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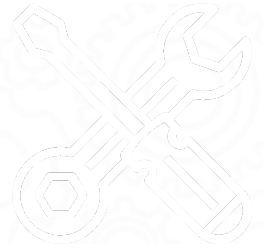
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Most of these utilities are meant for simple and straightforward MARC record changes. For more complex situations, we recommend using one of our [Mitinet services](#) or [manually modifying records in Alexandria](#) or via a text editor.

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Add a MARC Tag

Add a MARC Tag

Adds a specific [MARC tag](#) to selected titles

Use(s)

If an author or series name is commonly misspelled, you can add another MARC tag with the misspelling. That way, the title will still show up in Researcher results even if the search criteria are misspelled.

Selections

Selections Options

Add the tag specified under the Options tabs to:

Titles with a Policy of

Titles from From Through

Titles with a Medium of

Titles in Call Number Range From Through

Titles added From MM/DD/YYYY Through MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range From Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Options

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Add Tag_Subfield (e.g. 700_a)

Value to Add

NOTE: Modifications cannot be undone. Use with caution and ensure y standards.

Add Tag_Subfield (e.g. 700_a): Specify the tag and subfield required.

Value to Add: Specify the value to be added. It will be add

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Change a MARC Tag

Change a MARC Tag

Changes a specific [MARC tag](#) for selected titles

Use(s)

Run this utility to change your series titles. For example, if you wanted to change a series title from "The Hunger Games trilogy" to "The Hunger Games," you would enter these options before running the utility:

- **Change Tag_Subfield:** 830_a
- **From:** The Hunger Games trilogy
- **To:** The Hunger Games



Check out our [Cataloging Series and Serials](#) article for more information on series and why it's important to standardize them.

Selections

SelectionsOptions

Change the tag specified under the Options tabs for:

Titles with a Policy ofAny Policy

Titles fromCopy LocationFromThrough

Titles with a Medium ofAny Medium

Titles in Call Number RangeFromThrough

Titles addedFrom MM/DD/YYYYThrough MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode RangeFromThrough

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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SelectionsOptions

Change Tag_Subfield (e.g. 700_a)

From

To

☐ Look for From value anywhere

To be changed, the value in a tag must exactly match the specified From value. If the Look for value anywhere in tag is selected. When enabled, a match is found if the tag contains the value anywhere in it and then only that value will be updated. For example, if [www.amazon.com/amazon](#) is in the tag being changed, and you run the utility with "amazon" as the From value and "barnesandnoble" as the To value, the result would be [www.barnesandnoble.com/barnesandnoble](#).

Entering a From value of * (asterisk) allows the tag to change no matter what the actual value is.

NOTE: Modifications cannot be undone. Use with caution and ensure you follow cataloging standards.

Change Tag_Subfield (e.g. 700_a): Specify the tag and subfield. Both are required.

From: Enter the value to change, which must match exactly. If the value is entered with an asterisk (*), all titles that contain the value will be changed. Entering a value of * (asterisk) allows the utility to change the value to whatever the actual value is.

To: Enter the new value for the specified tag.

Look for From value anywhere in tag: When enabled, a match is found if the tag contains the value anywhere in it and then only that value will be updated. For example, if [www.amazon.com/amazon](#) is in the tag being changed, and you run the utility with "amazon" as the From value and "barnesandnoble" as the To value, the result would be [www.barnesandnoble.com/barnesandnoble](#).

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Change Series Volume

Change Series Volume

Makes series volumes uniform and easy to sort by converting the volume number to a padded three digit number and adding a prefix (for example, "bk1" would be converted to "Book 001")



Check out our [Cataloging Series and Serials](#) article for more information on series volumes and why it's important to catalog them correctly.

Use(s)

Run this utility to standardize all of your series' volumes, which will make it easier for patrons to find what they're looking for in Researcher. Here's an example of how you could run this utility to standardize the volume numbers of your Harry Potter series:

- **Selections – Titles in the Series:** Harry Potter
- **Options – Add Volume Prefix:** HP
- **Results:** HP 001, HP 002, HP 003, etc.

Selections

SelectionsOptions

This utility takes only the volume number from Series 830_v, converts it to a three digit number, and adds the prefix entered in the Options tab. Thus volume "bk1" gets converted to "Prefix 001", volume "two" to "Prefix 002" etc, making Series Volumes uniform and easy to sort.

Titles with a Policy of

Titles from From Through

Titles with a Medium of

Titles in Call Number Range From Through

Titles added From MM/DD/YYYY Through MM/DD/YYYY

Titles in the Series

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range From Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Options

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Add Volume Prefix

NOTE: If you leave this field blank, there will be no prefix.

