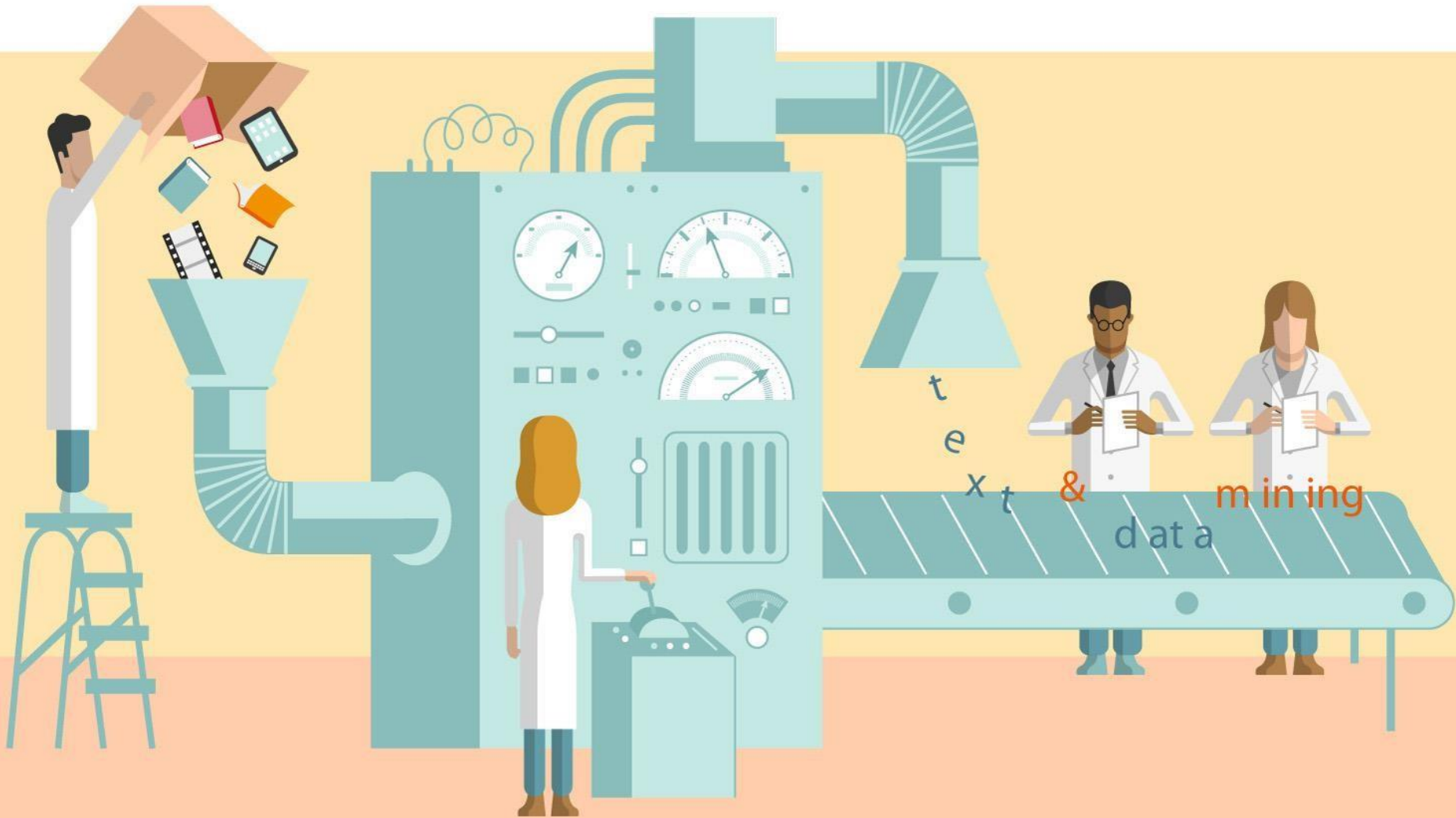


# AUTOMATING CATALOGING AND METADATA



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# Agenda

**Data Management Principles**

**Dirty Data**

**Tools**

- **MARCEdit**
- **OpenRefine**
- **Google Sheets / Excel**
- **AI**

**ROI (Return on Investment)**



# Processes developed for QC workflows



Data Templates: We use templates to standardize data (often without thinking about it)

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Validation Tools



Batch Processing



Our Subject Matter Expertise in Data and Our Collections



AI\*

# **Data management practices for Quality data**

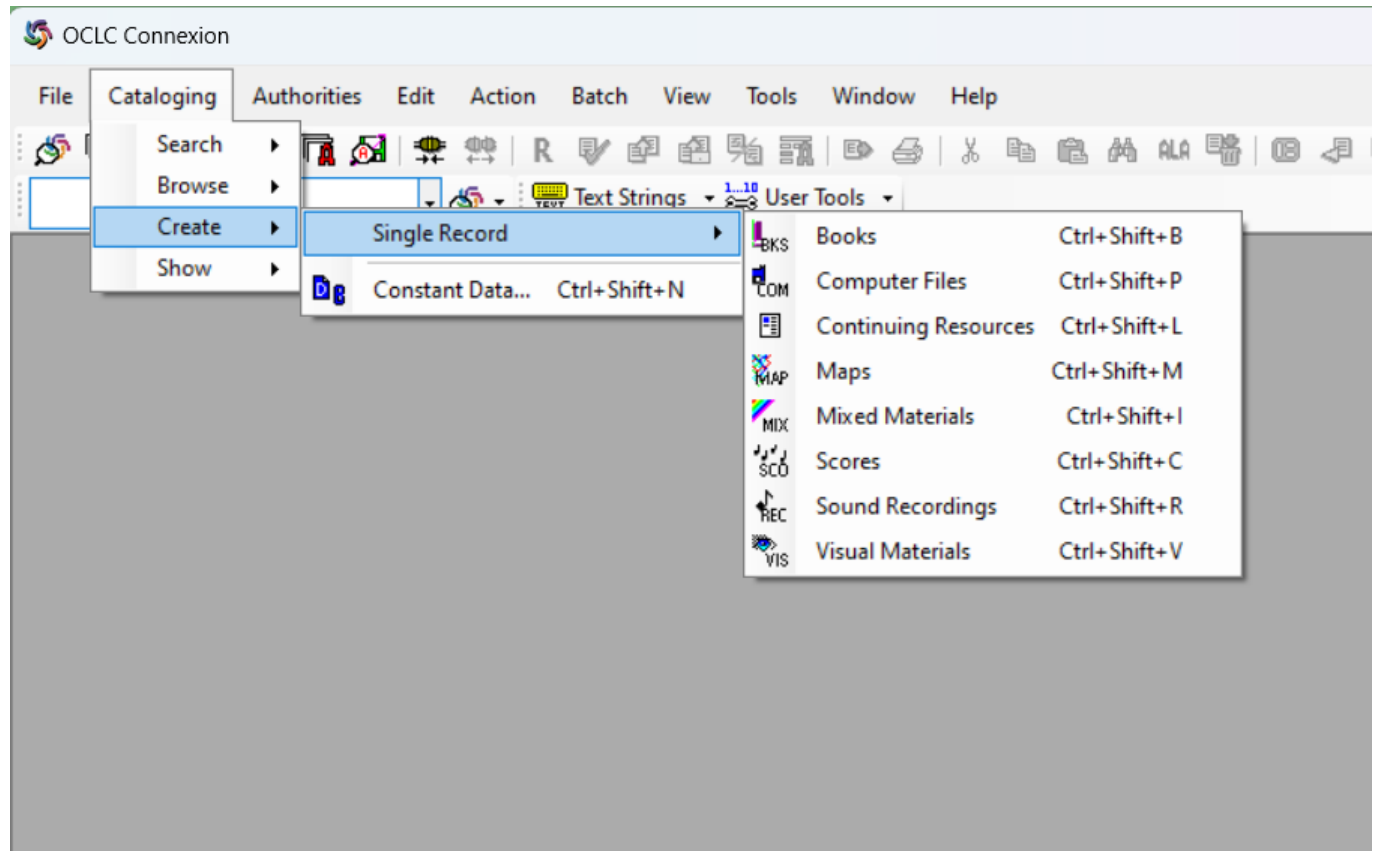
- As with all data work, we should develop a good data management practice, even if not documented\*
- Data should be complete to the extent possible
- Data should accurately describe the resource that it represents
- Data should not be insufficient to cause issues (editions unclear, lacking subject headings, etc.)
- Data should not be conflicting or confusing (editions for the same title with different subject headings)

## **Data management practices for Quality data**

- We use the following tools as part of our Quality Assurance Processes:
  - When creating or gathering data from other sources we ensure it matches our resource, is free from errors, and meets our data standards for quality.
  - We use templates, macros, batch processing, automated tools such as MARC Edit/OpenRefine and those within our systems such as “jobs” and AI to check/review our data.
  - We regularly run data analysis reports reviewing for specific patterns of issues – typos, old/outdated data, etc.

# Data templates

Data  
Templates:  
Prefill and  
format data in  
specific ways;  
standardizing  
how data  
appears and  
often providing  
data validation



# Data templates

Applies constant, standard data

For example, all “Books” records have specific qualities / attributes / data fields

The screenshot shows the OCLC NEW cataloging software interface. The menu bar includes File, Cataloging, Authorities, Edit, Action, Batch, View, Tools, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for editing and navigation. The main window displays a record template for 'Books' with the following fields and values:

