

**ALCTS CaMMS Subject Analysis Committee**  
**FAST Report**  
**Submitted by Diane Vizine-Goetz**  
**19 June 2015**

FAST (Faceted Application of Subject Terminology) is an enumerative, faceted subject heading system derived primarily from the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH). It is a general subject vocabulary that is easy to learn and apply and is faceted-navigation friendly

### **New Developments**

- FAST geographic headings are searchable in VIAF (Virtual International Authority File)
- FAST Form/Genre headings are being aligned with Library of Congress Genre/Form Terms (LCGFT)
- A new FAST Changes page provides access to change files published between updates of FAST downloadable files
  - <http://fast.oclc.org/fastChanges/>
  - Update 2015-06-12 (form/genre) provides recent updates to FAST form/genre headings
- WorldShare Record Manager employs the assignFAST API in a feature to apply FAST headings
- The moratorium on enhancement of new records with FAST headings has been reduced to one month from six months.

### **FAST in WorldCat**

- About 76 million bibliographic records have been enhanced with FAST headings.
- Records are excluded from FAST enrichment for a minimum of one month from the date of entry.

### **Tools for Application and Use**

#### **searchFAST**

- <http://fast.oclc.org/searchfast/>
- searchFAST is a user interface for identifying and accessing FAST authority records and retrieving WorldCat records that have FAST headings. The following table provides the composition of the FAST authority file by facet in June 2015.

| Facet                      | MARC Tag | Count     |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Persons                    | 100      | 692,734   |
| Organizations              | 110      | 360,571   |
| Events                     | 111      | 12,417    |
| Titles of Works            | 130      | 63,074    |
| Chronological/Time periods | 148      | 676       |
| Topics                     | 150      | 406,873   |
| Places                     | 151      | 176,774   |
| Form/Genre                 | 155      | 2,507     |
| Total                      |          | 1,715,626 |

### assignFAST

- <http://experimental.worldcat.org/fast/assignfast>
- This service implements autosuggest technology to facilitate the manual selection of FAST headings. The service enables the integration of FAST assignment into other applications.

### FAST as Linked Data

- <http://id.worldcat.org/fast/>
- This experimental Linked Open Data service provides access to the FAST data set under the Open Data Commons Attribution License.
- FAST contains links to the following data sets:
  - Library of Congress Subject Headings (299,172 links)\*
  - VIAF & NACO (1.2 million)
  - DbPedia/Wikipedia (160,000)
  - GeoNames (85,000)

\*One-to-One only, not including references to partial or pattern headings

- The FAST data set is available for download at:  
<http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/fast/download.html>

For additional information, visit the FAST activity page at <http://www.oclc.org/research/activities/fast/> or contact Diane Vizine-Goetz ([vizine@oclc.org](mailto:vizine@oclc.org)) or Eric Childress ([childree@oclc.org](mailto:childree@oclc.org)).

19 June 2015