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An Introduction to Using the Strawn Utilities for Authority Control Work in I-Share Libraries

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Today's Agenda



- General introduction to the various Strawn utilities
- Installation and configuration information
- Focus on using the tools for <u>batch</u> authority control work: example scenario from start to finish
- Using the output reports
- Special information about using the Strawn utilities in the I-Share environment
- NOTE: we will stop for questions after each general section

General introduction: Supported Strawn Utilities



- The five Strawn programs currently supported by the CARLI Office for I-Share libraries are:
 - Cataloger's Toolkit
 - Correction Review
 - Correction Receiver
 - Spine Label Printing
 - Location Changer
- All five programs are authored by Gary Strawn, from Northwestern University.
 - Programs written for NWU staff; Mr. Strawn generously makes them available to others worldwide.



Cataloger's Toolkit (a.k.a., CTK or CTKV)

- The "core" Strawn program.
- Many different functions with many different options.
- More sophisticated validation tools than Voyager.
 - Can either simply report validation errors or can actually fix some types of errors in record-by-record mode, if so configured.
- A primary <u>starting point</u> for batch authority control processing.
 - Easy to create batch "correction requests" that are further processed by the other programs.

Correction Review



- Takes correction requests generated via Cataloger's Toolkit and approves them (or not) for batch processing.
 - A common setup, especially in medium and large libraries, has multiple staff creating correction requests from their daily workflow, but only one staff member with the "power" to approve the individual batch correction requests and queue them for nightly processing.
 - Can configure the "pending" folder of correction requests to reside on a shared/networked drive.

Correction Receiver



- Takes approved batch correction requests (from Correction Review), and performs the desired heading change(s) on all applicable bibliographic records.
 - Much more sophisticated program logic than found in Voyager's Global Headings Change functionality.
 - e.g., if a subject heading is changing, this program will change the core heading as well as the heading with any subdivisions attached.
 - Recognizes different thesauri (e.g, MeSH) and record tagging.

Spine Label Printing



- Prints spine labels from Voyager item records.
- Much more flexible configuration options and easier to use than Voyager's spine label print functionality.
- Not going to discuss more about this program in today's presentation, due to focus on authority control.

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Location Changer

- Many different functions with many different options, including:
 - Changing the item and MFHD location codes
 - Adding or deleting item status(es)
 - Adding, changing, or deleting call number prefixes
 - Deleting item, MFHD, and/or bib records
 - Suppressing MFHD and/or bib records
- Can do all functions either record-by-record, or in batch using a file of record IDs.
- Not going to discuss more about this program in today's presentation.





Any questions so far on the differences between the various Strawn utilities?

Installation and Configuration



 All of the supported Strawn utilities, as well as Mr. Strawn's documentation for them, are available for download from the CARLI website:

http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/execute.html

- <u>Please</u> download from our website and not Mr. Strawn's website!
 - CARLI website has the correct Strawn program version for our version of Voyager.
 - We test each posted program version for basic functionality as well as interoperability between the different programs.
 - We don't officially support any versions other than those that we post on our website.



 CARLI has an extensive and very detailed installation and configuration guide that covers each supported Strawn program:

http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/execute/ strawn/strawn_install.pdf

- Lots of screen shots!
- Follow the instructions <u>exactly</u>!
 - e.g., if the instructions say you must have a backslash at the end of a path to a folder on the PC, it's really true!



- The installation guide instructs you to configure each Strawn program with a Voyager operator ID that has the appropriate privileges for using the program.
 - The Strawn programs rely on Voyager security settings for underlying "authorizations."
 - For example, in order to run the Correction Receiver program to actually fix headings in Voyager bibs, you have to configure the program to use a Voyager operator ID that has privileges to edit bib records.
 - Only install the programs on the workstations of staff that should use them!



- The I-Share technical environment is unique.
 - All Strawn programs do their "reads" from data on the Reports server, and then write to the production Voyager server.
 - Our installation guide (and other I-Share specific supporting documentation) takes this environment into account.
- Will talk about the unique features of our environment and the workflow implications in more detail later.



- Installation and configuration is the biggest challenge to getting started with the Strawn programs.
 - All Strawn programs are PC-based, so may have to repeat on multiple workstations for multiple staff.
 - All require ODBC/Oracle client on the PC <u>before</u> you can install any Strawn program.
 - If you can run Voyager Access reports on a PC, you have already completed the ODBC setup pre-requisite.
 - It's not simple, but it <u>IS</u> do-able.

Questions?



- Any questions so far on the general installation and configuration information?
- Not going to cover this in any more detail today.
- <u>Read and follow</u> the instructions in the I-Share installation guide. Really.

http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/ execute/strawn/strawn install.pdf

Batch Authority Control Processing



- As stated previously, the three Strawn programs that work together to generate and process <u>batch</u> headings changes are:
 - Cataloger's Toolkit
 - Correction Review
 - Correction Receiver
- Let's do an example from start to finish, with more details to follow.
 - Will use screen shots rather than a live demo, for the sake of time in today's webinar.



- Multiple workflows possible to determine when a particular bib heading requires a change.
 - "Resources for Authority Control Activities" by John Whisler (EIU):

http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-serv/mem-train/100518icat/ JW_AuthControlRes.pdf

- Our example assumes a staff member is working from a Voyager Cat 6 report, that includes bib subject headings that match cross-references in authority records, and shows counts of these bibs.
 - More info on Cat 6 report available from:

http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/cat/voy_cat_reports.pdf

Example from Cat 6 report, imported into Excel and sorted



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Approve correction requests using Correction Review

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Any questions on the general procedure to review and approve correction requests via Correction Review?