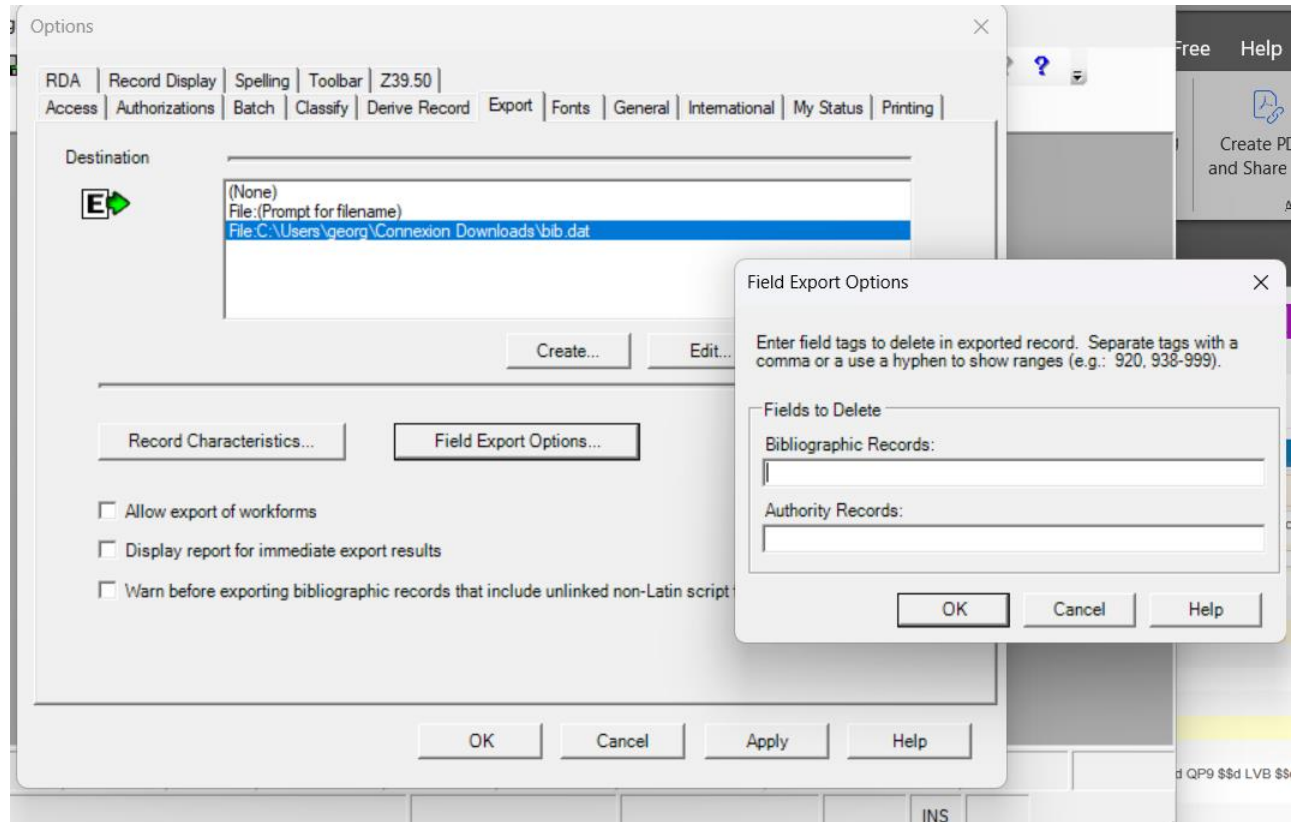
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Type	a	ELvl	■	Srce	d	Audn	■	Ctrl	■	Lang	■■■
BLvl	m	Form	■	Conf	0	Biog	■	MRec	■	Ctry	■■■
		Cont	■	GPub	■	LitF	0	Indx	0		
Desc	■	Ills	■	Fest	0	DtSt	■	Dates	■■■		

Below the template, a list of MARC fields is shown:

040		MNU	≠b	≠c	MNU	
020						
041	■		≠h	≠b		
050	■	■		≠b		
090				≠b		
049				MNUA		
1	■	■				
245	■	■		≠h	≠b	≠c
246	■	■				
250						
260				≠b	≠c	
300				≠b	≠c	

# Data templates

Exporting in OCLC Connexion Record Characteristics & Field Export Options both provide additional data templates for specific purposes





# Validation for quality assurance

May be built in tools in our systems or a separate process (MARCEdit, 3<sup>rd</sup> party, tools, QC requirements and agreements with vendors)

Session Defaults and Preferences

General | Validation | Workflow | Item Defaults | Folders/Files | Mapping | Colors/Fonts | RDA

Holdings/Item default location: sml

Call Number Hierarchies: Library of Congress

Bibliographic Import/Replace Profile: YL Import Conditional

Bib Overlay Import/Replace Profile: YL Ivy Plus Merge

Authority Import/Replace Profile: YL Auth Conditional

Default Field Order Configurations

Authority: [ ]

Bibliographic: [ ]

Holdings: [ ]

Sort automatically on save

Delete records from work files once saved to database

Delete records from import file once saved to database

Display warning on module close

Add a subfield 'a' to a new field

Display MARC Views maximized

OK Cancel

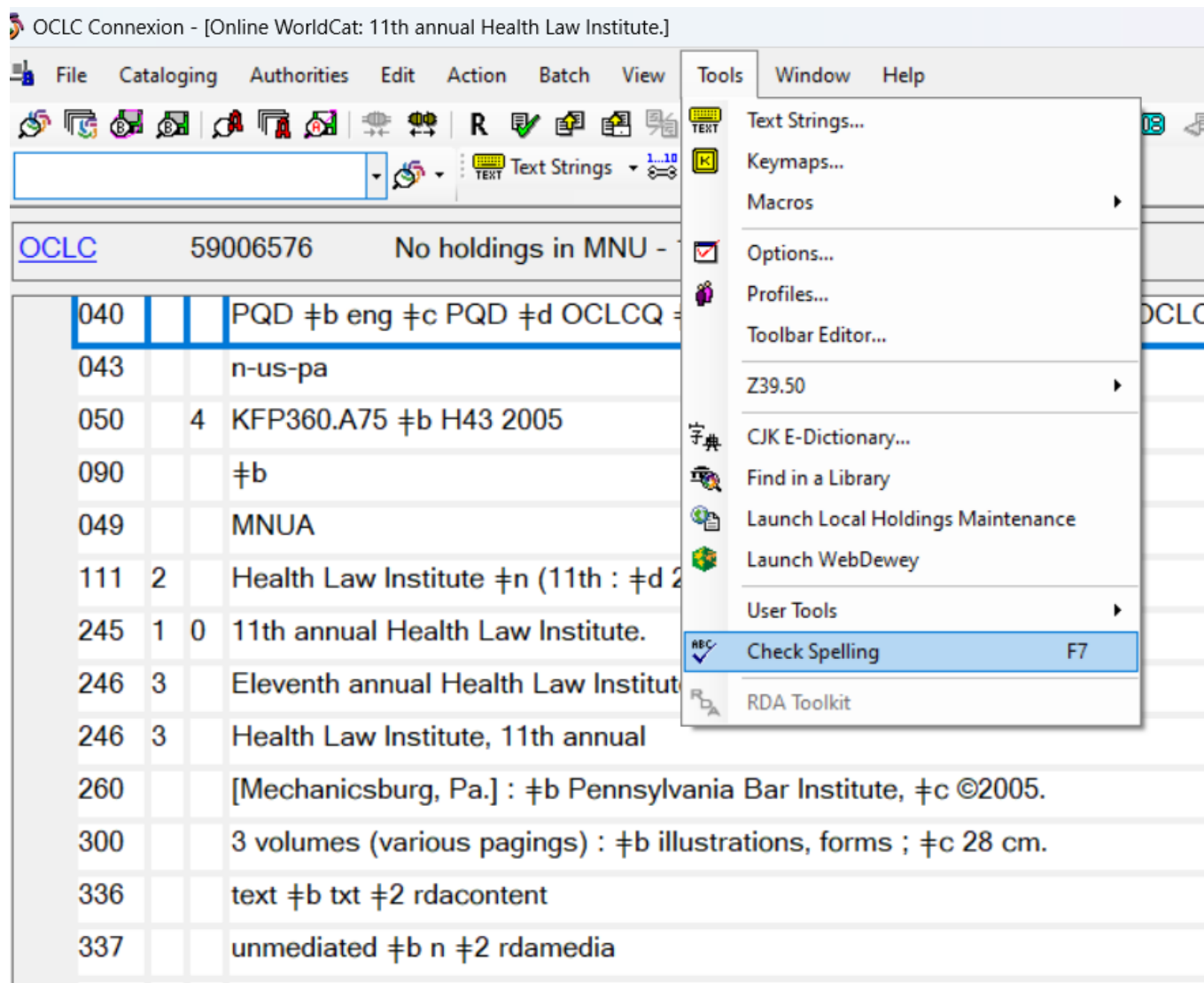
# Validation for quality assurance

Authority work  
is a validation  
/ QC process

OCLC	59006576	No holdings in MNU - 10 other holdings
		release of records / †r Thomas E. Sweeney -- †t Retaliation claims and how to avoid them / †r Thomas J. Bender -- †t I Modernization Act of 2003: voluntary prescription drug benefit program and Medicare advantage / †r Katherine M. Keefe ar federal/state healthcare fraud relationship / †r E. Christopher Abruzzo, Paul Miner and Thomas J. Blazusiak -- †t Charity and discounting strategies for hospitals / †r Mark H. Gallant -- †t Legal issues involved with the establishment of ambula R. Burke -- †t Advising the audit committee / †r Henry C. Fader -- †t Examining managed care and behavioral health con
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504		Includes bibliographical references.
650	0	<u>Medical laws and legislation</u> †z <u>Pennsylvania</u> .
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710	2	<u>Pennsylvania Bar Institute</u> .
830	0	<u>PBI (Series)</u> ; †v no. 2005-3761.
830	0	<u>PBI (Series)</u> ; †v no. 05:034.

# Validation for quality assurance

Checking spelling & grammar are as well



OCLC Connexion - [Online WorldCat: 11th annual Health Law Institute.]

File Cataloging Authorities Edit Action Batch View Tools Window Help

Text Strings...  
Keymaps...  
Macros  
Options...  
Profiles...  
Toolbar Editor...  
Z39.50  
CJK E-Dictionary...  
Find in a Library  
Launch Local Holdings Maintenance  
Launch WebDewey  
User Tools  
**Check Spelling F7**  
RDA Toolkit

<a href="#">OCLC</a>	59006576	No holdings in MNU -
040		PQD ꞑb eng ꞑc PQD ꞑd OCLCQ
043		n-us-pa
050	4	KFP360.A75 ꞑb H43 2005
090		ꞑb
049		MNUA
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260		[Mechanicsburg, Pa.] : ꞑb Pennsylvania Bar Institute, ꞑc ©2005.
300		3 volumes (various pagings) : ꞑb illustrations, forms ; ꞑc 28 cm.
336		text ꞑb txt ꞑ2 rdacontent
337		unmediated ꞑb n ꞑ2 rdamedia

# Validation for quality assurance

## MD Editor

**Templates** ▾

**Records** ▾

- MARC21 Bibliographic
  - (99161510800121)
  - (99158410900121)
  - Chemistry / Kel... (994749190001)
  - Emma : a modern... (991584113001)
  - Forensic Chemistry (991381219001)
  - Nickel and dime... (992159160001)**
  - The yellow wind... (99516098001)
- MARC21 Holdings
  - Emma : a modern... (223779994001)
  - Forensic Chemis... (223779997001)
  - The yellow wind... (223779984001)
- Dublin Core

**You have 18 warning(s) in your record**

Working on -Nickel and dimed : o (992159160000121) , Created by cat (06/03/2012 10:33)

