

WorldCat Central Indexing Information



Desired publisher material for indexing information

WorldCat contains metadata that represents the physical, electronic and digitized collections of libraries. OCLC uses the WorldCat central index in its services to:

1. Enable the library user to discover the full range of the library’s collections
2. Enhance the discoverability and access of publisher materials licensed by libraries
3. Enable the library user to more easily access the full content the library has licensed from the publisher.

Publishers and OCLC sign an indexing agreement and OCLC integrates the publisher metadata into the WorldCat central index. As applicable, indexing of the provider’s full text is also included to enhance publisher content discoverability.

Publishers supply OCLC with metadata and full-text content for discovery to increase content usage and profile data. This enhances delivery of the content libraries’ license from publishers. See data details below.

Publisher Metadata Needed	Minimum	Highly Desirable
Enabling Library Discovery	Author, title, publisher, publication date, place of publication, volume, issue, database/journal name/ title, link, ISBN/ISSN/Identifier	DOI, Edition, Language, pagination, document type Enriched content such as cover, abstract, summary, keyword Full text for indexing
Enhancing Library User Access	Complete catalog with title and collection list Holdings	Licensing terms for start and end of subscription

Additional information

Publisher metadata is requested:

- For all electronic content formats: books, journals, databases, audiobooks, video, music, etc.
- For all records in each databases and/or collections.

A wide variety of electronic data formats is supported by OCLC systems.

For more information

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