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BIBFRAME in Europe

Working with linked data at scale in library workflows

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Meeting libraries where you are today

- Create global identifiers that will be used across workflows by adding to URIs to WorldCat data
- Release tools that bridge the gap between traditional records and linked data frameworks to enable seamless creation and curation of data
- Import and export WorldCat data as BIBFRAME so librarians can work seamlessly between MARC and BIBFRAME
- Evaluate and adapt to flavors of BIBFRAME so librarians can share and exchange data with the highest fidelity possible



Identifiers in workflows



WorldCat Entities in MARC records



400M WorldCat Entity URIs

entities.oclc.org



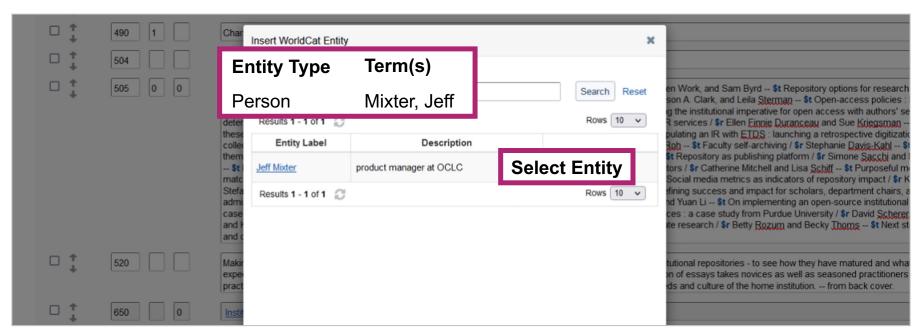
WorldCat Entities data output

Included in MARC records through:

- Export in WorldShare Record Manager
- Export in Connexion
- WorldCat Metadata API
- Z39.50 Cataloging
- Bulk output in WorldShare Collection Manager

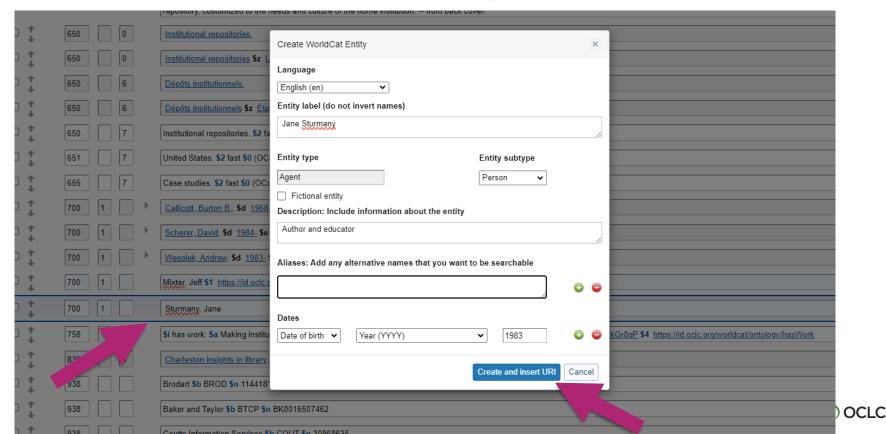


Look up WorldCat Entities within WorldShare Record Manager





Create WorldCat Entity



Dewey Linked Data

Unlocks the power of Dewey numbers via the creation of URIs

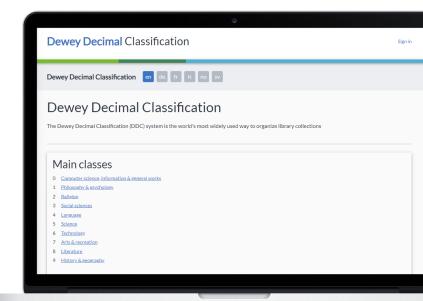
Forms the foundation for "concept" entities

