# What are WorldCat Works & Why Should I Care?

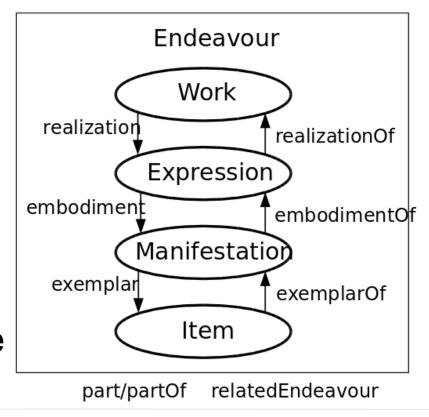
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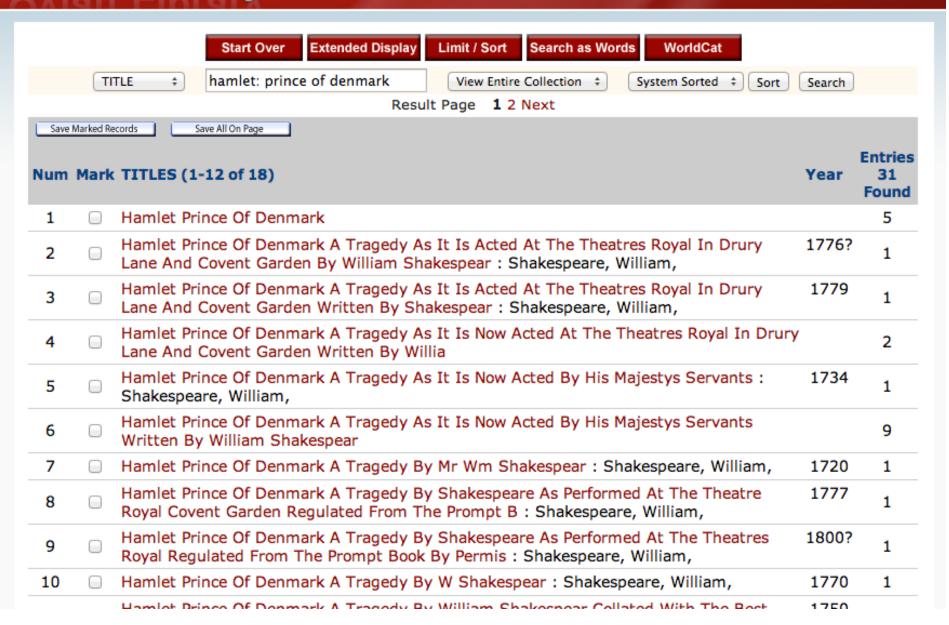
# "Work" is an Important Concept