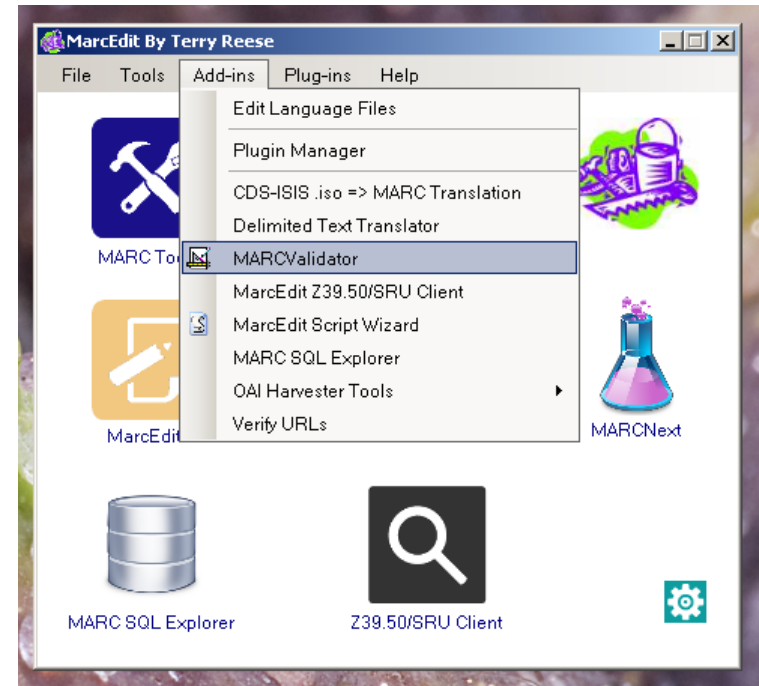
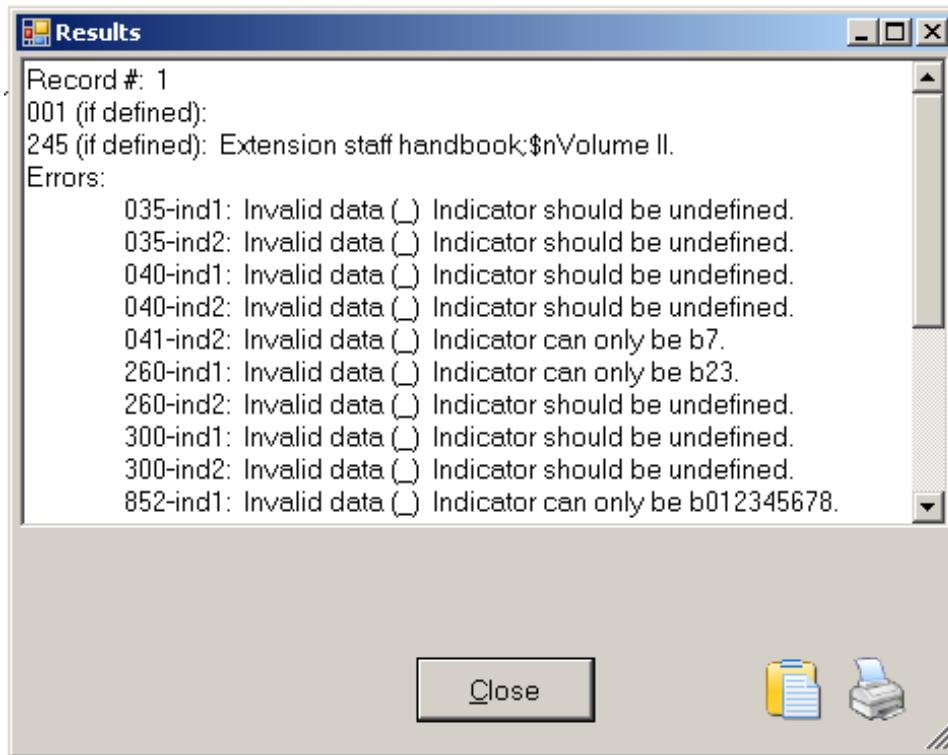
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005	20130329210744.0
008	120603s2001^^^nyu^^^^^^^^^^000^0^eng^^
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020	\$\$a 0805063889 (hc.)
020	\$\$a 9780805063882 (hc.)
035	\$\$a (OCoLC)45243324
035	\$\$a (OCoLC)ocm45243324^
040	\$\$a DLC \$\$c DLC \$\$d C#P \$\$d QP9 \$\$d LVB \$\$d ZQP \$\$d WSL \$\$d NLGGC \$\$d BAKER \$\$d GZM \$\$d UBY
042	\$\$a pcc
043	\$\$a n-us---

## MARC Validation in Alma

# Validation for quality assurance

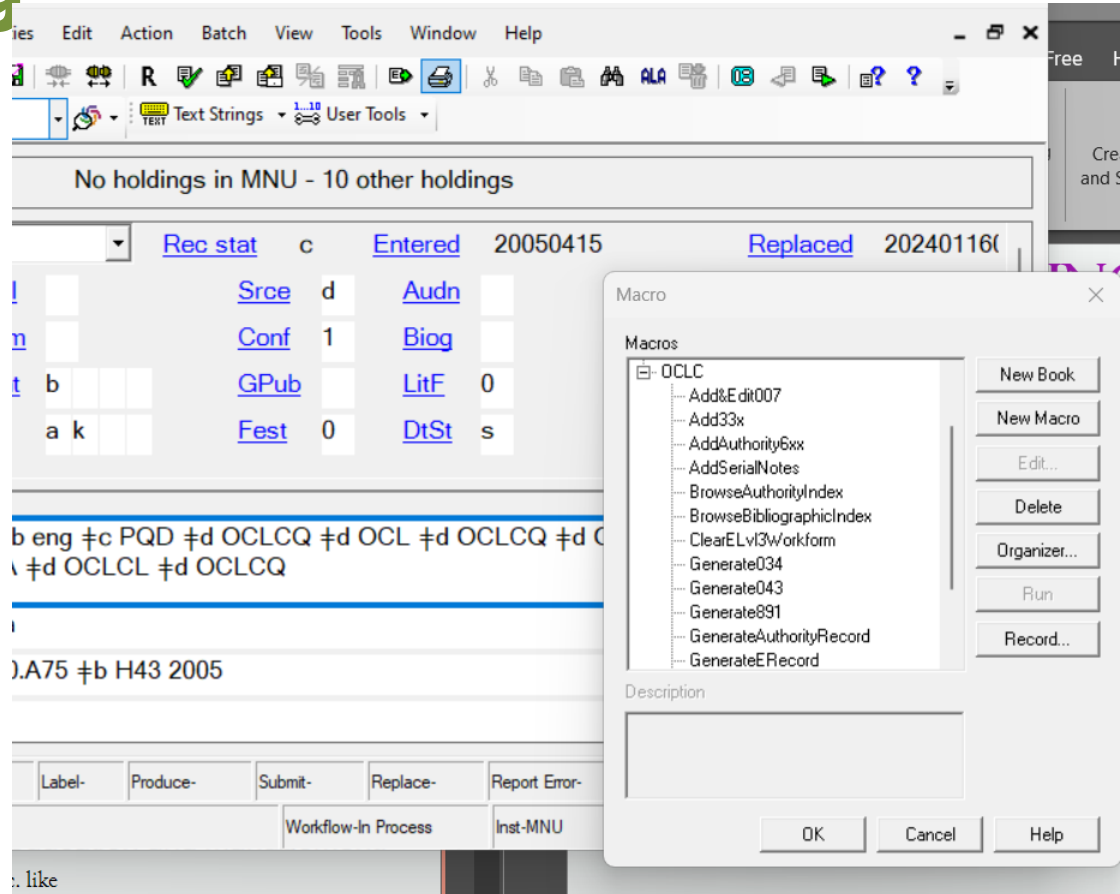
MARC Validation Tools in

MARC Edit

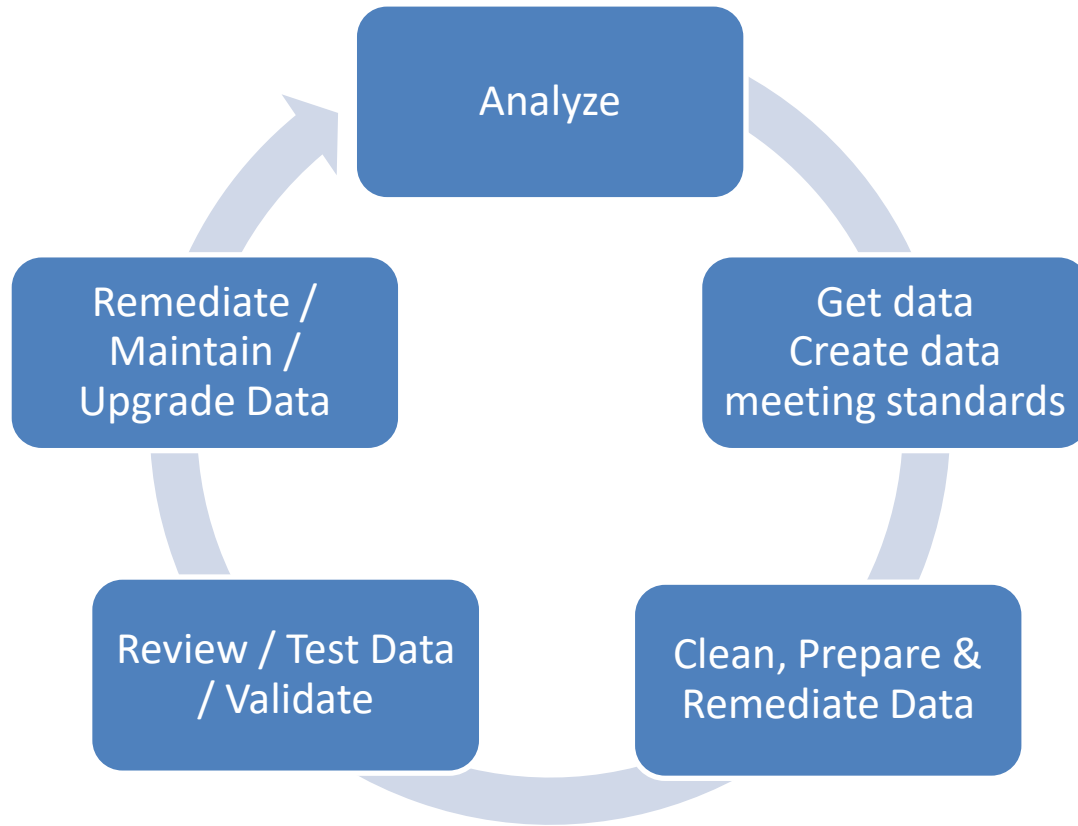


# Batch processing

- May be standalone (MARCEdit, OpenRefine, Excel, Scripting like Python, JSON)
- Built into a system, etc. like MACROS