Provides subject classifications to Works entities in WorldCat Entities

Creates a layer of new relationships for knowledge graphs

Connects Dewey classifications to FAST topical headings

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WorldCat ontology

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New tools for new data



OCLC Meridian

Create, curate, and connect linked data in WorldCat Entities

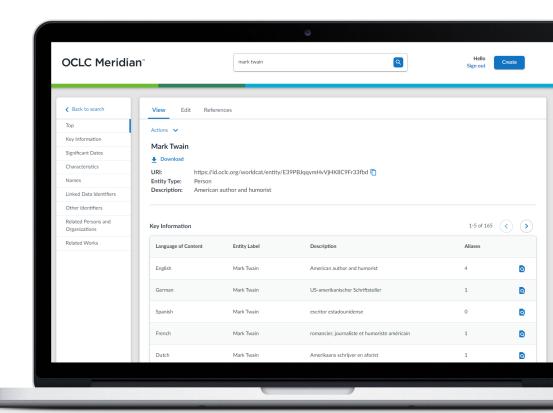
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OCLC Meridian

Intuitive, web-based user interface





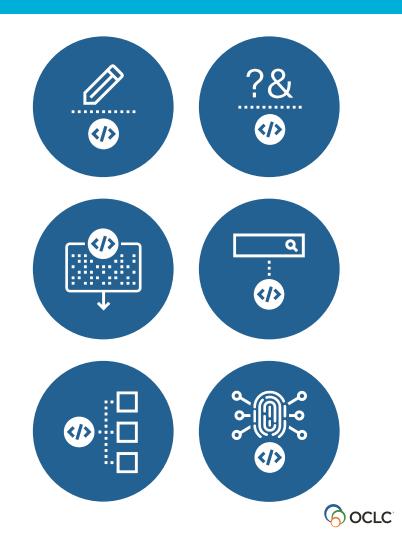
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Suite of WorldCat Entities APIs

- Entity Management API
- Entity Search API
- PID Lookup API
- Entity Changes API

Available add-on APIs:

- Entity Connections API
- Entity Query API



BIBFRAME



Ingest

Completed ingest mappings in alignment with LOC 2.6 conversion specifications

- Currently working on 2.7 conversion specifications
 Tested ingest from both Library of Congress as well as Sinopia (Alma)
 - Expanded Mappings based on differences in BIBFRAME structure and data across different providers/services
 - Shared feedback with libraries and library vendors



Export

Evaluated MARC fields not accounted for in LOC MARC > BIBFRAM conversion

- Aggregation of MARC data from around the world to evaluate and analyze
- Expanded mapping to account most frequently used fields/subfields
- Addressed variety of identifiers found across MARC
 At scale testing to evaluate quality of exported BIBFRAME and to compare to BIBFRAME contributed directly to WorldCat



BIBFRAME Editor

Seamless work in MARC or BIBFRAME

2nd round of user testing

Development partner testing in 2025

Integration with OCLC Meridian





BIBFRAME Data

Our work with the PCC BIG group and evaluating BIBFRAME at scale across WorldCat has found:

- Idiosyncrasies in MARC = Large idiosyncrasies in BIBFRAME
- Differing flavors of BIBFRAME and BIBFRAME exported via different BIBFRAME editors can be significantly diverse

This decreases the reusability of the data at scale and compromises the interoperability of the data across libraries



BIBFRAME Data

OCLC is working towards creating a **highly reliable**, **consistent**, and **developer friendly** set of BIBFRAME data:

- Normalizing patterns across the data
- Adopting best practices for publishing linked data
- Working closely with LOC to ensure our ingest and export mappings are up-to-date with LOC specifications



Next steps



Data enrichment

- Add WorldCat Organization Entity links to WorldCat records
- Add Dewey linked data links to WorldCat records and WorldCat Work Entities
- Continually update WorldCat Entity data
 +86 Million additions added since May 2024
- Continual BIBFRAME data analysis and refinement



Tools and Services

- Integrate WorldCat Entities data into discovery services
- Continue UI/UX research for BIBFRAME Editor
- Development partner testing for OCLC BIBFRAME Editor

Want to participate in UI/UX testing?

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Because what is known must be shared.

Thanks!

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