About OCLC-MARC local holdings format and standards

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Superseded documents

This edition supersedes the Local Holdings information in this technical bulletin: TB-258 OCLC-MARC Format Update 2010.

Examples

The examples provided are illustrative, not prescriptive. Do not take the examples or the form in which they are presented as instructions. Because of the dynamic nature of WorldCat, some examples may not appear online now as shown in the document.

Repeatability

(R) identifies a field or subfield as repeatable, which means it may occur more than once.
A repeatable field may occur more than once in a record.
A repeatable subfield may occur more than once in a field.
(NR) identifies the field or subfield as nonrepeatable. Fields or subfields are nonrepeatable for a variety of reasons:
The data element may occur no more than once for a given item.
The data element may occur more than once, but you enter multiple data elements in the same subfield.
The data element may occur more than once, but you enter multiple data elements in separate fields.

Validity

Some fields, subfields, elements or values may be marked Obsolete. Do not use. Although some records in WorldCat may still contain this coding, do not use these fields, subfields, elements or values in current cataloging.
Additionally, some fields, subfields, elements or values have been completely removed from the online system. They are
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