

OCLC Report

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WorldCat Entity URIs in WorldCat records

In December 2023, OCLC announced the addition of WorldCat Entities URIs (Uniform Resource Identifiers) for Persons, Places, and Events to WorldCat records as \$1 links in 100, 600, 647, 651, and 700 MARC fields. These are some examples of how these links look in MARC fields of bibliographic records:

100 1_ Walker, Alice, \$d 1944- \$e author. \$1
<https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBJrKTV4VB7v6d4rVJ9Btrq>
[In Record Manager with LC heading controlled]

100 1_ Walker, Alice, ‡d 1944- ‡e author. ‡1
<https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBJrKTV4VB7v6d4rVJ9Btrq>
[Same heading in Connexion Client]

600 17 Stein, Gertrude, \$d 1874-1946 \$2 fast \$1
<https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBJhhr4vrM87p4BrDHjYP>
[In Record Manager with FAST heading controlled]

600 17 Stein, Gertrude, ‡d 1874-1946 ‡2 fast ‡1
<https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PBJhhr4vrM87p4BrDHjYP> ‡0 (OCoLC)fst00030233
[Same heading in Connexion Client]

651 _7 France \$z Paris \$2 fast
\$1 <https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39QbtfRkKTXcHQJ477vgbjTxc>
[In Record Manager with FAST heading controlled]

651 _7 France ‡z Paris ‡2 fast ‡1
<https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39QbtfRkKTXcHQJ477vgbjTxc> ‡0 (OCoLC)fst01205283
[Same heading in Connexion Client]

As a next phase, OCLC has begun adding 758 fields that include WorldCat Entities URIs for Works in WorldCat bibliographic records. These 758 fields (Resource Identifier fields) will have this structure:

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758__ $i [relationship_in_language_of_040$b]: $a  
[placeholder_for_label_+material_type] $1 [placeholder_for_WorldCat_entityID] $4  
https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ontology/hasWork
```

Example for English language of cataloging:

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758__ $i has work: $a HBR's 10 must reads on managing people Vol. 2 (Sound) $1  
https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PCGDbpB6QKpK4gc9MwdDFVd $4  
https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ontology/hasWork
```

Example for French language of cataloging:

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758__ $i a pour œuvre: $a Le mouvement chrétien-social dans le canton de Genève  
(Text) $1 https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/entity/E39PCYvWdGxTkMYkvJgfF78Phw $4  
https://id.oclc.org/worldcat/ontology/hasWork
```

For other languages of cataloging, the \$i will be omitted as we work to collect translations that accurately convey the relationship.

The [WorldCat Work Entity](#) is defined as a “distinct artistic or intellectual creation expressed through one or more content type(s).” It is different from the IFLA-LRM or RDA Work entity and aligns with BIBFRAME Work. Its properties include *title*, *creator*, *language*, and *about*.

More information about WorldCat Entities, including how to search entities.oclc.org, is available here: [WorldCat Entities](#). You may search WorldCat Entities without signing in, but signing in will allow you to see more information in the Entities description.

Visit oclc.org/linkeddata for additional information and to subscribe to updates about how OCLC is supporting libraries with new linked data initiatives.

FAST Authorities

In August 2023, the Faceted Application of Subject Terminology (FAST) authority files became available within WorldShare Record Manager. FAST authority headings can be controlled in bibliographic records in the following fields: 600, 610, 611, 630, 647, 650, 651, and 655. See [FAST Authorities](#) for instructions.

Note that when a FAST heading is controlled in Record Manager, you will not see the subfield \$0. However, when you view the heading in the same record in Connexion, the subfield \$0 is there. The second 600 example for Gertrude Stein in the previous section of this report is an example of this difference.

Webinars

All webinars described in this section have free registration and recordings available on the OCLC website.

We continue to present Virtual AskQC office hours in most months, offering each monthly session twice. Information for upcoming webinars, including registration links, is available at [CurrentAskQC office hours](#). Our February topic is “The Lifecycle of a CIP Record,” and we will have presenters from the Library of Congress Cataloging in Publication (CIP) Program.

The virtual OCLC Cataloging Community meetings continue to be a popular event, and we have added a version for libraries in Europe, Middle East, and Africa. If you are interested in listening to any past recordings or downloading PDF files of the presentation slides, they are available from the [OCLC cataloging community meeting](#) page. A link to access materials for the 2 February 2024 event will be added to this page.

The Transforming Metadata events feature presentations on next-general metadata issues. There are no upcoming webinars currently scheduled, but information for future events and past recordings are available from the [Transforming Metadata Series](#) page.

(We plan to have in-person sessions for the Cataloging Community and Transforming Metadata again this year at ALA Annual. Date and time for both are to be determined.)

OCLC Community Center

The new OCLC Community Center launched in late September. The Community Center offers meaningful opportunities to engage with people who have had similar experiences and who can benefit from your insights. Discussions, updates, and events are all aimed at improving the work we do together.

In the Community Center you can learn from and share stories with peers who use the same OCLC products and services as you. You can submit ideas for OCLC product improvements. And you can build your network and develop expertise in areas where you work or would like to work in the future.

Use your WorldShare credentials to access the Community Center, or if you don't already have credentials, you can [request them](#). Learn more about the [OCLC Community Center](#).