Comic Relief

“With the recently developed capability of loading bibliographic records by the thousands ... the ease with which a catalog’s credibility can be destroyed has taken a quantum leap forward.”


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“Keeping your online catalog from degenerating into a finding aid [due to batch loading]”

Where to start

Your ILS documentation/customer support
• How to load records
• How to make mass changes to records in the catalog e.g. rapid update, global update

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Vendors who provide batch-loadable records or large content collections
• Where to get MARC files
• How changes to the collection are dealt with
• Pre-customization of MARC records by the vendor

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Review your local practices
• Do we need these local edits?
• Are “single record” approaches desirable? Realistic?
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MarcEdit
• Find & replace
• Add, delete, change tag, check for presence of fields
• Create short form records from a title list
• More...
See MarcEdit Basics PowerPoint by Mary Aycock for a sense of the possibilities

OhioLINK batch cataloging
• OhioLINK distributes batch loadable records for collections purchased by the consortium
• Most record sets have been at least minimally customized by volunteer cataloger(s)
• Moving toward more acceptance of existing vendor/OCLC records, less extensive local editing

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