Digital Collection Gateway

The WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway is a self-service tool for harvesting the metadata of your unique, open-access digital content into WorldCat. Once there, your collections are more visible and discoverable to end users who search WorldCat as well as other popular websites.

• Get started

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Find information about getting started with the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway.

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◦ Enable WorldCat Sync from CONTENTdm Administration
◦ Information for metadata contributors
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• Use the Digital Collection Gateway

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Use this guide to lead you through the steps for using the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway to add records to WorldCat from OAI-PMH compliant repositories or your CONTENTdm metadata records.

◦ Overview of WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway
◦ Collection configuration and metadata crosswalking
◦ Manage users and repositories
◦ Prepare a collection for the Gateway
◦ View and edit the metadata map
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Find training on the Digital Collection Gateway.

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• Frequently asked questions

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Find frequently asked questions about the Digital Collection Gateway.
Can I create a collection description in Gateway?
- Can I register more than one CONTENTdm user with the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway?
- Can I register more than one repository with the Digital Collection Gateway?
- Can I tell the Gateway how to display a thumbnail for my digital content?
- Can more than one person from my organization use the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway?
- Can one source metadata field be mapped to multiple WorldCat.org display fields?
- Does all metadata have to come from source data, or can I specify more collection-level data in mappings?
- Does my use of the Gateway make my organization a member of OCLC?
- How do I create a collection description in Gateway?
- How will duplicates be handled? For example, if my organization has a rare book that we’ve digitized and harvested, what happens if another institution harvests that same book?
- I’m using Connexion digital import to load records into one of my CONTENTdm collections. Should I use the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway?
- In the Manage Accounts tab of the Gateway I notice that I can select a repository type from a pull-down list. Are there different features available for different repository types?
- Is there a suggestion on how I should configure data such as language codes?
- It appears that some of my records were not harvested to WorldCat. How can I tell what happened?
- I noticed the Gateway checking my repository to see if it supports metadata prefix “oclc_dc”. What is this?
- Metadata in my repository is contributed by several different organizations. How can these organizations be given attribution in WorldCat?
- My server configuration has changed. How do I change the corresponding harvest URL in the Digital Collection Gateway?
- The OAI-PMH protocol allows the transfer of any metadata format that has a valid, addressable schema/namespace. My repository can support Dublin Core and MARC. Since we can supply MARC, can that be used?
- What if there are only certain collections that I want Gateway to harvest?
- What if there are only certain sets that I want Gateway to harvest?
- What is the difference between Replace all Records and Add New Records
- What is the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway?
- When I am viewing my digital records in the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway, the number of records in a collection sometimes changes
- When I log into the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway, am I able to harvest my entire repository as one set?
- Where did WorldCat Item View go?
- Why am I getting errors in the Gateway when I attempt to use the Qualified Dublin Core metadataPrefix with my DSpace server?
- Why am I seeing “Unable to validate record”?

• Troubleshooting

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Find frequently asked questions (FAQ) and troubleshooting steps (Troubleshooting).

- Are name and subject headings in MARC records added via Digital Collection Gateway also added too VIAF?
- Can the Digital Collection Gateway support a non OAI-PMH compliant repository?
- Can I run our Digital Collection Gateway records through a data sync collection?
- Can the Digital Collection Gateway pull items from one location and create links to another?
- Encoding Characters when in the edit map utility
- ERROR: Timeout: the ListRecords response took too long error when trying to open MARC map for a collection
- Error referencing validation error in 502 tag in Digital Collection Gateway
- Failed Testing OAI support error when adding new repository
- Getting 008 validation errors in Digital Collection Gateway
- How can I change the name of a repository inside Digital Collection Gateway?
- How can I get a count of our Digital Collection Gateway holdings in WorldCat
- How can I get a list my library's Digital Collection Gateway content?
- How can I move from one record to another in the metadata mapping tool?
- How can I remove duplicates from our Digital Collection Gateway?
- How can I select only part of the data inside a field in my repository to fill a MARC field in the Metadata map?
- What happens to our Digital Collection Gateway holdings during the scan/delete process?
- How does Digital Collection Gateway identify records that need to be updated?
- How do I add a repository to my Digital collection gateway account?
- How do I add a user to our Digital Collection Gateway?
- How do I cancel the email delivery of the Digital Collection Gateway monthly report?
- How do I change the URL of a repository in Digital Collection Gateway?
- How do I delete a collection from Digital Collection Gateway?
- How do I delete a user from DCG?
- How do I edit the indicators in the 856 field?
- How do I fix duplicating or unremovable fields in the DCG MARC View?
- How do I manually sync a collection through the Digital Collection Gateway?
- How do I map the data from the 024 field into an 856 field?
- How do I reset my Digital Collection Gateway password?
- How do I stop duplicate harvesting from CONTENTdm and DSpace through the Digital Collection Gateway?
- How do we update our repository URL in DCG?
- How To Change The OCLC Symbol On A Collection That Has Been Harvested?
- Invalid relationship - when BLvl (Leader/07) is equal to a, then 773 must be present error in Digital Collection Gateway
Is it a good thing to map every field in the bib record just in case you need to edit something later on?

- Is it possible to specify a custom metadata Prefix in our harvest URL?
- Is there a way to delete WorldCat records that have been harvested through Digital Collection Gateway?
- I am getting a 'not found in database' error when I try to login
- I am getting a message inside my reports that says: Digital Collection Gateway Source record contains no OCLC number, but a record exists in WorldCat. Replaced in WorldCat. The record should be updated in your local collection.
- I am having trouble adding a user account to Digital Collection Gateway. I get an invalid key notification.
- I can't update the sync schedule for my collection.
- I have mapped a link to the "view online" button, but the link is not showing up in WorldCat
- I would like to add myself as a user in Digital Collection Gateway but it asks for a key. Where do I get a key?
- Why is Discovery not showing the Access Online link for my items imported via the Digital Collection Gateway?
- On the Collection Details screen there is an option to "Replace all". What does the "Replace All" option do?
- Still seeing Register button after registering a repository under the Harvesting tab
- Testing set uniqueness error when adding new repository
- There is no link appearing on the WorldCat records we harvested in Digital Collection Gateway.
- How can we update the email associated with a Digital Collection Gateway account?
- Username undefined error when signing into Digital Collection Gateway
- We are getting a 500 error when trying to harvest our records
- What are the IP addresses for DCG?
- What is my key to add users to my Digital Collection Gateway account?
- When we are using Digital Collection Gateway, can we add our work manually?
- Where do I find my Digital Collection Gateway key?
- Where do I find my OAI-PMH base URL?
- Where would I go to remove a collection from an OAI feed?
- Why am I getting a Registration Error HTTP 500 when registering my DCG account?
- Why can we not change our collection to use the Qualified Dublin Core standard?
- Why does the Monthly Repository Report say unable to get display name?
- Why do I keep receiving a validation error related to the BLvl and the 773 field of our records?
- Why is DCG failing our repositories ListSets?