WorldCat.org

What Is It?

Managed by OCLC and available to libraries who contribute records and subscribe to an OCLC product, WorldCat.org allows library users to search for print and electronic items such as books, CDs, DVDs, as well as numerous other resources. It contains over 2 billion records, provided by over 10,000 libraries from different parts of the world. It allows users to look for items via the website, locate a library nearby where the items are available, and create an account in order to review the items. The resource also has a beta mobile site available at http://worldcatmobile.org/

Additionally, the content from WorldCat.org can be obtained in the soon to be replaced system FirstSearch (access will be retired in late 2016), and WorldCat Local (no date is given for its replacement). Ultimately, both will be fully replaced by WorldCat Discovery Services. WorldCat Discovery will bring the functionality of FirstSearch and WorldCat Local together.

How Can SFX Be Integrated with WorldCat.org?

WorldCat.org alone cannot interact and/or be integrated with SFX. However, WorldCat Local and WorldCat Discovery can. OpenURL link resolvers can be made available in both the Local and Discovery systems. WorldCat Local as well as other OCLC products will be discussed separately in this deliverable.

Where Is More Information?

FirstSearch http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch.en.html

Frequently Asked Questions Next steps for WorldCat Discovery and FirstSearch http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/oclc/worldcat-discovery/WCD-FirstSearch-FAQs.pdf

What is WorldCat? http://www.worldcat.org/whatis/default.jsp

WorldCat Local http://www.oclc.org/worldcat-local.en.html

For a clear explanation of the distinction between the different OCLC (WorldCat.org, Worldcat Local, Worldcat Discovery and OCLC FirstSearch) systems, the best source is your library's OCLC representative.