Add Volume Prefix: Specify the prefix you would like to add. If you leave this field blank, no prefix will be added. Non symbols are accepted.

Data Conversions

How will your old volume numberings convert? Here are some before and after examples using the prefix "Book." Examples that don't convert well are in pink, and the ones that don't change are in blue.

Before	After
Book 1	Book 001
V. 1	Book 001
12	Book 012
100	Book 100
one	Book 001
b1	Book 001
Vol. # twenty	Book 020
Vol 1234	Book 1234
v#1	Book 001
# 1	Book 001
twenty-two	twenty-two

bookone	bookone
s1b2	Book 012
1.2	Book 012
01-02	Book 102



This utility can't change everything. If the 830_v field is nonsense or something Alexandria can't identify, the results will also be nonsense.

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Create Genre MARC Tag

Create Genre MARC Tag

Creates a 655_a tag using information in any existing 650_v tag for selected titles

Researcher uses the 655_a tag to display and search by genre, so it's important to have genres listed there. The 650_v tag is sometimes used for genre but is considered outdated.

Use(s)

Run this utility if you have imported new MARC records that only list the genre in the 650_v tag.

Selections

Selections

This utility will create a 655_a tag from any existing 650_v tag in the record unless it already has a 655_a that matches it exactly. Create a Genre tag for:

Titles with a Policy of Any Policy

Titles from Copy Location From Through

Titles with a Medium of Any Medium

Titles in Call Number Range From Through

Titles added From MM/DD/YYYY 18 Through MM/DD/YYYY 18

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range From Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Fix Series

Fix Series

Looks at the series title and volume in 490_a and 490_v and copies those values to 830_a and 830_v for records without an existing 830 tag

Alexandria uses the 830 tag for series searches in Researcher, so it's important for your series information to be in that tag.



Check out our [Cataloging Series and Serials](#) article for more information on the series tag and how to catalog it properly.

Use(s)

Run this utility if you have imported new MARC records with series information in the 490 tag instead of the 830 tag.

Selections

Selections

For records with no 830 tag, this utility looks at the series title and volume in 490_a and 490_v and copies those values to 830_a and 830_v.

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There aren't any selections or options, so it will run on all of your titles.

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Mitinet AnalyzeMARC



Register for one of our [Mitinet services](#) to get access to this utility!

Mitinet AnalyzeMARC

Sends your MARC data to Mitinet for analyzing and returns a diagnostics report

- This utility will run for *all* sites in your system and cannot be scheduled.
- You can run this utility up to four times a year, but we recommend doing it once a year (during summer or winter break). Read about other [BestMARC Best Practices!](#)

Use(s)

Run this utility to identify areas in your MARC records that can be improved with a Mitinet cleanup

([Mitinet MARC Update](#)) or the [Mitinet EnhanceMARC utility](#).

Selections


Selections

Send your data to Mitinet and get back a report with full diagnostics. Generally this process is quick but it may take up to 24 hours. Mitinet recommends running this operation once per quarter.

Your entire system is authorized to run this operation up to 4 times per year.

Create Saved Utility Run

Accessing the Diagnostics Report

Although the process is generally fast, it could take up to 24 hours to receive your report. To find it, go to  **Operations Management** and make sure **Show All Operations** is selected at the top. Look for the operation titled **Mitinet AnalyzeMARC Report** and click on its



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summary file. The file will contain a link to your report.



[View an example of a diagnostics report!](#)

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Mitinet BestMARC



Register for one of our [Mitinet services](#) to get access to this utility!

Mitinet BestMARC

Sends selected records to your BestMARC account for analysis, enhancement, and editing

- In order for this utility to work, you need to link your BestMARC and Alexandria accounts in [BestMARC Preferences](#).
- This utility will run for *all* sites in your system.
- We recommend running this utility once a year (during summer or winter break). Read about other [BestMARC Best Practices!](#)

Use(s)

Run this utility when you want to use BestMARC's advanced tools to clean up and update your MARC records. You can even add new records while in BestMARC. When you are finished in BestMARC, you'll simply check a box to **Send to Alexandria**, and the records return to Alexandria in the background. This will improve your catalog's quality and searchability!



Here are a few things to keep in mind while you use this utility:

- We recommend working with the records in BestMARC immediately after sending them from Alexandria. You'll also want to send them back to Alexandria as soon as possible and then remove them from BestMARC. This minimizes the chance someone made changes in Alexandria in the meantime and will also help you avoid confusion later when you import different records.
- If you add copies while in BestMARC, you need to make sure the site matches and the barcode is not already being used in Alexandria.