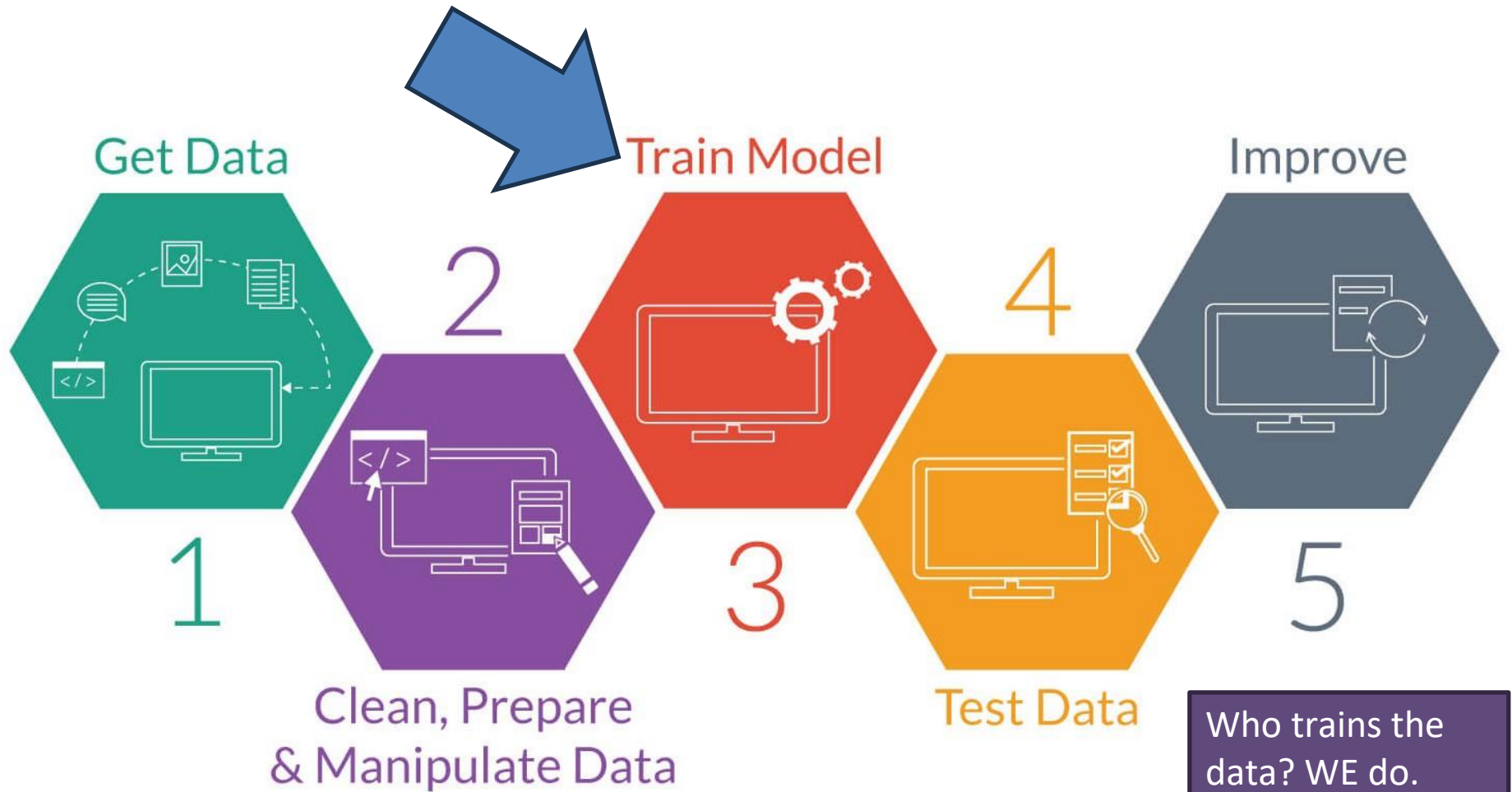


# QC process for data



Validation is built into our processes in many places ; as standards and workflows change (system migration, etc.) we often re-validate.

# AI Data process



Who trains the data? WE do.  
What is training?



# 4 areas of metadata problems

- ▶ Missing data
- ▶ Incorrect data
- ▶ Confusing or inconsistent data
- ▶ Insufficient

We will see ALL of these problems in MARC records.

Naomi Dushay and Diane I. Hillman, “Analyzing Metadata for Effective Use and Re-use,” in Proceedings of the 2003 International Conference on Dublin Core and Metadata Applications: Supporting Communities of Discourse and Practice - Metadata Research & Applications (n.p.: Dublin Core Metadata Initiative, 2003)



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# How did our data get so dirty?

- System error – data fragments, data junk, mapping incorrectly, migration, misunderstanding of information
- Unicode migration
- Batch importing of records without significant review (ebooks, digital resources, vendor records, etc.)
- Skeletal & incomplete records created by staff – “on the fly”, inprocess, circulation records



## How did our data get so dirty?

- Changing standards – AACR records are skeletal compared to RDA and information is presented differently – 245/100
- Changing content – names and subject headings, call number classification (Controlled Vocabularies and classification evolve)
- Records in OCLC may get enhanced (or merged!) but your record is older (sometimes lesser, but not always)
- Human error – typos, mis-cataloging, wrong records (sent or used)



# Where to start

Consider how maintenance will fit into your workflow

- Will you do some work daily?
- As a project?
- Will you have help?
- How will you prioritize work?  
(System migration in the mix?)



# Good data practices

- **Compatible:** Data should facilitate access through being open, **interoperable**, actionable and readable. That means MARC records should use MARC fields correctly.
- **Complete:** Contain appropriate and comprehensive data reflecting the resource and its nature.
- **Curated:** Created and maintained over time.
- **Current:** Use current (RDA) practices for data and current MARC fields.

# Don't catalog to the system limitations

- Changing the data because of how it displays to the end user/public is the **WRONG** approach – systems evolve and move forward.
- MARC will go away eventually (this process is underway at some libraries already).
- First, evaluate – is the data (MARC, formatting, etc.) correct? Can you change the **DISPLAY** will leaving the data intact?
- “Raw” data really should never been shown to our end users, except for advanced users, other librarians, etc.



# Don't catalog to the system limitations

- Instead, CHANGE the DISPLAY. Change the view, not the data.

Why?

- Data is actionable with some data specifically for machine instruction (such as linked data in \$0 or \$1)
- We are starting to work towards moving beyond MARC. That means all of our data needs enrichment to prepare for that.
- We need to share more data in the future. Consider standardization.



# Good data takes work

- **Consider interoperability.** When evaluating new software consider its ability to export/import data – can you data easily migrate to the new system?
- **Analyze data regularly, especially after upgrades or migrations.** This may include link checking, reports to identify anomalies (even typos!), and more.
- **Remediate and enhance data.** Correct missing, outdated, or incorrect data.
- **Data standardization.** Authority work/Identity Management, standardization of dates, naming conventions on the web, site maps, & so much more.





# Tips for finding the “bad” data

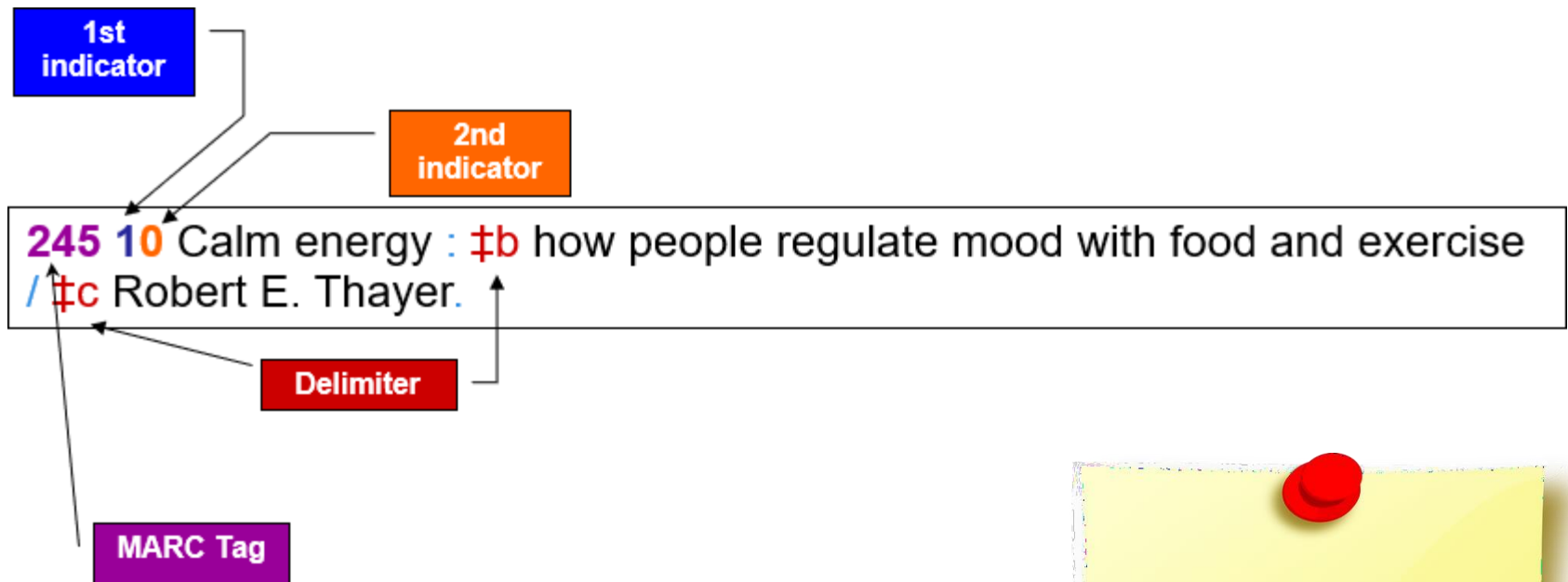
- Look for anomalies in patterns – search for records without specific information – data missing mandatory fields, data with outdate information, typos, etc.
- Search for known potential issues things with the exact same title, things with relationships, changes in practice; etc.
- Inventory.
- Create a process to report errors or data cleanup projects.

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# Quick MARC review



Tags represent textual names

They're divided by hundreds: e.g., 100, etc.

