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BIBFRAME Cataloging with Sinopia

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Abstract

This 1.5 hour hands-on workshop introduces participants to BIBFRAME cataloging using Sinopia, an open-source linked data editor. Designed for beginners with little to no experience using Sinopia, this session will guide participants through the platform's interface and demonstrate how to create bibliographic descriptions in BIBFRAME. Topics covered will include navigating Sinopia's layout and features, creating and linking Instance and Work descriptions, utilizing BCL-UP lookups (pronounced "buckle up", formerly known as the Questioning Authority service) to enhance cataloging, exploring options for completed descriptions, and connecting with the Sinopia user community for ongoing support. No prior experience with Sinopia is required, though a basic understanding of cataloging concepts will be helpful. Participants are asked to create a free account at Sinopia Stage (stage.sinopia.io) prior to the session if they do not already have one, as this will enable them to follow along with hands-on exercises during the workshop. Whether exploring linked data cataloging for the first time or looking to expand metadata skills, attendees will gain foundational knowledge to begin BIBFRAME cataloging in Sinopia.

1. Target audience and learning objectives

The target audience for this workshop is catalogers, cataloging and technical services managers, library and information science researchers and professors in the areas of technical services, metadata, and cataloging. It may also be of interest to software developers and ontology specialists working with bibliographic data.

2. Format

The format of the workshop will follow the PCC Sinopia Training modules, with live demo between modules. We anticipate being able to complete modules 1-8 and activate Sinopia Stage accounts for workshop participants. Attendees will also have time to practice cataloging in BIBFRAME with Sinopia Stage and the PCC BIBFRAME 3.0 resource templates. This workshop serves as a "train the trainer" model for conducting BIBFRAME training using the Sinopia linked data environment, an open-source tool developed as part of Linked Data for Production, which was generously funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

3. Workshop Outline

1. Module 1: Introduction to the PCC Sinopia Training Modules
2. Module 2: Getting Started in Sinopia
3. Module 3: Searching Data in Sinopia
4. Module 4: About the PCC Templates
5. Module 5: Entering Literal Data
6. Module 6: Entering Data Using Lookups
7. Module 7: Previewing, saving, and changing descriptions

Workshop

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8. Module 8: Linking Among Descriptions

4. Presenter biographies

4.1. Kalliopi Mathios

Kalliopi Mathios is the Authorities & Entity Management Librarian at Stanford University, where she advances linked open data initiatives within Stanford Libraries. She is the Product Owner and Project Manager for the Sinopia linked data editor and the Blue Core project. She serves as Co-Convener of the PCC Sinopia Cataloging Affinity Group and FOLIO Linked Open Data Special Interest Group, is Past Chair of the LD4 Steering Committee, and Chair of the BIBFRAME Interoperability Group (BIG).

4.2. Nancy Lorimer

Nancy Lorimer, Associate Director for Metadata Services at Stanford University specializes in BIBFRAME, metadata standards and ontologies. A former music cataloger, she led the development of a BIBFRAME extension for performed music, now being integrated BF proper. She is Chair of the PCC Metadata Application Profiles Working Group, which is responsible for development of BF and RDA application profiles for use by members, chair of the Share VDE Entity Working Group, a member of the BIBFRAME Interoperability Group. Currently she is working on BF metadata workflows for the Blue Core project.