Selections

Selections **Options**

Send title records to BestMARC for editing, enhancement, and analysis. Choose Options for enhancement on import, or complete those enhancements later in BestMARC.

Titles with a Policy of

Titles from From Through

Titles with a Medium of

Titles in Call Number Range From Through

Titles added From MM/DD/YYYY Through MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles by Publisher

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range From Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

Select which records to send to your BestMARC account.

Options

Selections **Options**

Award Notes Options

☐ National Awards

☐ Update State Awards

Reading Program Options

☐ Accelerated Reader ☐ Fountas a

☐ Lexile ☐ Mitnet M

☐ Reading Counts

Record Repair Options

☐ Place of Publication ☐ Date of P

☐ Running Time ☐ Undefined

☐ Non Filing Indicator ☐ Content, I

☐ Invalid Indicators ☐ Remove L

☐ Update Punctuation ☐ Convert 2

☐ Expand Abbreviations ☐ Fix Invali

☐ Sort MARC Fields by Tag

☐ RDA Conversion

Subject Heading Options

☐ LC Subjects ☐ LCAC Sub

☐ Sears Subjects ☐ Remove J

☐ Kid Friendly ☐ Sort Subj

Juvenile Fiction Cleanup

Remove Redundant Type

Choose how you would like to clean up and enhance your MARC records with these options in Alexandria or from your BestMARC account. Convert to RDA, add reading program information, update subjects, and more! See [BestMARC's Enhancements documentation](#) for more information on each option.



We do not recommend using the **Update Punctuation** option as it's unnecessary in Alexandria and records look better without it. Note that if you decide not to use this option, you may notice unresolved punctuation errors in your *AnalyzeMARC* diagnostic. That's okay.

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Register for one of our [Mitinet services](#) to get access to this utility!

Mitinet EnhanceMARC

Enhances and updates your library's MARC records

- This utility will run for *all* sites in your system.
- Although you may run this utility up to five times a month, it's recommended that you only do so once a month. Read about other [BestMARC Best Practices](#)!
- Usually this utility runs quickly, but it may take up to 24 hours to complete. Check its status in **Operations Management** (make sure **Show All Operations** is selected at the top). There may be several related operations that will show as in progress until they're complete. The **Mitinet EnhanceMARC Import Summary's** summary file will link to relevant files.

Use(s)

Run this utility once a quarter to quickly clean up and update your MARC records. This will improve your catalog's quality and searchability!



Before you run this utility for the first time, get a diagnostics report on your MARC records with the [Mitinet AnalyzeMARC utility](#). Then you can get a better idea of what needs to be changed.

Selections

SelectionsOptions

Augment your data using BestMARC's data enhancement services. Generally this process is quick but it may take up to 24 hours for the import to complete and to receive all of your files. Mitinet typically recommends running this operation once per month.

Your entire system is authorized to run this operation up to 5 times per month.

Titles with a Policy ofAny Policy

Titles fromCopy LocationFromThrough

Titles with a Medium ofAny Medium

Titles in Call Number RangeFromThrough

Titles addedFrom MM/DD/YYYYThrough MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles by Publisher

Titles with Copies in Barcode RangeFromThrough

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Run

Select which records to update.

Options

SelectionsOptions

Award Notes Options

☐ National Awards

☐ Update State AwardsAll States

Reading Program Options

☐ Accelerated Reader☐ Fountas a

☐ Lexile☐ Mitinet M

☐ Reading Counts

Record Repair Options

☐ Place of Publication☐ Date of Pu

☐ Running Time☐ Undefined

☐ Non Filing Indicator☐ Content, I

☐ Invalid Indicators☐ Remove L

☐ Update Punctuation☐ Convert 2

☐ Expand Abbreviations☐ Fix Invali

☐ Sort MARC Fields by Tag

☐ RDA Conversion

Subject Heading Options

☐ LC Subjects☐ LCAC Sub

☐ Sears Subjects☐ Remove Ju

☐ Kid Friendly☐ Sort Subje

Juvenile Fiction CleanupLeave Alone

Remove Redundant TypeDo Not Remove

Use these options to choose how you would like to clean up records. Convert to RDA, add reading program information, See [BestMARC's Enhancements documentation](#) for more i



We do not recommend using the **Update Punctua** unnecessary in Alexandria and records look better decide not to use this option, you may notice unres your *AnalyzeMARC* diagnostic. That's okay.

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Mitinet BestMARC Standard

Mitinet BestMARC Standard

Sends selected records to your BestMARC account for analysis, enhancement, and editing

- In order for this utility to work, you need to link your BestMARC and Alexandria accounts in [BestMARC Preferences](#).
- This utility will run for *all* sites in your system.
- We recommend running this utility once a year (during summer or winter break). Read about other [BestMARC Best Practices](#)!

