# Notes from the OCLC Cataloging Community Meeting on 6 June 2023

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## Session: OCLC Cataloging Update

### Presenters

- Anne Washington, Product Analyst • Metadata & Digital Services - Linked Data, OCLC
- David Whitehair, Director, Metadata Services • Metadata & Digital Services, OCLC

### Presentation Summary

Anne presented information on linked data, explaining how when data is structured, it enhances information discovery across the web in search engines, AI platforms, and other technologies that index open data. OCLC's work with linked data is aimed at making library data more interconnected and accessible while providing new opportunities for libraries to collaborate and share data with each other and with other organizations. In this linked data ecosystem, libraries can create, edit, and curate linked data; manage authoritative data; and integrate this data across disparate workflows. Anne discussed how libraries are uniquely positioned to link stakeholders and new data sets together to support the strategic direction of their institution. OCLC with its member-centric approach is uniquely equipped to service and integrate the array of data formats and workflows as the industry transitions to a new era of metadata.

David encouraged OCLC cataloging subscribers to transition to WorldShare Record Manager for their web-based cataloging solution that supports all the workflows users are accustomed to with Connexion browser. [OCLC recently announced the plan to end the life of the web-based version of Connexion on 30 April 2024]. Record Manager is a more intuitive and efficient cataloging environment with improved search functionality that better serves diverse communities through non-Latin script data in WorldCat records. With Record Manager, libraries can locally manage staff and user permissions; leverage more label formats, access more authority files, and view more UI language options, including Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Dutch, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish. David also provided an overview of WorldShare Collection Manager and WorldCat knowledge base collections, with a shout out for the newly released WorldCat Metadata API 2.0. #OCLCcataloging

David emphasized that Connexion client will continue to be supported and developed—it is not going away.

**Record Manager and Collection Manager are available to cataloging subscribers at no additional cost.**

## URLs mentioned during the event

- OCLC and Linked Data:
  https://www.oclc.org/en/worldcat/oclc-and-linked-data.html
- OCLC Research: Linked Data:
  https://www.oclc.org/research/areas/data-science/linkeddata/linked-data-outputs.html
- WorldCat Entities:
  https://www.oclc.org/en/worldcat/oclc-and-linked-data/worldcat-entities.html
- WorldCat Metadata API 2.0:
  https://www.oclc.org/developer/api/oclc-apis/worldcat-metadata-api.en.html
- APIs
  https://www.oclc.org/developer/api.en.html
- WorldShare Record Manager:
  https://www.oclc.org/en/worldshare-record-manager.html
- Connexion browser to be discontinued on 30 April 2024:
  https://www.oclc.org/en/news/announcements/2023/discontinuing-connexion-browser.html
- Comparison of Connexion browser and Record Manager actions:
  https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Authority_records/Work_with_authority_records
- Connexion client Support
  https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/Connexion/Connexion_client/Connexion_client_basics/Get_support/Connexion_client_support
- OCLC cataloging application comparison chart:
  https://www.oclc.org/go/en/oclc-cataloging-application-comparison.html
- Sign up for WorldShare Record Manager:
  https://www.oclc.org/en/worldshare-record-manager/ordering.html
- Transition from Connexion browser to WorldShare Record Manager
  https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Transition_from_Connexion_browser_to_WorldShare_Record_Manager
- OCLC Training:
  https://help.oclc.org/Librarian_Toolbox/OCLC_training
- WorldShare Record Manager training
  https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/WorldShare_Record_Manager_training
- Make the Switch to WorldShare Record Manager:
  oc.lc/browser-to-rm

# Audience questions

**Can you talk more about the global identifier, e.g., sources or …how will they be created?**

We're working to create global identifiers that will be used across workflows by adding URIs to WorldCat data. We currently have entities for Persons, Works, and Places, and we are enriching the WorldCat Entities dataset by adding entities and entity types, including Concepts, Events, and Organizations, as well as enhancing our current Persons, Places, and Works entity data. The entity data is derived from a variety of data sources, including authority files, Wikidata, and WorldCat, and in the future data will also be created and curated by users. These permanent URIs can be used in your MARC metadata as well as any system where you are putting identifiers, helping make library data more interconnected and accessible while also connecting disparate workflows.

**Will the new version 2.0 of the API require requesting a new WSKEY?**

You can use the same API key with both versions of the WorldCat Metadata API; you do not need a new WSKEY.

**Record Manager is "included" but isn't always activated, or visible if staff haven't updated their roles. Will there be an outreach effort to make sure that staff know how to update settings? Will my current WorldShare login credentials work in Records Manager?**

Yes, WorldShare is one logon:
https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Get_started/Sign_in_to_Record_Manager

Record Manager might need to be activated: https://www.oclc.org/en/worldshare-record-manager/ordering.html

Libraries control permissions for individuals using the WorldShare Admin module:
https://help.oclc.org/WorldShare/WorldShare_Admin/User_Management

Descriptions of available roles: https://help.oclc.org/WorldShare/WorldShare_Admin/Roles

**Can you compare records in Record manager?**

Yes, you can compare bibliographic records in Record Manager:
https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Bibliographic_records/MARC_21_view/Compare_bibliographic_records

**Does the WorldShare Record Manager have the ability to work with the Client? For example, my cataloger in training was using the Online File in the browser until I checked the work and then downloading to the client local files for final workflow.**

The Online Save File that is used between Connexion client, Connexion browser and Record Manager is the same. In Record Manager, use Saved In-Progress and the record will also be available in the Connexion Online Save File.

**In Record Manager, can MeSH terms be controlled like LCSH terms are in Connexion client?**

Yes, MeSH terms can be controlled. The full list of authority records and how to work with the files in Record Manager is available here:
https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Authority_records/Work_with_authority_records

**When you try to control certain headings (like unqualified personal names), Connexion client will launch a browser window with the authority file. Once Connexion browser goes away, will Connexion client launch the authority file, or will that feature simply cease to work?**

This will continue to work.

**Are there plans for developing macros for Record Manager?**

Connexion client will continue to be available for work with macros. What we have done in Record Manager is automate different workflows, similar to what we did in Connexion browser where we saw things that people were doing often that we could automate. We added those workflows into Record Manager. If you have suggestions for Record Manager for tasks you think should be automated, feel free to reach out to us and let us know. We can look at those in the future.