

RLG Programs Metadata Tools Forum

LS Tools Summary

Title:

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Web site:

lstools.library.cornell.edu

Brief Description:

LS Tools (“Library Services” Tools) is a set of scripts that allow library technical services staff to extract, import, export, modify, and load MARC records in batch using a Web interface.

System Requirements:

Systems-level access to local catalog and the database tables that support it; permission to access a local server; secure shell software for loading records into local system. Excel software is also handy for sharing reports.

Features and Uses:

Without the help of programmers, tech services staff can run general and MARC field/subfield-specific queries on local bibliographic and MARC holdings records, import and export record sets into/from the local catalog in batch, modify records offline in batch, and use pre-configured system features to load record sets (both large and small) into the local catalog.

Access/Availability:

This suite of tools is both ILS- and Cornell-specific and cannot be used, as is, by other institutions. However, it could be modified for use with other systems and local implementations by someone onsite with cataloging experience and the appropriate analytical skills, working along with a programmer. Cornell is willing to share code and minimally advise others. More intensive consultation (e.g. requiring a site visit) may be negotiable.

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