Use(s)

Run this utility when you want to use BestMARC's advanced tools to clean up and update your MARC records. You can even add new records while in BestMARC. When you are finished in BestMARC, you'll simply check a box to **Send to Alexandria**, and the records return to Alexandria in the background. This will improve your catalog's quality and searchability!



Here are a few things to keep in mind while you use this utility:

- We recommend working with the records in BestMARC immediately after sending them from Alexandria. You'll also want to send them back to Alexandria as soon as possible and then remove them from BestMARC. This minimizes the chance someone made changes in Alexandria in the meantime and will also help you avoid confusion later when you import different records.
- If you add copies while in BestMARC, you need to make sure the site matches and the barcode is not already being used in Alexandria.

Selections

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Mitinet BestMARC Standard

Selections

Send title records to BestMARC for editing, enhancement, and analysis.

Titles with a Policy of

Any Policy

Titles from

Copy Location

From

Through

Titles with a Medium of

Any Medium

Titles in Call Number Range

From

Through

Titles added

From MM/DD/YYYY

Through MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles by Publisher

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range

From

Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Run

Select which records to send to your BestMARC account.

Remove a MARC Tag

Remove a MARC Tag

Removes a specific [MARC tag](#) from selected titles, or remove just a subfield when specified.

Selections

Selections

Options

Remove the tag specified under the Options tab from:

Titles with a Policy of

Titles from From Through

Titles with a Medium of

Titles in Call Number Range From Through

Titles added From MM/DD/YYYY Through MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range From Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Options

Selections

Options

Remove Tag_Subfield (e.g. 700 or 700_a)

Matching (requires subfield)

When matching ☐ Remove only matching subfield ☒ Remove entire tag

A tag is required but a subfield is optional. Entering '700' will remove all 700 tags. Entering '700_e' will only remove subfield e from the 700 tag. Also, if the utility will remove the specified tag or subfield regardless of its value supplied, then only tags or subfields that match it exactly will be removed.

NOTE: Modifications cannot be undone. Use with caution and ensure you have backups of your standards.

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Remove Tag_Subfield: Specify the tag and—optionally—subfield. If only specify a tag, everything in that tag will be removed regardless of its value.

Matching: Specify a value to remove. If left blank, the utility will remove the specified tag or subfield regardless of its value. However, if a value is supplied, then only tags or subfields that match *exactly* will be removed. This field is not required.

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Remove Duplicate MARC Tags

Remove Duplicate MARC Tags

Remove exact duplicate [MARC tags](#)

Use(s)

This utility lets you quickly remove duplicate MARC tags in multiple titles for quick, in-house cleanup.



This is a basic utility meant for simple and straightforward cleanup. In general, we recommend data cleanup services (e.g. Mitinet) or modifying title records manually in Alexandria.

Selections

Remove exact duplicate tags for:

Titles with a Policy of

Any Policy

Titles from

Copy Location

From

Through

Titles with a Medium of

Any Medium

Titles in Call Number Range

From

Through

Titles added

From MM/DD/YYYY

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Through MM/DD/YYYY

13

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range

From

Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

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Run

Switch a MARC Tag

Switch a MARC Tag

Changes a specified [MARC tag](#) number to another MARC tag number for selected titles

Use(s)

Run this utility to change a tag number if you find information is mistakenly stored under another tag. For example, you notice the 500 tag in some of your title records contains the series, which should be in the 830 tag. Instead of manually fixing this, simply run this utility with "500" as the **From** tag and "830" as the **To** tag on the Options tab. This will change all of your 500 tags to 830 tags for selected titles.

Selections

Selections **Options**

Switch the tags specified under the Options tabs for:

Titles with a Policy of

Titles from From Through

Titles with a Medium of

Titles in Call Number Range From Through

Titles added From MM/DD/YYYY Through MM/DD/YYYY

Title

Titles by Author

Titles with Copies in Barcode Range From Through

Titles with Copy Barcodes

☒ Show Additional Selections

Options

Selections **Options**

Switch Tag Number From

To

Use this utility to quickly switch tag numbers. For example, entering '5' in the To field will change all 510 tags to 500 tags. Individual subfield that are invalid for the new tag specified will be removed when the record is revalidated.

NOTE: Modifications cannot be undone. Use with caution and ensure you follow library standards.

Switch Tag Number From: Specify the tag number to change. Only the entire tag can be switched, only the entire tag. Any tags that are invalid for the new tag specified will be removed during validation.

To: Specify the new tag number.

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