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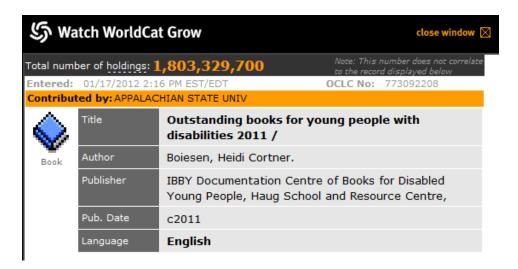
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MARC

- A data format used to encode and share bibliographic data
- Developed in the 1960's, still quite popular

256,514,231
Number of bibliographic records



Vendors often provide MARC records

Resources for		
Librarians		
Authors		
Distributors		
Database users		

OCLC WorldCat Collection Sets

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27599	77216424	6 9789	40072706	9	97894007270)52	Humanities, Sc
27600	77216388	4 9780	38787714	3	9780387877	136	Mathematics a
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27602	77191668	1 9782	281780145	2	97828178014	145	Medicine
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27604	77216423	1 9780	85729953	6	97808572995	529	Medicine
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27606	772163901	7 9783	64217869	6	97836421786	89	Medicine
27607	77244153	1 9789	40072165	4	97894007216	347	Physics and A
27608	77216396	4 9789	40072184	5	97894007218	38	Physics and A
27609	770669179	9 978	143023711	2	9781430237	105	Professional a
27610	770672164	4 9781	43023835	5	97814302383	348	Professional a

1	Book Title	Publication	10 digit ISBN
245	Monitoring for a Sustainable Tourism Transition	2005	0-85199-051-7
246	Hormonal Regulation of Farm Animal Growth	2005	0-85199-080-0
247	Researching the Culture in Agri-Culture: Social Research for International Development	2005	0-85199-003-7\ 0-85199-026-6
248	Tomatoes	2005	0-85199-396-6
249	Fisheries Co-management	2005	0-85199-088-6
250	Irrigation and Drainage Performance Assessment	2005	0-85199-967-0

Batch loading



All done?



Not quite...



Records may be icky...

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Title: CESMM3 price database 2009, edited by Franklin + Andrews
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100 1 Franklin.
245 10 CESMM3 price
database 2009 ‡h
[electronic resource] / ‡c
edited by Franklin and
Andrews.
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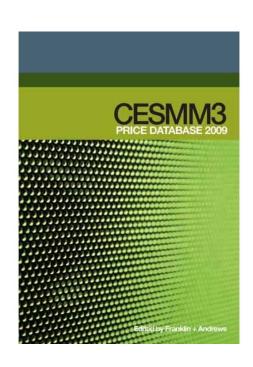
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500 ___ Ebook.

516 ___ Document.

538 __ PDF: Adobe PDF

700 1 Andrews.

856 40 ...
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...but worse, non-functional!

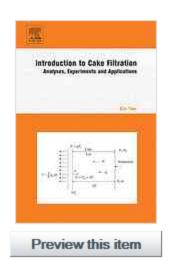
Data may be unhelpful, or misleading

Links may not work



This may change over time

A crazy mixed-up record (with 76 holdings)



Linear discrete parabolic problems

Author: Nikolai Yu Bakaev; ScienceDirect (Online service)

Publisher: Amsterdam; Boston: Elsevier, 2006.

Series: North-Holland mathematics studies, 203.

Edition/Format: Red View all editions and formats

Summary: Introduction to Cake Filtration presents a comprehensive account of cake fil

measurements and determinations of filtercake properties, and incorporation

information to Read more...

Rating: ☆☆☆☆ (not yet rated) ① with reviews - Be the first.

From one book:

- Title
- Author
- Series
- Subject headings

From another book:

- Notes
- ISBN
- Link to e-book

"Local" data (not local to you)

- Notes or link text:
 - "Restricted to <Not Your Institution>"



- Proxy prefixes from other locations
 - http://ezproxy.uky.edu/login?url=http://www...
- URLs that restrict access
 - http://www.uky.edu.ebook-vendor.com/...

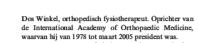
URLs from other vendors

- Provider-neutral records may have URLs from multiple vendors
- An OCLC search for records with URLs from eblib, ebrary, ebscohost AND myilibrary returned over 25,000.
- Even if they are labeled, your patrons don't know which vendor you're using

Valid ebook ... just not for you!

Liist van auteurs

Front matter	1-1
Lijst van auteurs	1
Inleiding	2-14
Pijn aan de radiale zijde van hand en onderarm bij een 26-jarige mondhygiëniste	15-17
Geleidelijk toenemende pijn aan de radiale zijde van de rechterpols bij een 45-jarige v	18-19 rouw
Addendum: de ziekte van De	20-22



Koos van Nugteren, fysiotherapeut in een particuliere Antwerpen. Specialisatie: hand, pols en voet. praktijk te Nijmegen. Specialisatie: orthopedische Mascha Friderichs, fysiotherapeut te Nijmegen. aandoeningen.