We also see some ISBD punctuation here. RDA is meant to be neutral of ISBD and MARC, which does impact how we enter some data. So much potential for invalid MARC....

## Miscoded indicators in 245s – First indicator

- 245 First indicator = 1 = there must be a 1XX field
- If you have MARC validation tools, you may catch them that way.
- MARCEdit also has MARC validation tools!
- You may be able to run reports or a search to find these.
- Serials often do not have a 1XX field, so that maybe a format to check.

100	1		Fay, Robin M.
245	1	0	Semantic Web Technologies and Social Searching for Librarians : #b (THE TECH SET® #20).

Wrong:

049			IXAA
245	1	0	Semantic Web Technologies and Social Searching for Librarians : #b (THE TECH SET® #20).



## Miscoded indicators in 245s – second indicator

- 245 Second indicator – this field impacts title indexing and searching
- If you have MARC validation tools, you may catch them that way.
- You may be able to run reports or a search to find these. Search by incorrect indicator and phrase (e.g., The + second indicator=0) or search for title phrases “the”.
- Records which are more likely to have incorrect indicators – older records, brief order records, vendor records, records with diacritics in initial articles, and skeletal records.
- Note: Some systems are smart enough to return searches correctly regardless of indicator.

245 1 0 The black cat <- wrong ; should be 245 14 The black cat ; T+h+e+space = 4; start title search /indexing at black

# Example: Modernizing or RDAizing your catalog – 260s to 264

While 260 is still valid (for now), if you would like to convert this field to the newer form, you have 2 choices

- Pull monographic pieces and do complete 264s for copyright, production, manufacturer, and distributor.
- Convert to 264\_1 (Second indicator 1) for monographic records.

Work can be done manually, via a script or tool of your choice, or via MARCEdit.



## RDAizing your catalog – Modernizing Your Data – GMD/336, 337, 338

- Use new fields only: OCLC, LC, and PCC – use new fields only do not use GMD. (Most newer ILS will as well!)

Use MARCEdit to add the new fields to older records and strip out GMDs. If new fields do not index in ILS, work with Systems/ILS to fix.

- Add GMD to records using MARCEdit without removing the 336-338. Retrospectively add the new fields in.
- We'll look at MARCEdit in just a few.



# Changes in authorities – names & subjects

- How to find new authorities – check LC's list of new headings.

<https://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/subject/weeklylists/>

- Search manually.
- If your system will validate headings, compile a list.
- Use MARCedit to validate headings in a group of records (batch) – it can only fix names not subjects, but it will give you a list to review. (Then use MARCedit's batch tools – edit field, add/delete field, etc. to do work in batch)
- Outsource.





# Modernizing data projects & systems migrations

- GMD \$h in a 245 is obsolete; replaced by 336, 337, 338
- 440 → Now 490 1 / 830 0
- Local fields → Any 9XX (900-999) or field ending X90 are local.
- Editions, serials, or translations: look at 7XX linking fields.
- Multiple formats on a single record, e.g., an ebook on a print record; eserials and print serials combined on one record
- Multiple versions of the same title from different vendors
- Outdated subjects
- Additional genres
- Missing 520 or 505 notes
- Literature missing subject headings
- Abbreviations in 300 fields v., p. etc
- Things with numbering or relationships to each other



# What's on the shelf

## More Things to look for

- Copies
- Editions
- Translations
- Things with Numbering
- Literature by the same author
- Serials, especially title changes



# Editions

Different editions of the same work should have

- The same call number with the edition separated by date.
- The same subject headings.
- Search for words like “revised”, “updated”, “revision”, “edition”, “version”
- Goal: Original first, editions next, translations beyond that.



## [The magus : a revised version](#)

by John Fowles

 eBook : Document : Fiction [View all formats and languages »](#)

Language: English

Publisher: New York : Little, Brown and Company, 2012.

[View all editions »](#)

1 Fowles, John, 1926-2005. The magus. Boston, Mass. : Little Brown, 1965. 606 pages ; 22 cm CatL:eng OCLC: 969728172, Holdings: 1

2 Fowles, John, 1926-2005. The Magnus : a revised version / by John Fowles ; with a foreword by the author. New York : Back Bay Books, 2010. 656, 11 p. ; 22 cm. CatL:spa OCLC: 916499816, Holdings: 2

Primarily applies to monographs; serials calls different editions of a serial, “title changes”

Printings & facsimiles get a little more tricky, so you may need to do more investigation if you see the word “printing” or “reprinted”

# Things that are More (or have numbering)

Things with numbering are often problematic.

Questions to consider – do you have more of the related things?

Do your users want to read/listen/view the things in a specific order (e.g., reading order?)

What does the data tell you?



# Problemsolving Tools

- ✓ **OCLC / WorldCat** – verify information, Data Sync cleanup (first is typically free)
- ✓ **LC Authorities** – verify information especially subjects and names
- ✓ **Your ILS** – data reports, batch processing
- ✓ **MARCEdit** – for MARC but can work with non MARC data converted into MARCEdit files (Dublin Core, etc.) – check and update name authorities, check subject headings, validate MARC; enrich data with linked data or other data
- ✓ **OpenRefine** – works with CSV, XML – good for nonMARC metadata, data analysis, etc.
- ✓ **Google Sheets & Excel** -- works with CSV, XML – good for nonMARC metadata, data analysis (OpenRefine is more robust)

# Problemsolving Tools – OCLC

OCLC can sometimes resolve questions such as:

does the library still own a copy of the title? (If no holdings in OCLC, did you ever own it? Was it withdrawn?)

questions about treatment (is it a monographic set? Serial?)

does it need a recataloging? Is the call number correct?



# Problemsolving Tools – Authority records – SARs

Series Authority Records (SARs) are available via LC ([authorities.loc.gov](https://authorities.loc.gov) ← Search by title) and OCLC. They can sometimes resolve questions about treatment.

Use the series Cheatsheet to help decode these.



# Name authority record

Search LC Names and Subjects

Command Line Search  
Enter keyword, numeric, derived, or browse search here...

Keyword/Numeric Search

Search for: [ ] in [Corporate/Conference Na

OR [grisham, john] in [Personal Names (pn:)]

OR [ ] in [Geographic Names (qq:)]

AND [ ]

OR [ ]

Show See References i  
 Show See Also Referer

OK

Literary authors have a class number. Some subject headings have a class number in their records, too!

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046		†f 19550208
053	0	PS3557.R5355 ←
100	1	Grisham, John
370		Jonesboro (Ark.) †e Charlottesville (Va.) †e Oxford (Miss.) †2 naf
372		Law †a Fiction †2 lcsh
374		Authors †a Lawyers †2 lcsh
375		male





Home



Metadata Services



WorldShare Collection Manager



Choose your Collection M



# Data sync collections

Last updated: Feb 21, 2018

Use Collection Manager to synchronize your catalog with WorldCat. Create a data sync collection to maintain your holdings, local bibliographic data, and local holdings records in WorldCat. Match brief records in your local system to current WorldCat records to get more complete representation of your holdings.

Free for one sync for OCLC members. Compares your ILS holdings against OCLC. Can set or delete holdings (auto or provide a report for review).

[https://help.oclc.org/Metadata\\_Services/WorldShare\\_Collection\\_Manager/Choose\\_your\\_Collection\\_Manager\\_workflow/Data\\_sync\\_collections](https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Collection_Manager/Choose_your_Collection_Manager_workflow/Data_sync_collections)

# Break it to make it – thinking about data differently

Easiest process for working with MARC records is to start with MARCEdit.

MARCEdit can

- “break” the data structure
- has a built in connection to OpenRefine.
- Has its own built in clean up tools.
- is free software.



# MARCEdit

- Replace All
- Add New Field
- Delete Field
- Field Edit
- Edit Subfield
- Edit Indicator
- Swap Field
- Copy Field
- Add Task List
- RDA Helper
- Linked Data
- Build New Field
- Validate Headings
- BIBFRAME

TIP: In order to work with MARCEdit, you need 3 things:

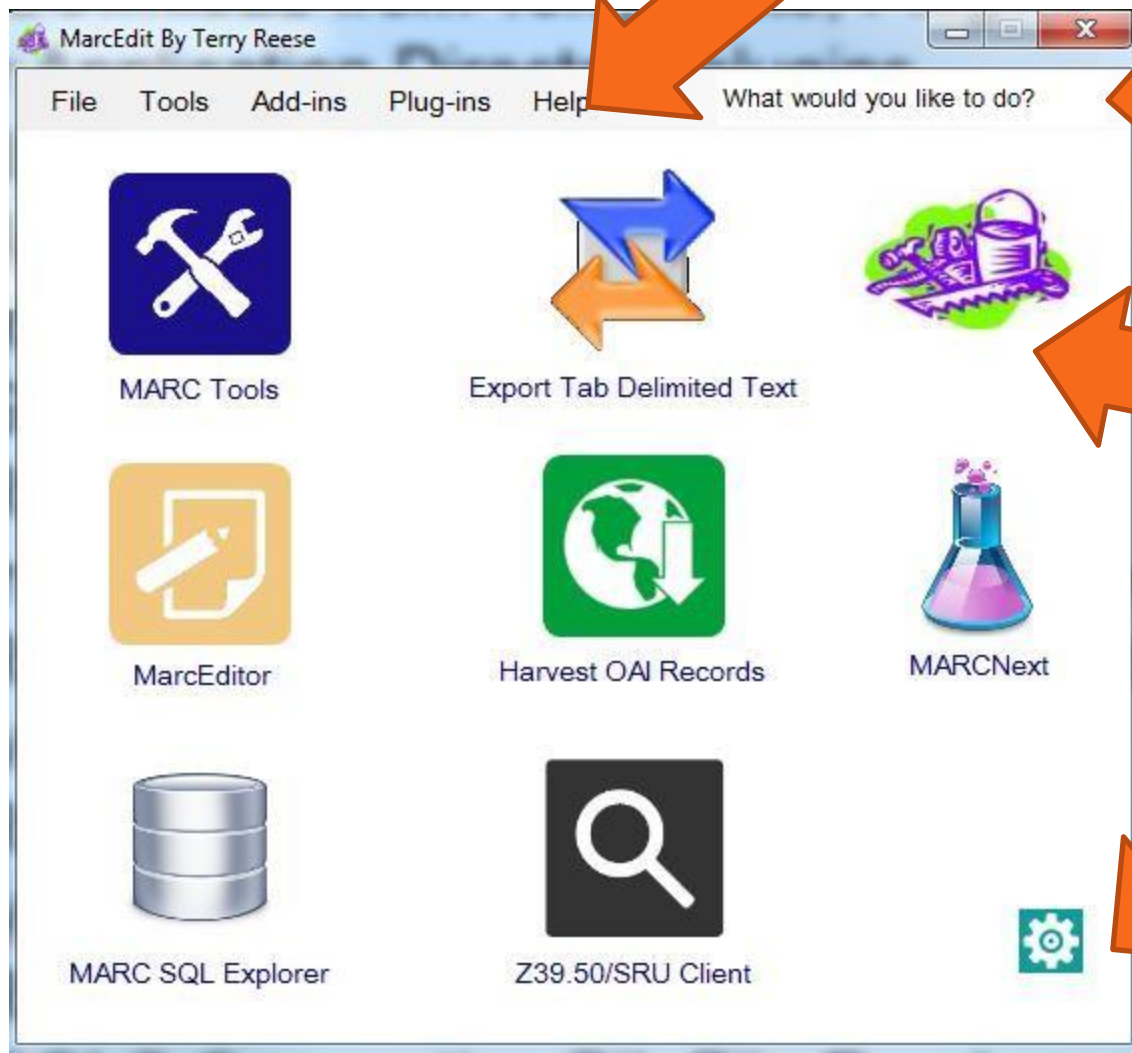
1. The software installed on your machine
2. A group of MARC files
3. A blank file that you can “dump” your work in (when MARCEdit asks you where to save your work, the FILE must exist). See MARCEdit instructions for help.



