

Draft Survey: CONSER Representatives
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For several years, CONSER catalogers have been authenticating and using records with 856 links. This past January, analysis of a random sample of CONSER records with 856 fields revealed certain patterns in the use of URIs—failure rates, destination points,

Institution _____

Email _____

1. In your library catalog, do you include catalog records with links to online serials through the 856 field?

Yes

No

If your response to #1 is “no,” then you may stop here. Thank you for your time.

2. Where do you get catalog records for online serials? (check all that apply)

Cataloged in-house through OCLC

From a third party, either a catalog record service (e.g., MARCIVE) or a Publication Access Management Services or PAMS (e.g., TDnet or Serials Solutions)

Other/comment: _____

3. Does your library catalog include separate records for print versions and for online versions of a serial? Or, are both print and online versions shown together on a single record?

Single record approach

Separate record approach

Both. Explain: _____

4. When you catalog serials, do you think that the 856 field links to online serials are useful?

Yes

No

Can't answer yes/no. Comment _____

5. If you find the information in 856 fields useful, why?

Alerts the library to the availability of an online version of the serial

We include some of these links when we download a record to our local catalog

Other _____

6. What problems have you encountered with the links to online serials in 856 fields?

They don't work

They lead to the wrong place for our users, e.g., to the publisher web site rather than the journal page

We cannot use all the 856 fields in our local catalog, and it takes time to delete them

Other/Comments: _____

7. If you use the links in your local catalog, which types of links do you retain in local records? (check all that apply)

to paid/licensed online serials within full-text packages (e.g., ScienceDirect, OCLC FirstSearch)

to paid/licensed serials within article databases (e.g., ABI/INFORM)

to online government documents

to other freely-available serials

8. Which unit is mainly responsible for maintaining online access for 856 field links in the catalog? (for each category, check all choices that apply)

For paid resources

Acquisitions

Cataloging

Other _____

For US federal documents

Acquisitions

Cataloging

Other _____

For other freely-available documents

Acquisitions

Cataloging

Other _____

9. When **creating or authenticating** a record for a commercially-published serial (licensed, subscribed, or paid) that has both online and print versions, do your CONSER catalogers (check all that apply)

Print record: Include a 530 note or 776 link showing the aggregator neutral record

Aggregator neutral record: Authenticate the aggregator neutral record

Both: Reconcile 856 links on the records for the print and online version

Both: Replace URLs with OpenURIs* whenever available

Comment: _____

10. When **creating or authenticating** a record for a US federal document or other freely-available serial that has both online and print versions, do your CONSER catalogers (check all that apply)

Print record: Include a 530 note or 776 link showing the aggregator neutral record

Aggregator neutral record: Routinely create or authenticate aggregator neutral record

Both: Reconcile 856 links on the records for the print and online version

None of the above. Comment _____

* Clarification: OpenURI is used here to refer to publisher-supplied URLs that contain OpenURL syntax

11. When **maintaining** a record in OCLC for a commercially-published serial (licensed, subscribed, or paid) that has both online and print versions, do your CONSER catalogers (check all that apply)

Print record: routinely check and maintain 856 links

- Aggregator neutral record: routinely check and maintain 856 links
- Neither. Comment: _____

12. As part of **maintenance** in OCLC for a US federal document or other freely-available serial, do your CONSER catalogers (check all that apply)

- Maintain or report to GPO problems with 856 links for federal documents
- Maintain 856 links for freely-available online serials through PURL server
- Correct, remove, or convert URLs in OCLC record
- Other. comment: _____

13. What changes would improve accuracy of 856 links in CONSER records?

- Remove all 856 links that are not either stable (OpenURI, PURL, DOI, etc.) or directly linked to an online repository
- Store 856 links in one record—e.g., only on an authenticated Aggregator-neutral record, if available
- Seek partnerships with publishers/suppliers to maintain links for their titles
- Other: _____

14. What other changes could improve usefulness of CONSER records for serials with an online version?

Comments: _____

Thank you very much for your assistance with this questionnaire.