Learn how to sign in to WorldCat.org, create a WorldCat account, and edit your user profile.

Create a WorldCat account

1. Click Create Account on the WorldCat.org homepage.
2. Enter a valid email address, password, and confirm your password.
   - A confirmation message appears if the passwords match.
   - A warning message appears if the:
     - Email address entered is not valid
     - Passwords do not match
3. Select your country/region from the drop-down list.
4. Select the I'm not a robot checkbox, select the square(s) with the image prompt, and then click Verify.
5. Read the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy, and then select the I agree to the OCLC Terms of Service and Privacy Policy and confirm that I am at least 16 years old check box.
6. Click Create WorldCat account. You'll receive an email at the address you entered in step 2 asking you to verify your WorldCat account.
7. Click the verify link in your WorldCat account verification email. The Set your preferences screen opens.
8. From the Set your preferences screen:
   - Enter your display name in the text field.
   - Select your profile visibility.
     - Private (default) - Your profile will be hidden from all the WorldCat users.
     - Public - WorldCat users can see your profile information such as screen name, favorite libraries, lists, interests, etc.
   - Select whether you want to share your profile information, such as email address and interests with libraries around you.

Sign in to WorldCat.org

WorldCat users

Once you've created a WorldCat account, you can sign in from any WorldCat.org page.

1. Click Sign In on the WorldCat.org homepage.
2. Enter your username and password.
3. Click SIGN IN.
Sign in as an institutional user

Note: You must have the correct roles or permissions assigned prior to signing in to WorldCat.org.

2. Click Sign in > Sign in as an institutional user.
3. Enter your institution's OCLC symbol and then click Sign in. If you are unsure of your OCLC symbol, you can find it here.
4. Enter your username and password associated with the OCLC Services Account that you use to sign in to WorldShare or the Service Configuration, and then click SIGN IN. The Set your preferences screen opens.
5. From the Set your preferences screen:
   ◦ Enter your display name in the text field.
   ◦ Select your profile visibility.
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      ▪ Public - WorldCat users can see your profile information such as screen name, favorite libraries, lists, interests, etc.
   ◦ Select whether you want to share your profile information, such as email address and interests with libraries around you.
6. Click Next. The Set your favorite library screen opens.
7. From the Set your favorite library screen, click Favorite Library for the library you want to set as your favorite. By default, WorldCat.org displays the libraries nearest your location. You can search for a specific library using the search toolbar.
   Note: You can select one favorite library when creating your account. We recommend selecting your institution as your favorite library when logging in as a staff member. After your account has been created, you can add up to four additional favorite libraries.
8. Click Continue. The Profile creation successful screen opens.
9. From the Profile creation successful screen, click Continue to WorldCat.org to start using WorldCat.org.

Note:

• WorldCat.org will automatically sign out institutional users after four hours of inactivity on the site. This helps mitigate the possibility of someone accessing your account.
• If you no longer wish to associate your OCLC Services Account with the new WorldCat.org, you may delete it. This will not delete your OCLC Services Account, only remove its association with the new WorldCat.org.

Roles and permissions

The following roles allow you to read and edit institution staff lists.

• Acquisitions Admin
• Circulation Admin
• WorldCat Discovery Admin
• WorldCat List Manager
The following role allows you to edit institution staff lists.

- WorldCat Discovery Staff

**WorldCat.org user profile**

When you create a WorldCat account, a profile is automatically created for you.

**Edit your user profile**

1. Click **Sign In**.
2. Enter your **user name** and **password**.
3. Click **Continue**.
4. Select **My Profile** from the Profile drop-down menu.
5. Your user profile consists of three screens. Use the drop-down menu to open each screen.
   - **My Profile** (default) - Allows you to update your user profile as needed.

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2. Select the **I confirm, I want to proceed with account deletion** checkbox.

3. Click **Delete Account** to permanently delete your account.

- **Lists** - Allows you to manage and view your [WorldCat lists](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat-org/Get_started/Sign_in_to_WorldCat.org) and any lists you follow.