

Connexion Client 2.0 Available for Download

Connexion client 2.0 became available for download in July. Enhancements with this version include:

- Ability to display your toolbar on two rows.
- Use shorter menus: Edit, Action, View, and Tools menus are rearranged.
- z39.50 access via the client to retrieve bibliographic records from your local system to create authority records or add bib records to WorldCat.
- RLIN21 keyboards for Arabic, Cyrillic, Hebrew, and Latin scripts.
- Unicode control characters for Arabic and Hebrew script cataloging.
- Automatic switch from non-Latin to English mode for delimiter and subfield code.
- Search and display of institution records. Create and edit institution records if authorized.
- New OCLC macros in the macro book OCLC.mbk, including 007 entry.

Obsolescence of earlier versions:

- OCLC does not expect to discontinue 1.7X until a future release of the client is available.
- You are not required to upgrade to 2.0 at this time. However, OCLC recommends that you upgrade to 2.0 to have the most current features available.

Connexion Client Known Problems Updated

Known problems:

OCLC lists all known problems at http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client_known_problems.htm. Reported issues include:

- Installation/Upgrading: The first time you run the client after installing/upgrading to version 2.0, the client desktop icon for opening the program may not work. See http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client_known_problems.htm#upgrading.
- Automatic switch from non-Latin to English mode: Using the keystroke shortcut to enter a subfield delimiter and code in non-Latin script data may not switch you back to the language/keyboard you were using, as it should, or may switch you to a different language. See http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client_known_problems.htm#transliteration.

z39.50 Issues:

- Using the z39.50 connection in the client to retrieve a local system record may not work.
- Updating holdings on records imported into the client via z39.50 (Tools menu) does not work. See http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client_known_problems.htm#other.

Remote Access: Catalogers can use the Connexion client 2.00 via Citrix thin client, with caution and with some limitations. See http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client_known_problems.htm#other.

For questions about Connexion client, contact Lauren Pinsley or Lynne Graziadei at Nylink.

For more detail on enhancements, new features, or to download Connexion 2.0, go to: <http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/enhancements/recent.htm>.

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Institution Records (IRs) Now Available to Non-RLG Libraries

The Institution Record Option order form is now available to non-Research Library Group (RLG) libraries that wish to create and maintain Institution Records (IRs). Non-RLG migrating libraries that wish to create and maintain Institution Records, either online via Connexion or Z39.50 Cataloging or via batchload, contact Lauren Pinsley at Nylink, because institution record capability will cause an increase to the library's current OCLC Cataloging subscription price. Once a revised quote has been prepared, the next step is to complete the Institution Record Option order form at <https://www3.oclc.org/app/ir/>. This form may also be downloaded in PDF format at www.oclc.org/support/forms/pdf/insrec.pdf and submitted via fax.

Institution Records were added to WorldCat this year as part of the Research Library Group's merger with OCLC. IRs provide functions similar to the RLIN21 "cluster" model of records, which group together records for the same item that are cataloged by individual libraries. The records include local data, such as copy-specific notes, and locations information. For more information on the transition, please see the OCLC web site at <http://www.oclc.org/services/cataloging/rlg/default.htm>.

As a reminder, RLG-migrating libraries do not need to complete this form as part of the migration process. A migrating library that wishes to add IRs to an authorization or request new authorizations should use the Access and Authorization form at <https://www3.oclc.org/app/sysacc/header.pl>.

For more information on Institution Records, contact Lauren Pinsley or Lynne Graziadei at Nylink.

(See also: "Institution Records Available in FirstSearch" in the Reference Section of this issue)

New OCLC Discussion List for Catalogers Using Non-Latin Scripts

OCLC has introduced a new listserv called OCLC-NON-LATIN-SCRIPTS-L.

The OCLC-NON-LATIN-SCRIPTS-L listserv is a discussion forum for users of OCLC non-Latin scripts, including Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Cyrillic, Devanagari, Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Korean, Tamil, and Thai. You may subscribe to OCLC-NON-LATIN-SCRIPTS-L using the OCLC Internet List Subscription Request form at <https://www3.oclc.org/app/listserv/index.pl>.

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New WorldCat Cataloging Partners Announced

OCLC welcomes two new companies to the WorldCat Cataloging Partners program: Brodart and Alliance Entertainment. Libraries may now sign up for WorldCat Cataloging Partners with either of these companies as a vendor. A list of all WorldCat Cataloging Partners is available at http://www.oclc.org/catalogingpartners/wccp_partners.htm.

