

Demystifying Batchload Analysis

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Sample Record Sets for Law Libraries

- Making of Modern Law (MOML)
- Serials Solutions
- LLMC-Digital
- BNA
- CALI
- HeinOnline Legal Classics
- HeinOnline World Trials
- LexisNexis/Westlaw Cassidy Collections

Analyzing Batches of Records

- step 1: examine several individual records
- step 2: count fields in file
- step 3: view isolated fields

Before We Start ...

Keep in mind that we will be **viewing** records and isolated fields. This technique is not meant to replace proper authority control, use of URL checkers, etc.

Readily-Available Tools

- MarceEdit
 - free editing utility available for download at <http://oregonstate.edu/~reese/marcedit/html/>
 - always keep a copy of the original file
- Microsoft Excel
 - for sorting purposes, keep in mind that:
 - version 2003 has 65,536 rows and can accommodate approx. 3000 full MARC records
 - version 2007 has one million rows and can accommodate approx. 45,000 full MARC records

Step 1: Examining Individual Records

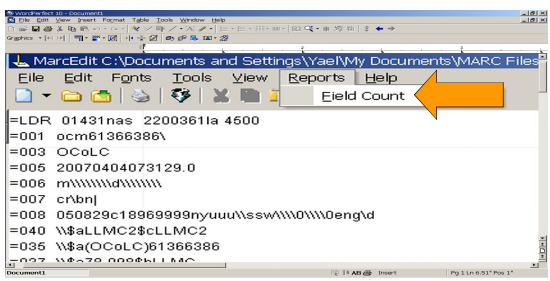
- look for
 - level of cataloging (full, core, minimal)
 - adherence to cataloging standards
 - quality of subject headings and classification
 - decisions made by cataloging agency (e.g. treatment of aggregator in 260/533 and 710 fields, resource cataloged as monograph, serial, or integrating)
 - errors and inconsistencies

Step 2: Counting Fields

- make sure all records have all required fields
- examine report for inconsistencies
- be mindful of locally-assigned fields that may cause problems when loading records into your ILS

Step 2: Counting Fields in MarcEdit

- select Reports, Field Count



Step 2: Counting Fields

What's Wrong With This Picture? Example #1

- file has 9111 records for e-books ...

Label	No. in Fields	No. in SubFields
LDR	9111	
001	9111	
003	9111	
006	9111	
007	9111	
008	9111	
040	9111	
040\$a		9111
040\$c		9111
040\$d		19991
040\$e		29
043	1	

Step 2: Counting Fields What's Wrong With This Picture? Example #1

□ ... but only 64 subject headings!

555	1
580	1
600	19
610	4
650	38
655	3
700	2099
710	176
730	476
740	13
752	1
775	2
850	16
856	9111

Step 2: Counting Fields What's Wrong With This Picture? Example #2

□ file has 221 records for e-journals ...

Label	No. in Fields	No. in Subfields
LDR	221	
001	221	
003	120	
005	221	
006	2	
007	2	
008	221	
010	120	
010\$a		120
010\$z		41
016	6	
016\$2		6

Step 2: Counting Fields What's Wrong With This Picture? Example #2

□ ... but only 31 records have URLs!

853\$v		15
853\$w		16
853\$x		11
853\$y		3
856	31	
856\$2		2
856\$3		1
856\$u		33
856\$x		3
856\$y		3
856\$z		14
863	18	
863\$8		18
863\$a		18

Step 3: Isolating Fields for Analysis

- in MarcEdit
 - copy all records (Ctrl+A, Ctrl+C)
- in Excel
 - paste records (Ctrl+V)
 - select all records (Ctrl+A)
 - sort all fields by selecting Data, Sort, Column A

Step 3: Isolating Fields for Analysis The Power of Eyeballing

- scroll down to view individual fields
 - look for errors and inconsistencies
 - target words/strings in specific fields
- to search a specific field, copy all its occurrences and paste in separate tab
 - search for specific elements using the Find function (Ctrl+F)

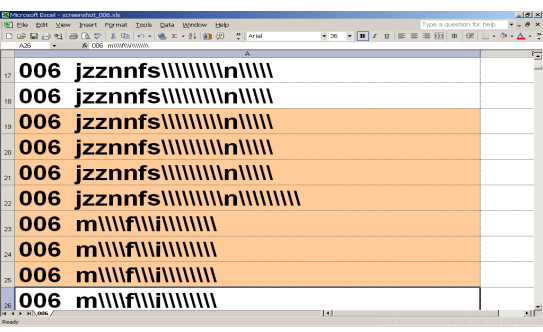
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- keep your eyes open for
 - coding in Leader, 006, 007, and 008 fields
 - errors, inconsistencies, and obsolete indicators/subfields in variable-length fields
 - 856 \$z inconsistent with your local practice
 - 1xx and 7xx inconsistencies that cannot be detected by automatic authority control
 - incorrect 6xx subdivisions that cannot be detected by automatic authority control

