Help! We are batch loading a large number of MARC records!

What do I need to know from I-Share?

Where can I get batches of bibliographic records that correspond to my batches of electronic resources?

Bibliographic records for electronic resources may be obtained from:

a) Vendor/publisher
b) Third-party record service
c) OCLC
d) Locally created records (metadata transformation)

What national guidelines should the records follow?

Continuing resources (e.g., e-journals)

Use Separate Bibliographic Records as recommended by Task Force (R2);
Voyager bulk import works best with the separate bibliographic record approach.

Records should comply with CONSER Provider-Neutral E-Resource MARC Record Guidelines:
https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/PCC-PN-guidelines.html (R5)

Monographs / Monographic sets (e.g., e-books)

Use Separate Bibliographic Records as recommended by Task Force (R1);
Voyager bulk import works best with the separate bibliographic record approach.

Records should comply with the MARC Record Guide for Monograph Aggregator Vendors:
http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/sca/documents/FinalVendorGuide.pdf and the Provider-Neutral E-Monograph MARC Record Guide:
https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/PCC-PN-guidelines.html (R3)

What local customizations should I make to the bibliographic records?
Pay attention to the following elements to avoid problems with I-Share duplicate detection processes (from Best Practices for Bibliographic Records from Non-OCLC Sources https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/cat/vendorrecs):

- **001** must include a unique alphanumeric or numeric control number
- **003** must include a unique identifier (at the time of bulk import Voyager uses 001 and 003 to create a unique 035)
- **010$a** any print LCCNs should be moved to the appropriate 776 $w (DLC)
- **020/022** refer to the applicable national guidelines listed above for the best way to manage the data in these fields.
- **035$a** must include a unique system control number (this field may not exist until records are loaded into Voyager and the 001/003 are combined to create it). If OCLC control numbers are included in the record, they should only represent the record for the electronic resource, not the print resource.

Optional modifications from Task Force Recommendations:

- May add a local field with provider-specific collection title or vendor name (R4)
- May move / add a topical call number or class number in the 852 field to be transferred to holdings record (MFHD) in bulk import process, or call number fields can be identified in bulk import rules (R17)

How do I record the URL(s)?

URLs must be present in the 856 field, subfield u of the holdings record (MFHD) (R10). Since Voyager bulk import requires an 856 field to be present in the bibliographic record in order to be copied into the holdings record (MFHD), the URL(s) should also be recorded in the bibliographic 856 field, subfield u.

- URLs should be appropriate to your library’s local users (R10 & R11)
- Use stable and/or persistent URLs (R12)
- Create separate 856 fields for each applicable URL, when there are multiple URLs (R16)

Apply modifications to comply with national guidelines listed above. Common fields that may need adjustment:

- fixed fields (006, 007, 008)
- 336 $a text/two-dimensional moving image/computer dataset/etc.
- 337 $a computer
- 338 $a online resource
- Also see “Cheat Sheet for Changes to Create Provider-Neutral E-Monograph Records” below for a quick description of changes for e-books.
Specify location code specific to e-resources (**R**8)

Voyager bulk import will create a holdings record (MFHD) based on information in the 852 and 856 fields of the bibliographic record and bulk import rules specified by the library. (See **R**16 for more information on holdings record creation)

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Should there be an item record?

**Item records are not recommended (**R**18). Standard I-Share bulk import modes for e-resources do not create item records.**

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**How do I structure the 856 field? (**R**15)**

- **$3** Provider or package name and/or coverage or part information
- **$z** Note of restriction and institutional identification
- **$u** URL appropriate to the institution
- **$y** Link text (optional)

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**How can I modify and customize the records?**

Libraries have multiple options for performing customizations:

1. Ask the vendor/record provider to perform customizations prior to obtaining the records.
2. Perform additional customizations in-house using tools like MarcEdit: [https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/execute#marcedit](https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/i-share/execute#marcedit)
3. Work with CARLI to perform customizations and assist with the loading process. CARLI’s Voyager Bulk Import Work Request Order (WRO) for Electronic Resources allows for libraries to select from a number of common customizations. Other special customizations can be made if programmatically possible: [https://www.carli.illinois.edu/sites/files/i-share/documentation/eresbatch.pdf](https://www.carli.illinois.edu/sites/files/i-share/documentation/eresbatch.pdf)

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**What should I do with the holding record (MFHD)?**

Verify all URLs when you add them to your library catalog (**R**13)

Develop a link checking plan to keep the URLs current (**R**14)

While it may not be feasible to verify all URLs, spot-check URLs for access and proper construction and work with the vendor to resolve any problems.
Cheat Sheet for Changes to Create Provider-Neutral E-Monograph Records


010

Move any print LCCNs from 010 subfield a to the appropriate 776 subfield w (it may be a new or existing field). Follow appropriate input standards (two spaces follow DLC for post 2000 records, and three spaces follow DLC for pre-2000 records). This spacing should duplicate the way the LCCN was recorded in the 010, but the prefix (DLC) will need to be added.

Post-2000 LCCNs (will have four digits for year): 776 1_ $w (DLC) 200x[rest of number]

010 __ $a 2009006502 recorded as:
776 1_ $w (DLC) 2009006502

Pre-2000 LCCNs (will have two digits for year): 776 1_ $w (DLC) xx[rest of number]

010 __ $a 85040161 recorded as:
776 1_ $w (DLC) 85040161

If a pre-2000 LCCN has an alpha prefix, leave the appropriate number of blank spaces following the prefix (e.g., 1 space following a two-letter prefix, no spaces following a three-letter prefix).

010 __ $a ce 84079118 recorded as:
776 1_ $w (DLC)ce 84079118

020

Subfield a: should include the e-ISBN
Subfield z: should include other ISBNs

Print ISBNs should also be copied to the appropriate 776 field, subfield z

If it is unclear which format the ISBN represents then use 020 subfield z for any ISBN in the e-version record.

300

Subfield a: must include “1 online resource”. If present, move pagination in parentheses after “1 online resource”.
Subfield b: if present in the record, retain.
Subfield c: remove.

Examples:

Book without illustration with pagination: 300 $a 1 online resource (100 p.)
Illustrated book with pagination: 300 $a 1 online resource (xvi, 386 p.) : $b ill.
Original e-monograph MARC record without 300 field, add: 300 $a 1 online resource.

533

Remove except in case of records for DLF Registry of Digital Masters/other digital preservation projects.

538

Remove except in case of records for DLF Registry of Digital Masters/other digital preservation projects.
7XX/8XX
Remove any 7XX or 8XX fields that are added entries for a specific digital version or provider. These will be specific to a collection of records, but should be the same across all records. This information can be recorded in a 79X field (see below).

Examples:
710 2_ $a SpringerLink (Online service)
830 _0 $a Eighteenth century collections online

79X/9XX (Local I-Share guideline)
May add a local added entry field for the provider-specific collection title and/or vendor name (R4). This could be accomplished by moving a 7XX/8XX field to an appropriate local field.

Examples (all different ways to identify the same collection, Access Medicine, from McGraw Hill):
For vendor names:
797 2_ $a McGraw Hill Companies
791 2_ $a McGraw Hill Companies

Collection title/name:
949 __ $a Access Medicine
793 0_ $a Access Medicine
Recommendations Pertinent to Batch Loading, with Examples

For more background on deciding whether or not to catalog in batch, sources for records, and links to additional documentation, see Section 9, “Cataloging in Batch,” in the Cataloging Electronic Resources/Electronic Resources Display in the OPAC (2009, updated 2017) Final Report: http://www.carli.illinois.edu/sites/files/i-share/documentation/secure/cater2009_finalreport.pdf


**R1**

The Task Force **highly recommends** creating separate bibliographic records for monographs or monographic sets issued in electronic form (e.g., one for the print version, one for the electronic version).