Brodart's Books & Automation Division offers libraries and schools access to books from over 80,000 publishers, and stocks its warehouse with more than two million books. Libraries select from over five million English-language titles, Spanish-language books, plus audio and video products. Brodart Books & Automation is located in Williamsport, PA, and is a pioneer in cataloging and processing and collection development services, building a solid reputation through the past 65 years as a leading supplier of books and services exclusively to the library community. Their staff of library professionals designs, maintains, and consults in libraries' selection processes and workflow throughout the world. For more information about Brodart Books & Automation, visit them at <http://www.books.brodart.com/home.htm>.

With a combined total of more than 335,000 titles, Alliance Entertainment Corporation maintains the largest in-stock catalog of CD titles and DVD titles in the US, specializing in public and educational libraries. Trading partners include over 10,000 major record labels and movie studios. Alliance Entertainment's headquarters is located in Coral Springs, FL, and offers collection development assistance via standing orders, firm orders, and approval plans. Their highly trained staff has in-depth music and video knowledge serving to aid libraries with all of their selection needs. For more information about Alliance Entertainment, visit their web site at <http://www.aent.com>.

If you have questions about the Cataloging Partners program or PromptCat, contact Lynne Graziadei at Nylink.

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Blackwell Book Service Joins WorldCat Selection Vendors

Blackwell Book Service has become the latest WorldCat Selection vendor. According to the OCLC web site, "Blackwell aims to help libraries keep the costs of identifying and acquiring books and e-books as low as possible. Their tools, services, customer relationships, and partnerships are all built to create efficient workflows for libraries in the belief that the costs of acquiring books, if inefficient, can be greater than the costs of the books themselves. Ultimately, efficient acquisition enables libraries to make available to their patrons a larger part of the universe of scholarly information that could prove useful to them". Blackwell has offices in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia, and the United States.

The Blackwell Book Service web site is at <http://www.blackwell.com>. To see a complete list of WorldCat Selection vendors, both currently active and forthcoming, go to <http://www.oclc.org/selection/partners/default.htm>.

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OCLC Persistent URL Service

OCLC and Zepheira, LLC will work together to re-architect OCLC's Persistent URL (PURL) service to more effectively support the management of a "Web of data." The software developed will be released under an Open Source Software license allowing PURLs and the PURL infrastructure to be used in various applications for public or proprietary use. OCLC and Zepheira are collaborating to extend the open and inclusive community of PURL users.

The PURL service has been hosted by OCLC for twelve years and provides persistent, stable World Wide Web (www) addresses for the international library and education community; government, business, and nonprofit organizations; and private citizens. PURLs are Web addresses or Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) that act as permanent identifiers in the face of a dynamic and changing Web infrastructure.

Instead of resolving directly to Web resources, PURLs provide a level of indirection that allows the underlying Web addresses of resources to change over time without negatively affecting systems that depend on them. This capability provides continuity of references to network resources that may migrate from machine to machine for business, social or technical reasons.

PURLs grew out of the long involvement of OCLC's Office of Research with the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Uniform Resource Identifier working groups. You can read the full press release at <http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/200669.htm>.

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OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis: Summer Enhancements & Updated Data

Over the summer, several enhancements were added to OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service.

WorldCat Collection Analysis Individual subscribers, (and as of August 5th, group subscribers too!) have the option of applying elements of the FRBR algorithm to their WorldCat comparisons via the FirstSearch Administrative Module. Applying elements of FRBR will group various editions and formats of the same title together. Requesting a FRBR-applied WorldCat Comparison will not overwrite your existing, non-FRBR-applied comparison. It will appear as an additional analysis.

In addition to the FRBR results view, other exciting enhancements include:

- Increase in the number of institutions available in peer comparisons from five to 10 for individual subscribers.
- Ability to search the Conspectus by LC, Dewey, or NLM Call Number, which now allows you to enter a call number of interest and thereby immediately "scope" your analysis view to the most granular level of the Conspectus containing that call number.
- Batch export limits increased from 500 to 2500 records at a time.

OCLC has also completed the quarterly refresh of data in WorldCat Collection Analysis, replacing the data from last quarter with the most current data from WorldCat. Along with current data, other improvements include:

- Government Documents – all items in OCLC's Government Documents division have been broken out by publishing agency for more granular analysis.
- NLM records consolidated – all master records in WorldCat with a National Library of Medicine call number have been classified using the record's NLM call number. This will be especially valuable for institutions accustomed to classifying their respective collections with NLM. Now the sequence of choosing a call number from the master record to use in mapping an item is:

1. NLM
2. LC
3. Dewey

For more information about World Cat Collection Analysis, contact Lauren Pinsley (pinsleyl@nylink.org) or Jennifer Hawkes (hawkesj@nylink.org) at Nylink. You may also wish to visit <http://www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis>.

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