Why am I getting a validation error on the 040 tag?

Symptom

- Validation error mentioning the 040 tag

Applies to

- Record Manager
- Connexion Client
- Connexion Browser
- CatExpress
- Digital Collection Gateway

Resolution

There are mandatory input standards for **040 $b**, which is the language of cataloging field. 040 $b needs to be supplied for all new bibliographic records, including derived records.

- Connexion client, Connexion browser and Record Manager users can either add the subfield to each new record you create or add $b to your Constant Data record so it is provided on all new records you create. If you are cataloging within the United States, it is most likely that your cataloging language is English, so you will use the “eng” code. If you are cataloging in a different language, use the [Library of Congress code list for Languages](https://www.loc.gov/vocabulary/standards/lc/lcgspecif.html) to determine the code to use.

- CatExpress users should email **bibchange@oclc.org** any records that come back with a validation error on that field. Just make sure you send them the OCLC#.

**Note:** This is not the language of the item, but the language you are using for your notes and description within the bibliographic record.