## 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

MarcEdit

- free editing utility available for download at <u>http://oregonstate.edu/~reeset/marcedit/html/</u>
- 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 1: Examining Individual Records Example: Print to Electronic Conversion

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Step 1: Examining Individual Records Example: Decision Regarding 260 Field

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## 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

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#### 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)

#### Step 3: Isolating Fields for Analysis The Power of Eyeballing

#### 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

#### Step 3: Isolating Fields for Analysis The Power of Eyeballing

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

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

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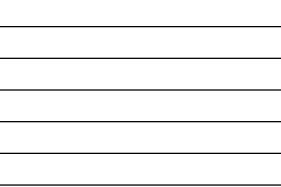


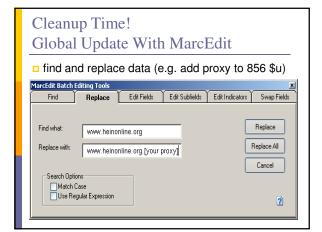
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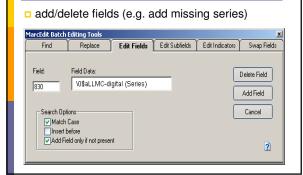
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### Global Update With MarcEdit





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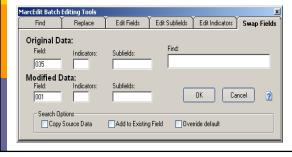
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## Global Update With MarcEdit

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: <u>http://www.aallnet.org/sis/tssis</u> /committees/cataloging/vendorbibrecords/
  - wiki: <u>http://tsvbr.pbwiki.com/</u> 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







