OCLC’s global library network

As of January 2022

Americas
21,075 members in 30 countries

EMEA
5,513 members in 71 countries

Asia Pacific
2,575 members in 22 countries

As of January 2022
WorldCat gets one new record every second.

526 million records

3.2 billion holdings

As of April 2022
OCLC’s metadata quality team

Last year:

- 21,900,000 records enhanced
- 317,000 duplicates removed
- 7,800 authority records enhanced

From July 2020 to June 2021

#OCLCcataloging
Contributions to WorldCat

Sources of WorldCat bibliographic records (as of December 2021)

OCLC and member libraries: 62.29%
National libraries: 23.78%
Vendors/publishers: 11.49%
Library of Congress: 2.44%

(Items published since 2010)
Languages in WorldCat

483 languages represented in WorldCat

As of December 2021

Top 10 languages

- **English**: 39% (203 million)
- **German**: 12% (63 million)
- **French**: 9% (47 million)
- **Spanish**: 5% (25 million)
- **Chinese**: 3% (16 million)
- **Japanese**: 3% (13 million)
- **Italian**: 3% (13 million)
- **Polish**: 2% (8 million)
- **Russian**: 1% (8 million)
- **Dutch**: 1% (8 million)
Community enhancements

Number of WorldCat records enriched and replaced by the cataloging community

Last year: 2,367,782 (2021)

Last month: 205,551 (April 2022)
OCLC’s WorldCat Metadata Quality Team reviews, deletes, merges, and enhances an average of 4 million WorldCat records per month
Power of cooperative metadata

In the past year, OCLC member libraries copy cataloged 95% of their items from WorldCat, saving an average of 10 minutes per title.
Power of cooperative cataloging

By copy cataloging

17,101,022 titles

Libraries collectively saved

2.9 million hours

Last year
“As a major data hub, OCLC is well placed to develop linked data services for the library community.”

Chew Chiat Naun
Head of Metadata Creation
Harvard Library
Ask QC office hours

Join semi-monthly virtual Q&A sessions with the OCLC metadata quality team

oc.lc/askqc
“Encompassing libraries from all sectors, of all sizes, and at various stages of development, WorldCat epitomizes global library collaboration, crossing borders, languages, and cultures to provide an unrivalled, unifying bibliographic platform.

Peter Sidorko
Former OCLC Global Council President
The University of Hong Kong
OCLC Community Center

- Learn from peers in online discussion boards
- Stay informed with updates from OCLC on releases and events
- Collaborate on new ideas and product enhancements
- Get involved with focus groups and feedback sessions

Join the community at oc.lc/community
Community enhancements

Number of records processed through the member merge program

Last year: 105,208
(2021)

Last month: 7,686
(April 2022)
WorldCat knowledge base: A new infrastructure for e-resource management

The WorldCat knowledge base connects library users to the electronic content provided by their libraries. The latest update is the result of a major multi-year investment that strengthens OCLC's foundation and provides benefits across many products and services. To learn more about this effort and our commitment to ongoing innovation, please watch a short video featuring Mary Sauer-Games, OCLC's Vice President of Global Product Management.

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