I am using the WorldCat Search API, why do I keep getting an XML response when I am sending a json accept header?

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Applies to

- WorldCat Search API
- WorldCat Discovery

Issue

The documentation indicates that I should be able to get a response in JSON, and links to an example of such a response, but even though I'm sending an Accept header with the value 'application/json', I keep getting the XML response.

Answer

Search API doesn't support "Content-Negotiation". You need to add the format parameter and set it to JSON.

eexample:

http://www.worldcat.org/webservices/catalog/content/libraries/isbn/{ISBN}?oclcSymbol={OCLC_Symbol}&format=json

See also

- WorldCat Search API
- WorldCat Search API tips and tricks

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