Frequently Asked Questions:
Shared Print Registration and Discovery Enhancements

OCLC’s shared print registration streamlines the process of registering shared print retention commitments for individual libraries and groups to operationalize the collective collection more quickly. The service:

- Allows bulk creation of single-part monograph and serials shared print retention commitments
- Provides ability to output MARC records in multiple formats, including non-interleaved Local Holdings Records (LHRs), for input into ILS
- Eliminates the need for a second OCLC symbol
- Sets the shared print holding type flag in the WorldCat bib record which enables display and queries on the data
- Permits an agent or group coordinator to submit retention commitments on a library’s behalf
- Is included in your library's full cataloging subscription

Who is eligible to access and use registration and discovery services?

Registration

Any OCLC member with a full cataloging subscription can register shared print retention commitments in WorldCat using data sync collections in WorldShare® Collection Manager. In addition, retention commitments may also be submitted by an agent or group coordinator whose members are OCLC cataloging subscribers.

Discovery

Shared print retention commitments can be discovered in the following services for OCLC members with associated subscriptions: Collection Manager (using query collections), WorldShare® Record Manager, FirstSearch®, Connexion®, and a new API.

The New API: There is now a new version of the WorldCat Metadata API that runs in parallel to the original. The new API (WorldCat Metadata API 1.1) allows eligible users dynamic discovery of shared print retention data. Any OCLC member with a full cataloging subscription will be able to access the WorldCat Metadata API 1.1. In addition, shared print programs with an agreement to register and synchronize shared print retention commitments in WorldCat will be able to access the WorldCat Metadata API 1.1.

Are there any other options for registering shared print commitments?

OCLC offers a robust shared print registration through data sync collections in WorldShare Collection Manager to ensure that records are appropriately flagged, which enables display and queries on the data. OCLC is working on additional functionality to allow registration of shared print retention commitments and editing of commitment metadata via MARC format. This new functionality is targeted for release in June 2020.
Which OCLC services can I use to discover shared print commitments?
Shared print retention commitments are discoverable in a variety of OCLC services, each ideal for different use cases. Query collections in Collection Manager is best for bulk download of retention data. Record Manager, FirstSearch, and Connexion are best for in-workflow discovery. The new WorldCat Metadata API 1.1 offers dynamic access to retention data.

What data is indexed/accessible using the new WorldCat Metadata API 1.1?
- Bibliographic: a summary of bibliographic information in the MARC record
- Brief Holdings: simple data about which institution holds a given shared print record
- Detailed Holdings: detailed data on shared print records from the MARC LHR record. The majority of the LHR fields including 583 |a, 3, 5, c, d, f, l, j, l, u, z

In which format will data from the new WorldCat Metadata API 1.1 be returned?
Custom Non-MARC JSON/XML.