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Web Cataloging Assistant (WebCat)

Summary

Title:

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Web site:

www.loc.gov/catdir/beat/webcat.html

Brief Description:

Provides a quick, easy way to create most of a bibliographic record for online PDF research papers, discussion papers, etc. from some 30+ high research value series primarily in the business and economics area of study. Staff input a URL, click a button, and the application scans the page of that URL, extracts relevant bibliographical information, adds some boilerplate information, and then sends that record into the LC Voyager cataloging client. The cataloger then adds subject headings and added entries as needed.

System Requirements:

Microsoft Windows required. No other software needed, but WebCat as used by LC is configured to work with Voyager only. Can be adjusted for other ILS systems.

Features and Uses:

Automatic notification (separate co-application) when new papers are added to a site, shortens processing time thus allowing easy retrospective cataloging of older papers in the series, makes gray area/fringe cutting edge publications accessible quickly.

Access/Availability:

Looking to give away as-is.

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