The Task Force recognizes, however, that an institution may have reasons to use a single bibliographic record for multiple formats of the same monographic title, especially if records are imported from vendors like MARCIVE, and acknowledges that it may be difficult for some institutions to follow this recommendation. Libraries working with vendors should encourage them to supply records for electronic monographs separate from the print.

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**R2**

The Task Force **highly recommends** creating separate bibliographic records for continuing resources issued in electronic form (e.g., one for the print version, one for the electronic version).

Examples of content covered by this recommendation include: serials, e-journals, and integrating resources. The Task Force also acknowledges that an institution may have reasons to use a single bibliographic record for multiple formats of the same continuing resource and that it may be difficult for some institutions to follow this recommendation. Libraries working with vendors should encourage them to supply records for electronic continuing resources separate from the print.

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**R3**

When using separate bibliographic records for monographs or monographic sets, the Task Force recommends using the **provider-neutral record concept** (see Glossary) developed and implemented by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging for electronic monographs available from one or more providers.


Additional resources for PCC provider neutral record guidelines (RDA and AACR2) can be found at PCC Provider-Neutral E-Resource MARC Record Guidelines https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/PCC-PN-guidelines.html

Level: 1

**R4**

When using separate bibliographic records for monographs or monographic sets, catalogers may place the provider-specific collection title or vendor name in an appropriate local field.
The local field can be used for internal purposes to collocate all records for e-monographs that have access through a specific provider. This field should assist libraries in identifying a group of records if changes or deletes are necessary in the future. Bibliographic field 791 or 797 can be used to record vendor names or 793 for collection titles. Libraries using a MARC record service may want to use their default field for collection name (e.g., 949). These fields are repeatable; if a title belongs to more than one collection, use a separate field for each collection/vendor name.

Level: 3

*R5*

**When using separate bibliographic records for continuing resources, the Task Force recommends using the aggregator-neutral record concept** (see Glossary) **developed and implemented by CONSER and the Program for Cooperative Cataloging for continuing resources available from one or more providers.**


Additional resources for PCC provider neutral record guidelines (RDA and AACR2) can be found at PCC Provider-Neutral E-Resource MARC Record Guidelines: [https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/PCC-PN-guidelines.html](https://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/scs/documents/PCC-PN-guidelines.html).

Additional CONSER resources and documentation are freely available at: [http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/conser/](http://www.loc.gov/aba/pcc/conser/).

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*R8*

**The Task Force recommends that each holdings record (MFHD) representing an electronic resource be assigned a location specifically designated for electronic resources rather than for any other physical format. The Task Force recommends that each library make its own decision about how many such locations to create and what names to give them.**

In choosing a location for electronic resources, select one that will be used only for electronic resources. Don’t mix print and electronic resources within the same location. This can help end-users limit searches to electronic resources. Audio and video remote access electronic resources may be assigned separate locations or the same location as other electronic resources, depending on the needs of the library. If electronic resources have been purchased for several different physical locations, consider assigning them separate electronic resources locations if there is reason to distinguish between locations, such as for licensing purposes.

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Example:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location Code</th>
<th>Display</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ER</td>
<td>Online</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ER Aud</td>
<td>Online Audio</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ER Vid</td>
<td>Online Video</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**R10**

The Task Force recommends that libraries always place the URL or URLs appropriate to their end-users in the 856 field, subfield u of the holdings record (MFHD).

The URL appropriate to end-users may be “shareable” or institution-specific. It does not matter whether or not the URL works for end-users outside of the specific library community; what matters is that the URL in the holdings record work for end-users of that particular institution.

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**Examples:**

- Institution-specific URL to restricted resource
  

- Shareable URL to restricted resource
  

- Shareable URL to freely available resource
  
  http://www.amsreview.org

- Institution-specific URL to freely available resource
  

**R11**

The Task Force recommends that each library make its own decision whether to keep, remove, display and/or hide the 856 field(s) in its bibliographic records. Any URLs in the 856 field(s), subfield u of the bibliographic record should be appropriate to the library’s end-users.