Dr. Frederik Verstreken, orthopedisch chirurg1, verde International Academy of Orthopaedic Medicine, bonden aan het O.L.V. Ziekenhuis Middellares te Deurne-Antwerpen en het Universitair Ziekenhuis te

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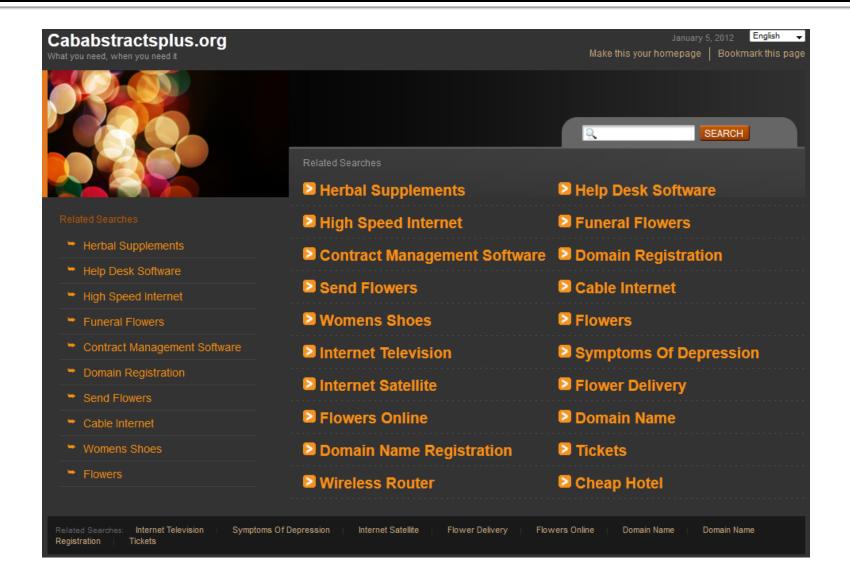
URLs that point nowhere

Server Error

404 - File or directory not found.

The resource you are looking for might have been removed, had its name changed, or is temporarily unavailable.

URLs that point somewhere new!



DOI troubles



Error - DOI Not Found

Deleted DOI / URL

This DOI / URL is not currently attached to any meaningful content. The created in error and is configured to point to this information page.

Current Links for DOI: 10.3920/978-90-8686-712-7

D. Sauvant

Modelling nutrient digestion and utilisation in farm animals (2011) http://dx.doi.org/10.3920/978-90-8686-712-7

This ebook is available for purchase via Wageningen Academic Publishers. This ebook is available to library customers on SpringerLink.

Book available via WAP



Book available via SpringerLink



Some DOI troubles can be fixed

Bonus: When they fix it for you, it is fixed for everyone!

In the meantime, you can use the direct link.

From reports@crossref.org \$\frac{1}{2}\$
Subject Update on the DOI error you reported on 2011-10-07

To doi@zemkat.org \$\frac{1}{2}\$

Other Actions \$\tau\$

The DOI reported is now available at http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-642-21949-8

... unless the book is not actually there.

Books may not be available yet (or ever)

Copyright Year ▼	Subject Collection	Author
2012	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Breed, Michael
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Preedy, Victor
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Heldman, Dennis
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Arunachalam, V
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Norris, David
2012	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Gilbert, Lawrence
2012	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Gilbert, Lawrence
2012	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Marschner, Petra
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Carrascosa Santiag
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Preedy, Victor
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Adams, C R
2011	Agricultural and Biological Sciences 2011	Tiwari, Brijesh

"Slippage"

 Some ebooks on a frontlist may never appear on the site

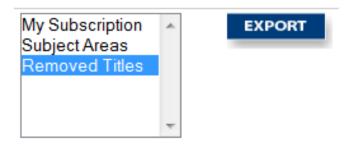
 Individual ebooks may just disappear



Lists may be available...

- But not forthcoming.
- You may have to periodically dig several levels deep on the website to get them:

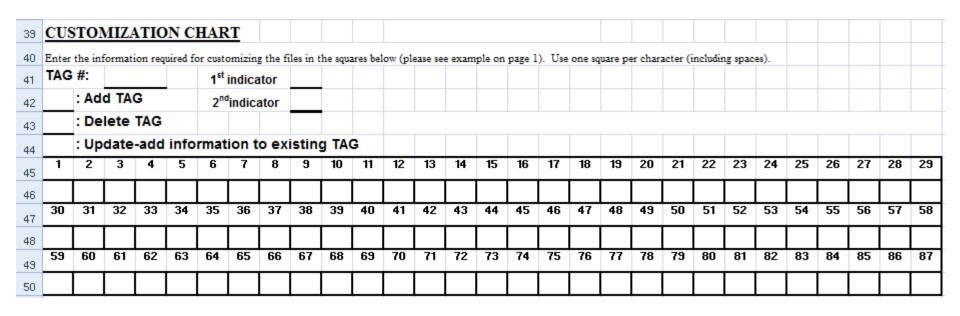
To download a list of titles available on



Solutions?