Process correction requests using Correction Receiver

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Questions?



Any questions on the example scenario?



- Users of Correction Receiver can configure multiple output reports in Options/Output handling tab.
- CARLI recommends that users set their Options to include at least:
 - "Write details of changes to file"
 - "Write update errors to file"
 - "Write each change request to cumulative file"
 - "Write summary report"



The Detailed report

(VgerHdg.YYYYMMDD.HHMMSS.Details.txt) is critical to analyzing the results from a test run of the program.

- Shows the Voyager bib ID of every record that contains the targeted text string, a "return" code that indicates if the bib was edited ("returned: 0") or not ("returned: 1"), the old form of heading, and the new form of heading.
- Enabled in Options/Output handling/"Write details of changes to file"

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If the review of the test run's detailed report identifies any headings changes that should be cancelled, you can delete the ".cor" file (i.e., the batch correction request file) from the folder where approved correction requests are stored, prior to performing the production run.

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- If, after a <u>production</u> run, you realize a mistake has been made, the Detailed report will identify exactly which bib records were edited for any particular change.
 - You can use this report to find and manually fix the appropriate bib records.
 - Hopefully, problems will be few if you review the Detailed report after every test run and before every production run.



- The Summary report (VgerHdg.YYYYMMDD.HHMMSS.Summary.txt) provides statistics from a run of the program.
 - For each correction request processed, it shows the number of records inspected, the number of records edited, and the number of individual fields edited.
 - At the end of the report is the same summary for the job as a whole.
 - Enabled in Options/Output handling/"Write summary report"

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- An optional report is called ChangeRequests.txt
- This report will summarize all headings processed since the report was enabled in Options/Output handling/"Write each change request to cumulative file"
- Will include both test and production runs
- May be useful as a reminder about what headings were processed on which dates



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Questions?



Any questions about the output reports?



- The Reports server is the source of database "reads" by all of the Strawn programs; "writes" are to the production database.
 - NOT a "read" from the live production database.
 - Reports server updated at least every 15 minutes.
 - Impact of this has been lessened by implementation of the new Reports server in March 2010, but still affects workflows of most Strawn utilities.
 - See our "Getting Started..." doc for more details http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/execute/strawn/ StartStrawn.pdf



- Effect of Reports server non-live "reads" on <u>batch</u> authority control processes:
 - CTKV's BAM (to generate the correction request) may not reflect changes made to a bib in the live database during the last quarter hour.
 - No effect on Correction Review.



- Effect of Reports server reads on batch authority control processes:
 - Correction Receiver: if the program tries to edit the same bib for two (or more) <u>different</u> correction requests before the reports server data has been refreshed, the first change won't be retained.
 - Example: bib 1234 contains both obsolete headings "Aged" and "Aged women". My approved folder has COR files for both headings.
 - "Aged" in bib 1234 processed by Correction Receiver at 10:05 pm; OK
 - "Aged women" processed at 10:08 pm; "Aged women" in bib 1234 will be fixed, but the read from Reports server may still show "Aged" in the bib, so that heading will be reset back to "Aged" when "Aged women" is processed, due to the read from non-live database.



- Options for this scenario?
 - Try not to process similar headings changes in the same day's run of Correction Receiver.
 - Example: process "Aged" on Monday and "Aged women" on Tuesday
 - Process all available correction requests on the same day, but double-check the results in the cat client the next day.
 - Fix any bibs that had multiple similar changes either manually, or by resubmitting the original correction requests a second time.
 - Options/Output handling/ "Folder for archiving of correction requests" contains path to archive folder.



- A slightly different scenario:
 - Example: the correction request is for "Aged" to "Older people". Bib 2345 contains headings for both "Aged --Illinois" and "Aged – Wisconsin"
 - Both of these headings will be corrected properly, because the core change is for "Aged" and there is only one "read" of the bib from the reports server for this correction request.
 - Also, the program does the right thing with regard to subdivisions attached to the core heading change.



- Correction Receiver contains code that forces production runs to wait until 10 p.m. to begin making any edits to bibs.
 - This code enforces CARLI policy that batch jobs run in non-prime hours, for system performance concerns.
 - Test runs can be done at any time, because they don't actually write anything to the production server.



- Correction Receiver waits until 10 p.m. to begin making any edits to bibs.
 - Some PCs running Windows XP have problems "waking up" at 10 p.m. to start the program.
 - Workarounds:
 - Shared macro (LaunchCorrRcvr.mex):

www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/macros/

 Or, try to use Windows Scheduled Tasks to launch Correction Receiver right before 10 p.m.





Any questions about the "special" I-Share environment and Strawn utilities?
Parting comments



- There is a configuration and learning curve involved in starting to use any of the Strawn programs.
- But, many I-Share libraries have done it, and believe the benefits outweigh the "cost" of initial investment.
- We hope you have been inspired today to at least consider trying these programs to help you with your batch authority control work.



Parting comments (cont.)

Resources:

- Mr. Strawn's documentation for each program
- I-Share specific documentation:
 - "Installing and Configuring Gary Strawn's Software in I-Share Libraries"
 - "Getting Started Using Gary Strawn's Software in I-Share Libraries"
- All of the above available from: http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mem-prod/I-Share/secure/execute.html
- support@carli.illinois.edu

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