Although WebVoyáge provides libraries with the option to display or hide the content of the bibliographic record 856 field, at the time of the writing of this report VuFind local catalogs will display the bibliographic record 856 field. Future systems may or may not allow customization of display. Libraries should assume that any URLs in the 856 field may display to the public at any time. Any URLs available in the bibliographic 856 field should either be constructed in a form that can be used by the institution’s end-users, whether shareable or institution-specific, or else removed from the record. When copy cataloging, existing shareable URLs do not need to be retained in the bibliographic record.

There are reasons a library may wish to retain URLs in the bibliographic record. Libraries that batch load records will need to have an 856 field in the bibliographic record in order for it to be copied to the holdings record (MFHD). At the time of the writing of this report, bibliographic record 856 fields with the proper indicators display in the results list in VuFind (see Appendix A). Having an 856 field in the bibliographic record may also allow for easier migration and re-use of catalog data in other applications, such as third party discovery systems.

On the other hand, if present, a URL in the bibliographic record will be visually separate in an online catalog display from any corresponding local holdings information (e.g., years of coverage) that resides in its corresponding holdings record (MFHD), require maintenance, and possibly additional steps in a cataloging workflow.

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**Example:**

The OCLC record for the e-journal “Academic Leadership” contains the two 856 fields, each with a URL:

- http://bibpurl.oclc.org/web/6012
- http://www.academicleadership.org/
UIUC removes these two existing URLs and adds a single URL directing end-users to its e-journals database for access:

http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/results.php?resid=31640

See R10 for additional examples of URLs.

R12

The Task Force recommends that libraries select stable and/or persistent URLs, when available, for placement in the 856 field of the holdings record (MFHD) and, if present, in the bibliographic record.

Persistent URLs describe an intermediate location rather than the direct location of the resource to be retrieved, and can greatly reduce the amount of maintenance required to correct URLs that, over time, no longer take the user to the expected resource. The work of identifying location changes is managed at the intermediate site, as opposed to each library having to update URLs with every location change.

Examples of Persistent URL systems:

- PURLS: http://purl.org/
- OpenURLs: http://www.niso.org/apps/group_public/project/details.php?project_id=82
- Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs): http://www.doi.org/
- Handles: http://www.handle.net/

Publishers or aggregators frequently provide a recommended URL structure that is more stable than what is displayed in the browser window. Seek out a publisher’s or aggregators recommended URL structure by checking their “Librarians” page for instructions. When MARC records are acquired—whether from the provider or through a third party, such as Proquest 360 Core or as an OCLC’s WorldShare Collection Manager—the preferred form of URL should be already present in the 856 field. When in doubt, contact the provider for clarification as to what form of URL will be the most stable. Libraries working with vendors should encourage them to supply persistent URLs for electronic resources.

Examples of publisher’s systems:

- JSTOR links are constructed by combining the domain and the standard number, ISSN in this case, e.g., http://www.jstor.org/journals/00151386.html
- Project Muse provides a list of title-level URLs available for download: http://muse.jhu.edu/holdings/

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R13

The Task Force recommends that all URLs be verified at the time they are added to the catalog.

The Voyager Cataloging Client provides a mechanism to verify hyperlinks for records being individually cataloged in Voyager. The Task Force realizes that not all URLs may be reviewed in batch records loads but recommends spot-checking URLs for access and proper construction.

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R14

The Task Force recommends that any URLs in the holdings record (MFHD) and, if present, in the bibliographic record, be kept current.

