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

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

◦ About WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway
◦ Enable WorldCat Sync from CONTENTdm Administration
◦ Information for metadata contributors
◦ Register to use the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway

• Use the Digital Collection Gateway

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
◦ Synchronization with WorldCat
◦ View synchronization reports

• Digital Collection Gateway training

Find training on the Digital Collection Gateway.

◦ Get started with the Digital Collection Gateway

• Frequently asked questions

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?
◦ Why am I getting errors in the Gateway when I attempt to use the Qualified Dublin Core metadataPrefix with my DSpace server?

• Troubleshooting

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Find frequently asked questions (FAQ) and troubleshooting steps (Troubleshooting).
Can the Gateway support a non OAI-PMH compliant repository?

- Can I run our Digital Collection records through a Data Sync Collection?
- Can we create a collection for our Digital Collection Gateway records?
- Failed Testing OAI support error when adding new repository
- 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 of all of my library's Digital Collection Gateway content?
- How can I remove duplicates from our Digital Collection Gateway?
- How can we get an account added to our Digital Collection Gateway?
- How can we run a scan/delete of our WorldCat holdings without deleting all the digital collections' holdings for our symbol?
- 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 delete a collection from Digital Collection Gateway?
- How do I delete a repository 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 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 change our harvest URL inside the Digital Collection Gateway?
- We are migrating our collections to a new repository. How do we delete the links to our old repository from WorldCat?
- I’ve registered a Digital Collection Gateway institutional profile, and now I want to register an account in DCG, but I don’t know the key. Please help me get the key.
- 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?
- Is there a way to set up automated harvesting from repositories?
- 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 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
My imported digital resource does not have a view online link in Discovery

On the Collection Details screen there is an option to "Replace all". What does the "Replace all" option do?

Our institution has files web-hosted by a software provider. How can these records be uploaded to OCLC and made visible in WorldCat?

Testing set uniqueness error when adding new repository

There is no link appearing on the WorldCat records we harvested in Digital Collection Gateway.

The email associated with our Digital Collection Gateway Admin account is not longer active how can we correct it?

Username undefined error when signing into Digital Collection Gateway

We are getting a 500 error when trying to harvest our records.

We want to change harvest URLs, and we use CONTENTdm as a repository.

We would like to update our harvest URL inside OAIster

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 can we not change our collection to use the Qualified Dublin Core standard?

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?