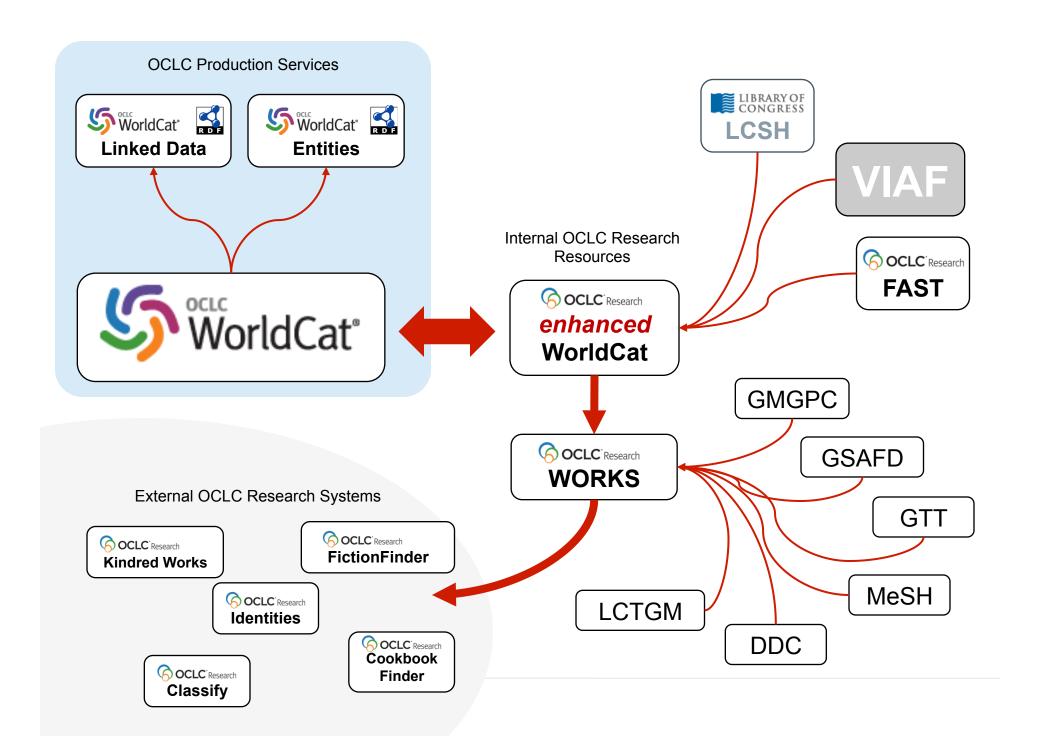
- Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records
- Published by IFLA in 1998
- "...to provide a clearly defined, structured framework for relating the data that are recorded in bibliographic records to the users of those records."





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# An Example

- Hamlet, natch.
- http://www.worldcat.org/title/hamlet-prince-ofdenmark/oclc/11067270



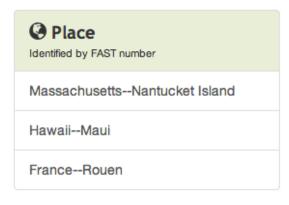


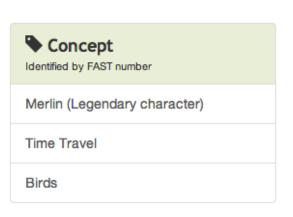
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This experimental interface tests data for and connections between primary WorldCat entities. Try it out by starting with the following sample links, or drop in anywhere in the deck using an appropriate identifier for the entity.



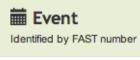








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Identified by OCLC number
River of Shadows: Eadweard



American Civil War (1861-1865)







### Eiseley, Loren C. 1907-1977

Loren Eiseley (September 3, 1907 – July 9, 1977) was an American anthropologist, educator, philosopher, and natural science writer, who taught and published books from the 1950s through the 1970s. During this period he received more than 36 honorary degrees and was a fellow of many distinguished professional societies. At his death, he was Benjamin Franklin Professor of Anthropology and History of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. He was noted as a "scholar and writer of imagination and



grace," which gained him a reputation and record of accomplishment far beyond the campus where he taught for 30 years. Publishers Weekly referred to him as "the modern Thoreau. " The broad scope of his many writings considered such diverse topics as the mind of Sir Francis <a href="http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Loren\_Eiseley">http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Loren\_Eiseley</a>

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Title: 西遊記

Language: Chinese Author: 吳承恩

Created: 1592

HasTranslation: C

Every entity consists of a number of properties that can contain literal values or links to other entities. In this example the *HasTranslation* property contains a link to a another entity.

Title: 西遊記
Language: Chinese
Author: 吳承恩
Created: 1592
HasTranslation:

Depiction of a book entity with original language of Chinese and another book entity that's a translation into English.

Title: Journey to the West
Language: English
Translator: Anthony C. Yu
Date: 1977
IsTranslationOf: •

The relationship between the two entities is captured in two reciprocal links, one from the original Chinese book through its property *HasTranslation* pointing to the English translation entity, and one from the English translation book through its property *IsTranslationOf* that links to the original Chinese book.

