Why are ILL Request numbers not incremental?

Symptom

• When a request shows up, you notice that it is not in consecutive order and want to know why

Applies to

• ILLiad, Tipasa, WorldShare ILL

Resolution

Here are the reasons the ILL request numbers are not incremental:

1. There are multiple processes running on OCLC’s end and each of them reserves a block of request numbers to use.
2. When that block is used up, it grabs a different block.
3. It is possible you might see sequential numbers and other times the numbers won’t be.
4. There is no guarantee they’ll be exactly sequential; the numbers should just be close enough.