# MARCEdit Processes

- ▶ Identify (find) your records
- ▶ Sort/organize records (**Group**)
- ▶ Download them in an acceptable format (**Export**)
- ▶ **Import** them into MARCEDIT
- ▶ **EDIT**
- ▶ **Validate**
- ▶ **Export** out of MARCEDIT
- ▶ **Import** back into your system
- ▶ **Review** (Validate if possible)



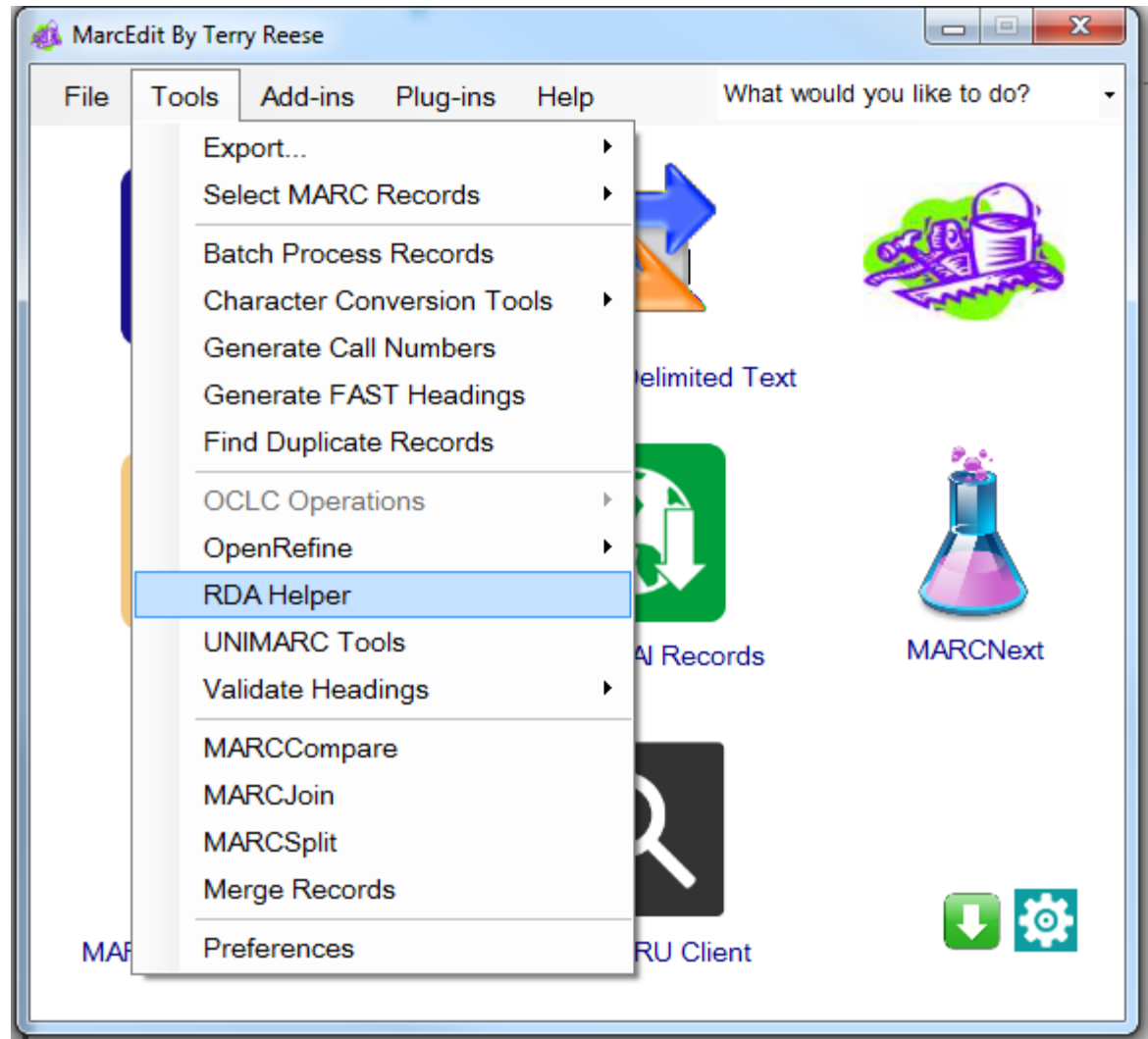


Need help?  
Terry's  
MARCEdit  
website

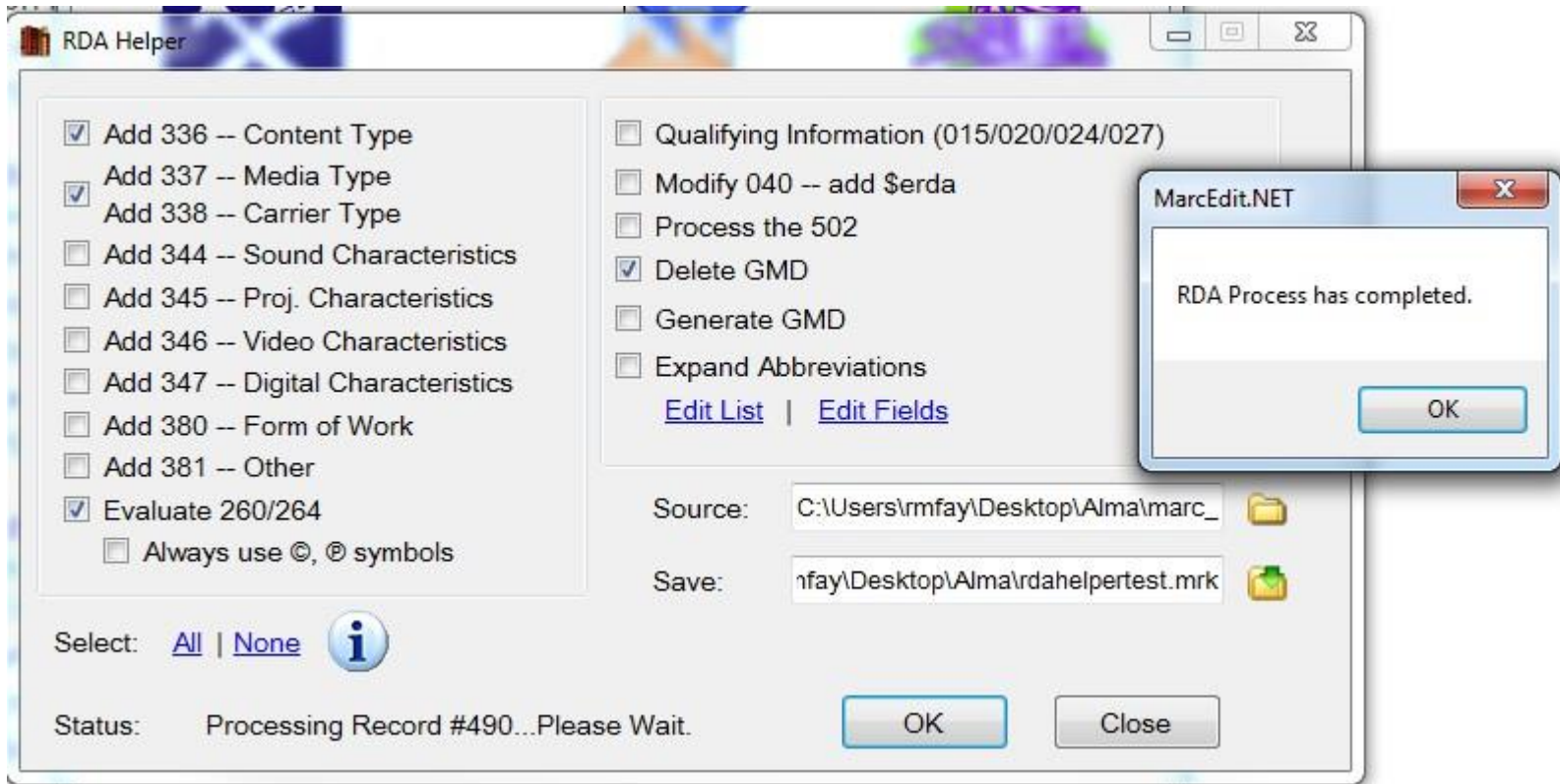
# RDA Helper

Under  
Tools>RDA  
Helper

(or add to your  
default menu  
under the  
settings button)



