your data from virtually any custom reporting tool such as Microsoft Access, Crystal Reports® and other web-based reporting tools. In addition, the Destiny Custom Reporting Service is available, for which Follett creates custom reports to your specifications.

Will Destiny work with my SIS?

Destiny includes a utility for automating regular updates of class schedules and student adds, changes and deletes from your student information system. As students move into, throughout and from your district, information can be passed to Destiny via a scripted batch process to ensure that student information is current in Destiny. All checkout, fine and statistics information is retained with the student as they move throughout the district.

Is Destiny SIF compliant?

Yes, Destiny has been certified with the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF). Destiny will work with SIF 1.1 and 1.5. In fact, Destiny was the first centralized Library or Textbook Solution to become SIF compliant. For more information on Follett's SIF agent, contact Edustructures at 1-877-790-1261.

Will Follett Software help me install and implement Destiny?

Follett will help make your Destiny implementation a complete success:

- For multi-site districts, the Destiny solution features full implementation support, including project management and planning, installation assistance, and functional and technical training.
- Follett will assist in the loading of student and bibliographic/holdings data and ensure the system is ready to support on-site training of your staff. Conversion utilities are available for Follett products and select Sagebrush products. Please contact Follett for details, as this may require using the latest software version.
- Follett will assist with automating the interface between Destiny and your SIS.
- Follett will train your technical staff on the basic support functions for Destiny, and train your district library media staff on Destiny functionality.

For more information, contact your Follett Software Automation Consultant or call 800-323-3397.

System Requirements

Destiny excels on industry-standard Intel-based servers. Because technical needs vary from district to district, Follett Software Company will work with you to define the system requirements, projected bandwidth and transaction volumes specific to the unique needs of your district. Please call 800-323-3397 for a custom consultation. Outside the US and Canada, please call 815-344-8700.