Libraries may choose to do this manually or may choose to use an automated tool to verify links.
The Task Force recommends that catalogers structure data in the 856 field of the holdings record (MFHD), and, if present, the 856 field of the bibliographic record, in the following way:

- **Subfield 3**: Provider or package name, if appropriate and/or coverage/part information, if appropriate
- **Subfield z**: Note of restriction and institutional identification, if appropriate
- **Subfield u**: URL appropriate to the institution
- **Subfield y**: Link text (optional, see notes below)

While formulating this recommendation, the Task Force considered current use of the 856 subfields by I-Share libraries, recommendations for use in national guidelines; and display of 856 subfields in WebVoyage and VuFind. Using the subfields in the recommended ways will result in the most consistent display of URLs in the online catalog. These notes need not be extensive to contain these three parts. The Task Force does not recommend any specific wording, but does recommend that the notes be consistent. As of the time of the writing of this report, ExLibris acknowledged that WebVoyage exhibits some bugs in the display of the subfield y, detailed in Appendix A.

**Examples:**

**Shareable URL to JStor journal (access is restricted, but URL is not institution-specific)**

856 40 $u http://www.jstor.org/action/showPublication?journalCode=afriamerrevi $3 JStor $z Access is available only to authorized users. $y African American Review

**Institution-specific URL to a volume of a book on SpringerLink**


**Institution-specific link to intermediate page that leads to access from multiple providers**

856 40 $u http://HZ9PJ6FE4T.search.serialssolutions.com/?V=1.0&L=HZ9PJ6FE4T&S=JCs&C=ACADLEAMUT&T=marc $z Available only to UIC users

**Shareable URL to freely available resource (no notes needed)**

856 40 $u http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS110750

If there are multiple active URLs for an e-resource title, the Task Force recommends that catalogers record one URL per 856 field and provide notes in the appropriate subfields as specified by R15. This applies to 856 fields in the holdings record (MFHD) and, if present, in bibliographic record.

Each URL should be placed in its own 856 field within a holdings record (MFHD), but libraries may choose to place each 856 field in its own holdings record (MFHD) or have multiple 856 fields in a single holdings record (MFHD).

Libraries batch loading records will need to work within the parameters of the batch loading process, which can result in a single holdings record (MFHD) with multiple URLs, or multiple holdings records (MFHDS), one for each URL, depending on how the records are loaded. If multiple URLs are copied from the bibliographic record and placed into a holdings record (MFHD) at the time of loading, there will be one holdings record with multiple URLs. If an existing bibliographic record is overlaid with a new URL during an update, and the Bulk Import Rule is set to
“Create MFHDS for Existing Bibs”, a new holdings record (MFHD) will be created with the new URL at the time of the update and any previous holdings records (MFHD) will also remain.

Although serial holdings data are not addressed in the context of this report, the decision to create multiple MFHDS (one for each URL) or a single MFHD (with multiple 856 fields) has implications for libraries who use OCLC’s Local Holdings Record (LHR) service to batch load their serial holdings data from Voyager to WorldCat. If you are using or considering this OCLC service, contact CARLI for additional information.

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R17

The Task Force recommends that libraries assign a topical call number or class number to each electronic resource using an appropriate classification scheme.

The call/class number should be placed in the 852 field of the holdings record (MFHD) and bibliographic record, if possible, for all types of resources that are usually assigned topical class numbers by your library. When performing batch loads, the call number can be transferred from the bibliographic record to the holdings record (MFHD). As libraries’ collections become increasingly electronic, assigning a specific call number will allow the electronic resources to be integrated with other library materials. This serves two useful purposes. First, it allows library end-users to take advantage of call number browses, searches, and facets, which have gained in prominence and are easier to use in next generation catalogs. Second, it allows the library to perform collection analysis based on class numbers, which will include all library resources, not just print resources.

Level: 3

R18

The Task Force recommends that libraries not create item records for electronic resources. (The single exception to this recommendation is the e-item record used in Voyager reserves.)

Item records are not needed for electronic resources since electronic resources do not circulate in the traditional sense of the word. Furthermore, the presence of item records prevents the use of some kinds of batch/bulk processing of bibliographic and holdings records (MFHDS).

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