# RDA Helper



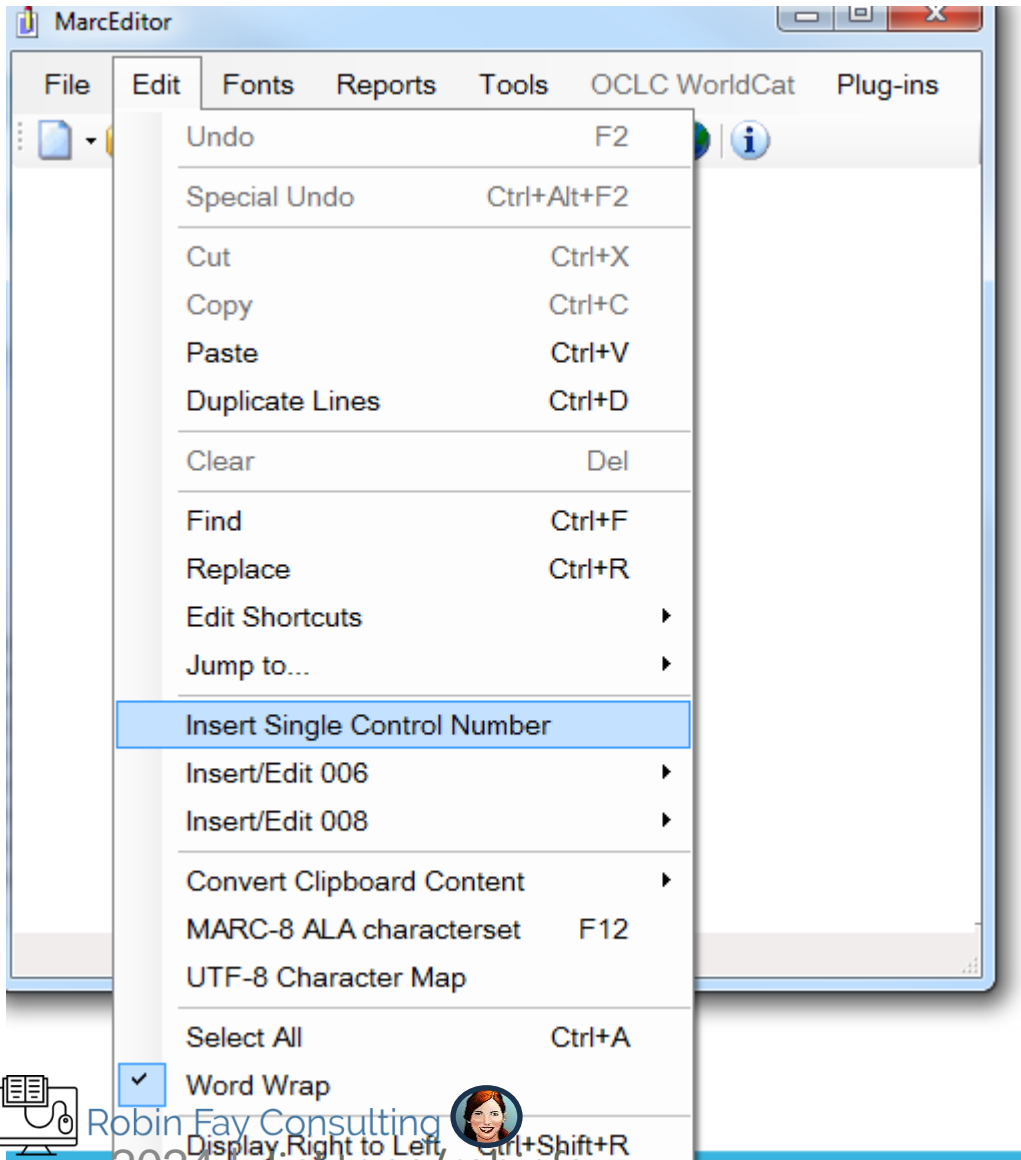
## Add/Delete Field

- Can delete or add entire field
- Can be limited by MARC tag
- Some pre-built





# Inserting/adding fields



Adding/inserting  
fixed fields  
Adding/inserting  
single #

Tip – don't forget to  
open your file

\$ for delimiter

Don't forget your  
subfields

# Inserting/adding fields

MarcEdit.NET Batch Editing Tools

**Add/Delete Field Utility**

Field:  Field Data:

Find What:

[Copy Add Task](#) [Copy Delete Task](#)

**General Options**

- Match case
- Use Regular Expression
- Process batch operation

**Add Field Options**

- Insert before
- Insert last
- Add field only if not present
- Add field only if not a duplicate
- Add Field If Present/NOT Present

**Delete Field Options**

- Remove Duplicate Data
- Remove by field position
- Remove if field data does not match
- Remove if invalid UTF-8 characters

Delete Field

Add Field

Close



# MARCEdit — validate

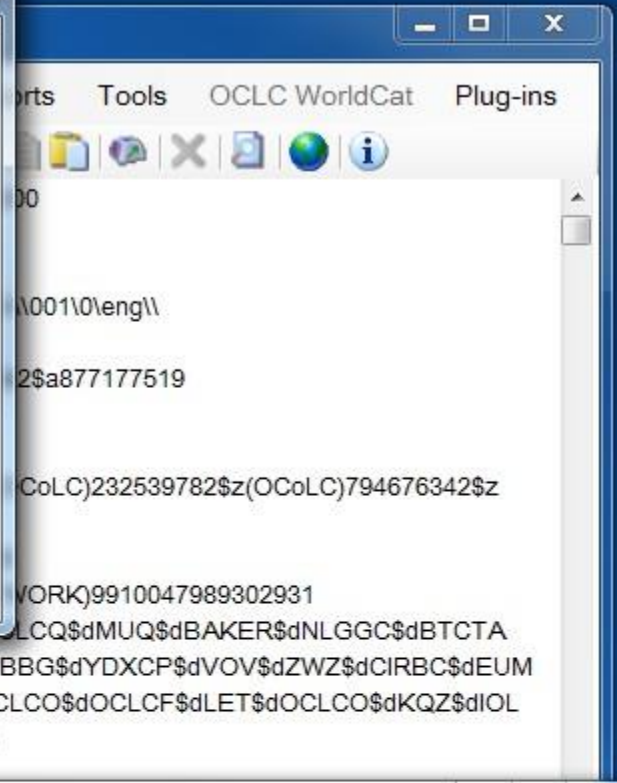
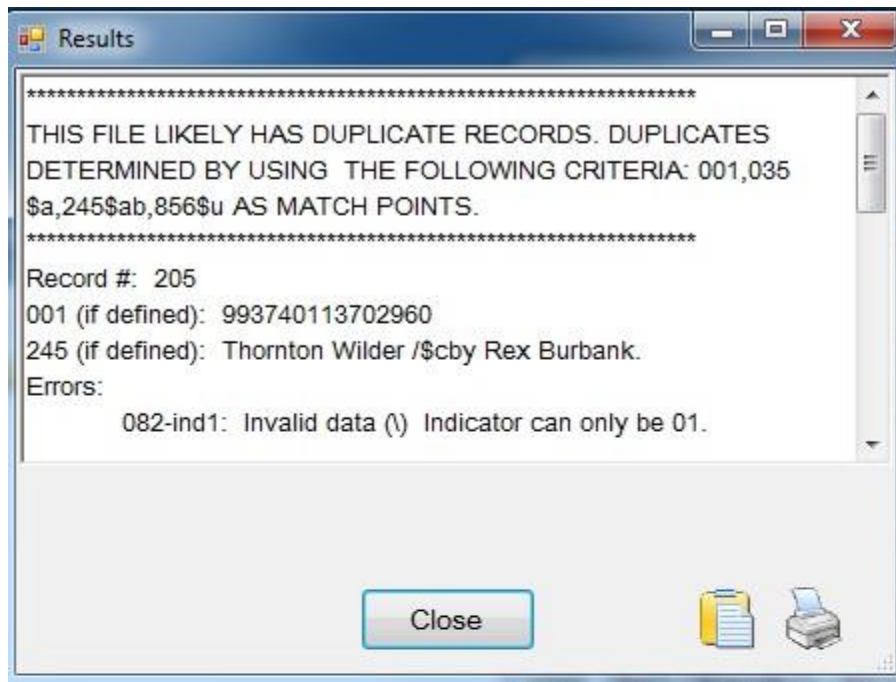
The image shows a screenshot of the MarcEditor application window. The title bar reads "MarcEditor: rdahelpertest.mrk". The menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "Fonts", "Reports", "Tools", "OCLC WorldCat", and "Plug-ins". The "Tools" menu is open, displaying a list of options. The option "Validate MARC Records" is highlighted in blue. Other visible options in the menu include "Cutting Tools", "Generate Call Numbers", "Generate Control Numbers", "Linked Data Tools", "Record Deduplication", "RDA Helper", "Z39.50/SRU Options", "Edit Constant Data", "Assigned Constant Data", "Manage Tasks", "Assigned Tasks", "Harvest from OAI", "Generate MARC from URL" (with keyboard shortcut Ctrl+Shift+U), "Mnemonic Formatting Tools", "Add/Delete Field" (F7), "Build New Field", "Copy field", "Edit Field Data", "Edit Indicator Data" (F8), "Edit Subfield Data" (F9), "Sort by...", and "Swap Field Data" (F11).

The main window displays a MARC record with the following fields:

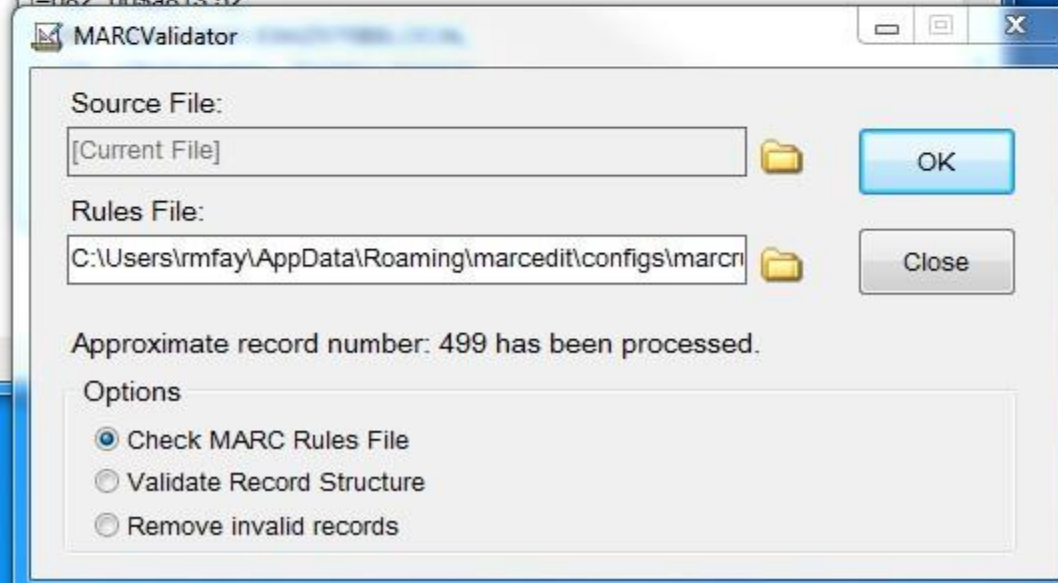
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At the bottom of the window, there are navigation buttons (left and right arrows) and the text "Page 1 - 5". The status bar shows the file path: "C:\Users\rmfay\Desktop\Alma\rdahelp

Below the main window, a smaller dialog box titled "cEdit.NET" is visible, containing the message "53 fields were deleted." and an "OK" button.



