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Web Cataloging Assistant (UCLA Version)

Summary

Title:

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Brief Description:

This program is UCLA's adaptation of David Williamson's WebCat Assistant, which can automatically create MARC records by extracting data from an abstract page on the Web for a PDF. UCLA's version allows changes to program settings, which enable users to utilize the program on more than a single set of Web pages without the need to change the source code and recompile the program.

System Requirements:

IBM compatible PC; Windows

Features and Uses:

With this version of the WebCat Assistant, program settings can be changed, then saved to or loaded from a file. Our latest update to the program also automatically calculates the values for some program settings based on the Web site's HTML code. In addition to the program settings, there is also an option to specify the save location for the MARC file, which wasn't available in the original version. UCLA currently uses the tool for the eScholarship Repository at the California Digital Library. The eScholarship Repository is a Web site that contains research and scholarly publications from various UCs.



We've added the "Settings" and "Export File" buttons.



This rather complex window is where we can program the application to look for specific strings that mark the location of the title, author, date, and abstract for each series. There is a separate tab for the more static options such as headings and publication information. The final tab is the autoconfig feature which can be used to automatically compute the values for the first tab.

Access/Availability:

Contact David Williamson (dawi@loc.gov) at LC for permission.

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