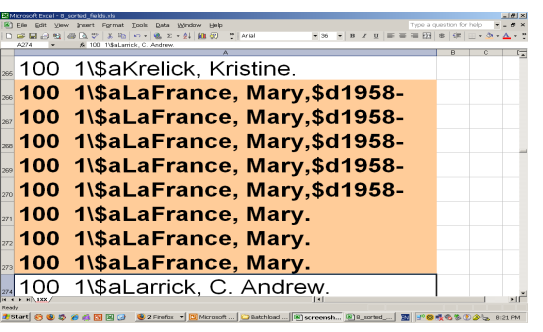
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- examples of problematic subject headings
 - obsolete headings (e.g. Afro-Americans, Trade-unions)
 - obsolete subdivisions (e.g. Constitutional law, Constitutional history)
 - incorrect Law and legislation subdivisions
 - incorrect application of subdivisions authorized for use with legal headings (e.g. Cases, Digest)

Step 3: Isolating Fields for Analysis Example: Inconsistent Coding in Field 006

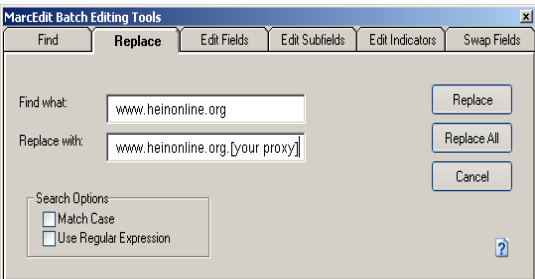


Step 3: Isolating Fields for Analysis Example: Inconsistent Form of Name



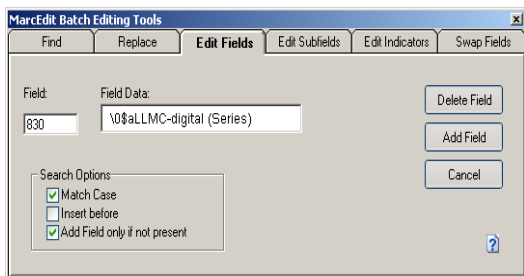
Cleanup Time! Global Update With MarcEdit

- find and replace data (e.g. add proxy to 856 \$u)



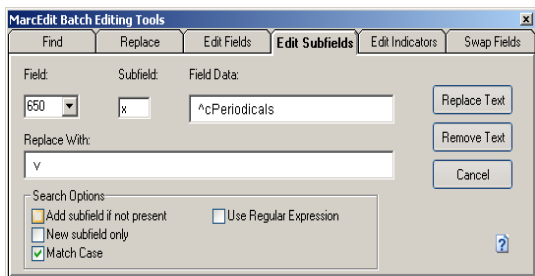
Global Update With MarcEdit

- add/delete fields (e.g. add missing series)



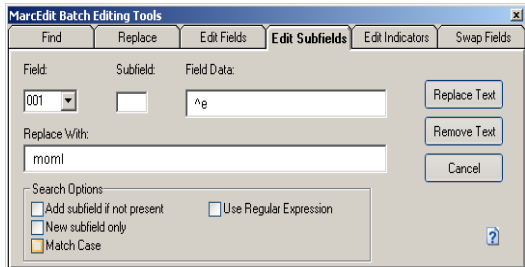
Global Update With MarcEdit

- edit subfield data (e.g. change 650 \$x to \$v)



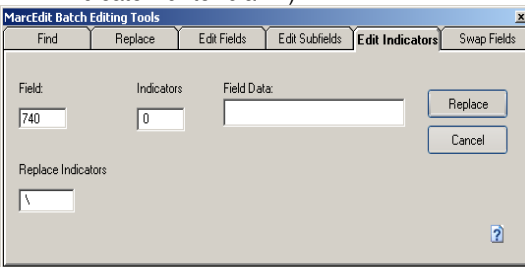
Global Update With MarcEdit

- edit subfield data (e.g. add suffix to 001)



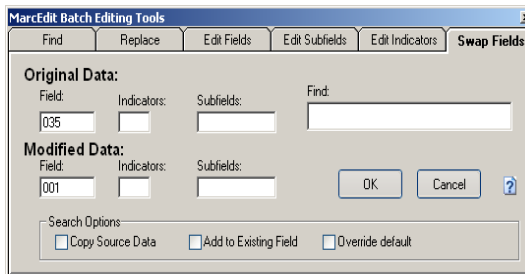
Global Update With MarcEdit

- edit indicator data (e.g. change obsolete 740 2nd indicator "0" to "blank")



Global Update With MarcEdit

- swap field data (e.g. move data from 035 to 001)



Eliminating Redundancies

- when finding problems with record sets, we can either clean up files locally

OR

- work with vendors to improve the quality of the records to the benefit of all

Too Daunting to Do on Your Own?

- get help from the Task Group on Vendor-Supplied Bibliographic Records
 - official website: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis/committees/cataloging/vendorbibrecords/>
 - wiki: <http://tsvbr.pbwiki.com/>
find vendor information and evaluation of record sets

Task Group on Vendor-Supplied Bibliographic Records (VBR)

- offers to assist vendors in preparation of specifications for contract cataloging and recommends changes and revisions as appropriate
- encourages vendors to make arrangements with authority control vendors to supply current authority data for the cataloging produced
- develops and disseminates evaluations/reviews of the cataloging data to TS-SIS members via the group's wiki

VBR Wiki: Areas Covered

- general information
 - name of vendor
 - contact information
 - description
 - records availability
 - test records availability
 - methodology for creation of records
 - customization

VBR Wiki: Areas Covered (cont.)

- evaluations
 - review status
 - authority control
 - fixed fields
 - variable-length fields
 - subject headings/classification
 - other
- additional comments

VBR Wiki: View of Record Set Page

