WorldCat Discovery release notes, August 2017


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Introduction

The following release notes are for the August 17, 2017 release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery August release highlights

Users can reuse search filters applied from their library’s search box throughout a search session.

Recommended actions

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<td>If your library uses an embedded search box, review this Community Center discussion for ideas to incorporate search filters into the search experience</td>
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Include Request ID with problem reports

When reporting an issue with WorldCat Discovery, it is extremely helpful to include the Request ID. The Request ID is found at the bottom of the screen on which the issue occurred. Including this information allows us to directly trace what happened on the request we are troubleshooting.

https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/065_20"
New features and enhancements

Maintain search filters from search to search

Library search boxes already leverage the power of pre-set filters, and WorldCat Discovery now lets users preserve their search context by reapplying these filters without manually selecting them for each search in a search session. Users searching from their library search boxes with filters, such as formats or date ranges, can use them multiple times throughout a search session. This means easier workflows for your users.

How can your library search box leverage this change for more contextual searching and for a wide variety of users? Here are a few examples:

• Undergraduate students working on an assignment that requires use of only articles from the last five years in a designated discipline could be pre-filtered on format, date and databases searched.
• Faculty can find exact editions by searching Libraries Worldwide with the “Most Widely Held” sort option.
• Users searching only books could be supported with multiple pre-set filters to as many format types as needed, excluding the less-relevant book formats (such as microform).
• Libraries with multiple branches can limit search results to a specific, or multiple, branch scopes.
• Course guides can have a custom search box that only searches over a curated list of databases.

The “Selected Filters” box contains options to turn off this feature, to remove individual filters from the search and to reset the search to the configured defaults:

Please note, multiple format selections from the library search box must have multiple parameters. For example, “format=Book,Music,Video” should be “format=book&format=music&format=video” in the search URL sent to WorldCat Discovery from the library search box.


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The search selections stay in place even when a new search query yields zero results. Users can easily deselect filters until results match their selections:

Scope defaults no longer appear as filters

The default scope is no longer treated as a visible filter, is still available to use with library search boxes. With this change, users see an interface with library-determined default settings each time they access the service. The new “Reset” option clears all filters, turns off “Keep selections for next search” and does not treat the default scopes as filters.

Users can also find the default scope options in the scope statement:
Sort option is unaffected by filtering choices

The default sort option applies until a user changes the “Sorted by” to another sort option.

Known issues

Improving ‘Did you mean’ suggestions for a better search experience

Due to a degradation in ‘Did you mean’ suggestions, we turned off this feature on July 27. While it is unavailable, we will re-implement an open-source solution, which:

• Shows the corrected word in context of the user’s entire query
• Features globalized spelling suggestions based on the user’s location
• Includes names as suggestions
• Blocks numbers and index names (such as OCLC numbers or “jail”) from providing suggestions
• Preserves all of a user’s punctuation and capitalization in the ‘Did you mean’ suggestion

We regret the disruption and look forward to providing high-quality and meaningful ‘Did you mean’ suggestions in the coming months.

New content

This is a list of new databases added to WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org since our last update.

You can enable these databases as search options in the Licensed Content and Databases module of the OCLC Service Configuration site. Please remember that your library must have a valid subscription to these databases in order to enable them.

The complete list of databases is available at http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/supp...ttargetID.xlsx

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

From Global-Regulation Inc.

Global-Regulation.com - The world’s largest comparative law search engine.

  • From Wichtig

Wichtig Journals - Wichtig International is an independent STM publisher of journals in the fields of clinical medicine and bioengineering.

Important links
Office hours

- [http://www.oclc.org/support/services...covery.en.html](http://www.oclc.org/support/services...covery.en.html)

Product website

More product information can be found [here](http://www.oclc.org/support/services...covery.en.html).

Support website(s)

Support information for this product and related products can be found at:

- [WorldCat Discovery support resources](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/065_2019_046.html)
- [WorldCat Discovery training](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/065_2019_046.html)
- [OCLC Community Center](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/065_2019_046.html)
- [Browser compatibility chart](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/065_2019_046.html)