- Use provider-neutral records when you can
- Edit MARC records to conform with local standards
- Verify access to all titles (periodically)
- Communicate with other catalogers

Vendors may do some editing



But how do you predict what you will need?

MarcEdit

- Developed by Terry Reese at Oregon State
- MARC editing in a friendly yet powerful text editor
- Z39.50 client
- (Binary editor!)



Version control

- Maintain previous versions of files efficiently
 - No need for fileFeb12-FINAL6.mrk.bak
 - Undo to any previous version
- Mercurial (Hg):
 - Free, lightweight, cross-platform
 - Easy to set up and remove repositories



Command line, GUI (TortoiseHG, SourceTree)

Automation

- MarcEdit Macros
 - Visual Basic, Visual Basic.NET



- .mrk format is text, so you can process with your favorite programming language
- Don't have a favorite language (yet)?

#catcode #libcodeyear

From CodeAcademy.com:



There's still time! Learn to code in 2012.

356,292 people are learning to code this year. Why not you?

Sign up for Code Year to **start receiving a new interactive programming lesson every Monday**. You'll be building apps and websites before you know it!

Text processing tools

Cygwin (unix) tools: grep, vim, vimdiff, sort, wc (and the list goes on)

grep ^=856 ebooks.mrk

```
=856 40$u http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4419-9934-4

=856 40$u http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4302-3513-2

=856 40$u http://public.eblib.com/EBLPublic/PublicVie...

=856 40$u http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-0-85729-661-0

=856 40$u http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/978-3-8349-6217-1
```

My automation (bash, PHP, mysql)

- new_ebsco.sh
- Profile for each vendor answers:
 - What lines should I add/delete?
 - What does a valid URL look like?
 - How can I tell if the ebook is live?
- (Check logs for problems)
- pull.sh <filename>



Generic link checkers may not be effective

- Ebook errors can be valid web pages, and errors don't mean you should give up!
- HTTP/1.1 200 OK
 - Full text ebook
 - Web site form to buy the book



- HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found
 - No such page on server
 - Broken DOI (that you should report)

Effective link checking (my method)

- Database holds a list of links to be checked
- Script checks each according to site profile (pausing 10 seconds between each link):
 - Is it a PDF?
 - Does it contain the phrase "This is not part of your subscription"?
 - Can you click through to fulltext chapters?

More thorough link checking

Title: Distributed computing and artificial intelligence

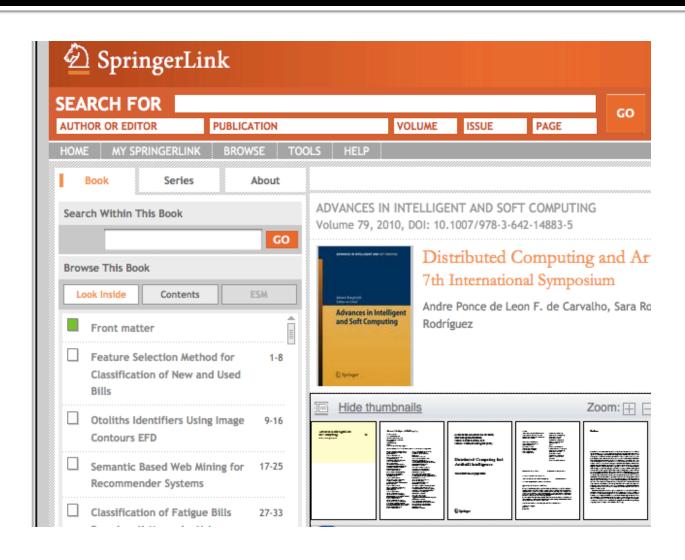
Title: <u>Distributed computing and</u> artificial intelligence

GOOD)

BAD)

Problem:

- Bad DOI
- No access
- □ Other



Communicate

Dead links are in catalogs everywhere ... how to let people know?

Let vendors know if you find them in the wild!

A blog / database for "zombie e-books" ?



Any questions?

Links

- MarcEdit
 http://people.oregonstate.edu/~reeset/
 marcedit/html/index.php
- Mercurial http://mercurial.selenic.com/
- Code Academy http://www.codeacademy.com
- Cygwin http://www.cygwin.com