Provides record number  
so that you can review the  
errors – also print out or  
save this report



# Excel

- ▶ CSV, XML or MARC will all work with OpenRefine. For MARC, you need to “break it” (MARCEdit) or another MARCXML tool.
- ▶ OpenRefine is more robust than Excel, but both can be used for data cleanup.



# EXCEL

## quick data-cleaning tips

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*This resource provides strategies for cleaning data in Microsoft Excel. Below is a brief overview of five situations you may find yourself in (“What”) and corresponding solutions (“How”), followed by detailed instructions to implement the solutions.*

### What?

### How?

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| 1 | Identify all cells that contain a specific word or (short) phrase in a column with open-ended text | Use <b>Conditional Formatting</b>                                      |
| 2 | Identify and remove duplicate data   | Use <b>Remove Duplicates</b> function or <b>Conditional Formatting</b> |
| 3 | Identify the outliers within a data set (e.g., dates or grades)                                    | Use <b>Data Validation</b> function                                    |
| 4 | Separate data from a single column into two or more columns (e.g., first and last names)           | Use <b>Flash Fill</b>  |
| 5 | Categorize data in a column, such as class assignments or subject groups                           | Use <b>Formula</b> to fill in the category column                      |

A	B	C	D
Author	Title	subtitle	summary
Jasmine Rizer	Short Girl Guide to Education (comic)		short girl guide to education
Amber Moore	When in drought, Art it out	: a little garden art	If you are like many of us th
DrÃ©k Davis	Bread & Water	: An interview with folk artist John S. M	I was gonna use this space t
robin fay	What is Typography? (book review)		I picked up What is Typogra
robin fay	Codex (book review)		You just never know what y
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robin fay	The Bronte Project: a novel of passion, desire, and good PR (book review)		A little romance for the mo
robin fay	Clay: The History and Evolution of Humankind's Relationship with Earth's Most Pr		What would you like to kno
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Sandra Babb	From the Field	: Musings on Plein Air	What is Plein Air painting? S
Cindy Davis	Competitor or Creator	: which are you?	How would you measure yo
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Jasmine Rizer	The Plain Janes (book review)		e novel, a collabo
Amber Moore	The Art of Food		which most people think of
Christian Griffith	Featured works from the Gallery		
Brenda L Basham	Music Matters Premieres Oct. 10		What is Music that Matters
Brenda L Basham	Success (poetry)		
Brenda L Basham	What if (poetry)		
Brenda L Basham	A Glimpse within the Life of the Artist/Author		Behind the scenes with writ
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Debbie Rice	On Entering Art Exhibits	: Tips & Advice	For the past 11 years, the L
robin fay	Letters to the editor		As this is the first issue, we
robin fay	Making the connection online	: are you networked?	Artists have always network

Use word wrap and resize columns to make your data easier to read

# OpenRefine



- Open Refine (at one point, Google Refine)
- Opensource <http://openrefine.org/download.html>
- Two basic functions
  - Visualizing your data (being able to see the type – date, number, text? Entries the same?)
  - Manipulating data (searching and replacing, update entries by batch or individually, add data, delete data, change date types, more)







# Use Facets

Google refine Ford Grants Subjects xlsx Permalink Open... Export Help

Facet / Filter Undo / Redo 174 **11893 matching rows** (63558 total) Extensions: Freebase RDF

Refresh Reset All Remove All Show as: rows records Show: 5 10 25 50 rows « first < previous 1 - 50 next > last »

**Subject: judgment** change invert reset  
4 choices Sort by: name count  
(blank) 46238  
(unreconciled) 339  
matched 5088  
**none** 11893 exclude  
Facet by choice counts

All	Grant number	Subject
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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5297. 06300557	Student aid -- Appalachian Region <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create new topic Search for match
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5298. 06300557	Universities and colleges -- Scholarships, fellowships, etc. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create new topic Search for match
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5299. 06300558	City planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City planning--Computer programs (0.406) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City planning--Early works to 1870 (0.382) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City planning--Citizen participation (0.361) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create new topic Search for match
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<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	8478. 06900269	Education -- Indonesia -- Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create new topic Search for match

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Facet / Filter Undo / Redo 10

181 matching rows (3122 total)

Extensions: undefined

Refresh Reset All Remove All

Show as: rows records Show: 5 10 25 50 rows « first < previous 1 - 10 next > last »

**TITLE**

math

case sensitive  regular expression

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☆	45.	60804	Discrete mathematics with graph theory / Edgar G. Goodaire, Michael M. Parmenter.	QA 392 G 6485 1998	QA39.2 .G6485 1998	1	Goodaire Edgar G.
☆	52.	61385	More mathematical challenges /	QA 43 G 37 1997	QA43 .G37 1997	1	Gardiner, (Anthony) 1947

- Facet
- Text filter
- Edit cells
- Edit column
- Transpose
- Sort...
- View
- Reconcile

Text filtering matches cells that contain a string or regular expression.

# What about ChatGPT / AI

ChatGPT is generative CONTENT creator. It is meant to write/create content or summarize information.

It does not have strong data analytic skills (it is built to be general; it is not currently a data tool).

However, ChatGPT and other AI tools can be used for finding typos in data and some dedicated data/AI tools may be useful for our data.

Typically, with data cleanup and remediation, we look to batch processing tools that are very clearly defined, e.g., change all entries in the contributor field to the creator field.



# ChatGPT – be careful with creating data

This book does not exist.

### Leader

~~LDR~~ 00000nam a2200000 a 4500

### Title

TNF 245 00 \$a Postcards from the edge of the universe /\$c Carrie Fisher.

### Author

AUT 100 00 \$a Fisher, Carrie, \$d 1956-2016. ✓

### Publication Information

PUB 260 00 \$a New York : Simon & Schuster, \$c 2004.

Leader is straight up wrong – date is missing & so much more.

Transcription field –recorded as it appears on the resource (LOL!)  
Order of fields is incorrect as indicator coding.  
Subdivisions are missing.  
260 is an older field and less used.

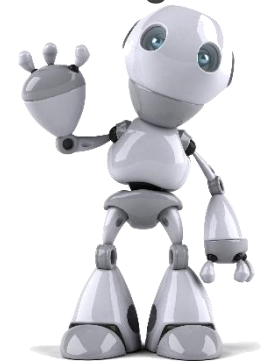


# Opportunities – create starting points

Use AI it for writing -- draft or start a press release, instructions, letters, etc. Do NOT upload IP (Intellectual Property to AI – once it has that information there is no retraction – at this point).

Use it to start a record – we do have other ways of doing this which may be better. For example, a cataloger can clone or copy a record of their choosing (meaning: human cognition factored in the choice). AI may choose a record that has been used the most but is not “good” quality OR it may find the first record that seems to fit or it may just steal from another library (like LC).

Assign high level subject headings based upon data analysis – AI gets lost in the granularity of our work and the nuances of rules – 3-6 subject headings are preferable, but no more than 10\*; exceptions abound!



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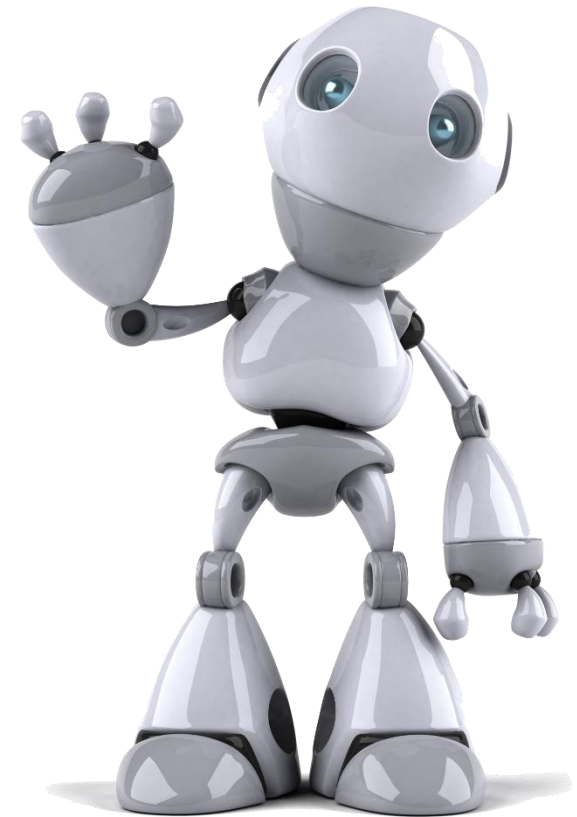


# Opportunities – Enrich Data

Use AI to add DOIs or linked data (yes, we have other ways of doing this such as MARCEdit and OpenRefine).

Use AI to identify records missing/lacking info or wrong info (outdated fields, etc. )

Uses it to create a summary/abstract from full text articles. These summaries are then reviewed by catalogers, making corrections as needed.



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# System migration Prep

- Deviations from common practice, standards, etc. could be a problem
- For MARC records, OCLC Data Sync can help resolve issues (& potentially find issues, too!)
- Fix what you can before ingest/import/migration>>  
Cleanup data before import, harvest, etc (if possible)
- Don't map what you don't need – outdated data

can go



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# System Migration prep

- Is each MARC field in your records have a “place” in the new system? If not, where will that data go? Did you misuse fields or create local fields?
- Did you combine formats onto one record?
- Do you have the ability to create a mapping on import ?



# Considerations

- Can you re-label materials if needed? If not, then do not take on projects involving re-labeling (or perhaps, work on them at a slower pace).
- Can you identify a set of records, that can be batch exported and batch replaced? If so, consider using MARCEdit for work.
- What tools do you have access to?
- Can you do a shelfreading project?
- What tools do you have and what help do you have?
- What are the priorities?



# ROI of work

- ▶ Use tools where you can
- ▶ Prioritize work but do it
- ▶ Keep samples of before and after - document your work



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# Think in patterns **Clean Up Your Data**

Experiment with tools

to help you.

Make a plan.

`janitor::clean_names`  
convert all column names to `*`-case!

(not so awesome column names)

FN (mits)  
Sampleiz  
Such. Mess!  
000.00F--

MESS



`clean_names()`  
(your data frame +  
case choice here)

- CHOOSE:
- ✓ snake
  - lower\_camel
  - big\_camel
  - screaming\_snake
  - + more!

WAY MORE  
DEAL WITHABLE  
COLUMN  
NAMES!

hope\_restr  
-wo  
-than  
yay-ya-  
good-feel-  
so-much-nicer  
teddy  
-a-  
snaks



Questions?

Thank you!