

Connexion Browser

Connexion browser features that some respondents were not aware of:

- “Enter” to send search instead of clicking Search – *It is not necessary to use the mouse to click the “Search” button on the search screen. Just press “Enter” on your keyboard.*
- Ability to view more than 10 search results – *for all new users the default is 99 per list; for other users, this can be changed in Preferences.*
- Command line search – *To turn on a command line search box on group lists, brief lists and full records, press <Alt><Q>. To bring your cursor’s focus into the command line search box, press <Alt><.[period]>.*
- Authority File searching like Passport – *After July 18, 2004 all Passport Authority File searching functionality is now in the Connexion browser.*
- Keystroke shortcuts – *do <Shift><F7> to see a list of keystroke shortcuts; see also Command shortcuts, below.*
- Command shortcuts – *Connexion browser provides permanently assigned keystrokes for actions you can take on a bibliographic or authority record. The Command Shortcuts list includes a keystroke for every command that appears on the Edit, Action, and View lists. To show the Command Shortcuts list above the record header, press <Alt><K>.*
- More than two records open at once; better toggling between Bib & Authority records without losing edits – *The Active Records page (<CTRL><Shift><9>) allows you to have multiple records open at the same time. You can easily move between multiple bibliographic, authority, or save file records using the Active Records page.*
- Duplicate all navigational buttons at bottom of screen – *This is already a feature of the browser.*
- Retain LC call # in new derived record – *You can now define in preferences what fields transfer when deriving a new record.*
- Uncontrol to edit a controlled heading – *Use the “uncontrol” function to edit a controlled heading or DDC number.*
- Add and delete more than one field at a time – *You can easily add or delete more than one field at a time using the MARC Text view of the record. In the MARC template view, you can use the Add Multiple Fields function to add up to 10 blank fields.*
- Apply CD for 008 – *OCLC treats the 008 as part of the fixed field. When deriving a new record you are prompted whether to transfer the fixed field from the previous record. The same is true for applying Constant Data.*
- Display holdings – *You can display holdings from the View list. And you no longer need to search the Name Address Directory or Participating Institutions to decipher holdings – just mouse over them to see the institution name.*
- Language Sets (and other Contract Cataloging) records in Connexion – *If you have migrated to Connexion and do not want to receive your records for Language Sets and other OCLC Contract Cataloging in a Passport save file, ask your OCLC representative to supply a MARC file that can be loaded into Connexion using the Import feature. Import is located on the Create tab, and allows you to apply Constant Data and My Status automatically to the imported records.*
- Hot links between Dewey number and WebDewey – *If your library has a subscription to WebDewey, you can control DDC numbers with links to WebDewey. Use “Controll All Headings and DDC” or the single field control function.*
- WebDewey-only session to avoid access charges – *Connexion allows you to run a WebDewey-only session. This session:*
 - *Does not incur access and user support fees.*
 - *Does not count against simultaneous logon limits for libraries subscribing to Flat Fee Internet or Dedicated TCP/IP access.*
 - *Has a default inactivity timeout of 120 minutes (default timeout for other Connexion sessions is 40 minutes).*
 - *Can be started from within Connexion cataloging session by pressing <Alt><N>*

- Turn off warning at logoff about Active records – *A new Active Records warning was implemented in February that many of you do not like. As a result, we have implemented a new option, under Interface Customization, to bypass this warning.*
- Brief announcements about enhancements – *OCLC uses a variety of ways to inform you about enhancements to the system. We send messages to the OCLC-Cat list before and after every enhancement install (please see <https://www3.oclc.org/app/listserv/> to subscribe). We also add information to Connexion News for every install. Connexion Tips on the Connexion web site also highlight recent Connexion functionality.*

Connexion browser requested improvements that are already planned:

- Improve export – *An enhancement coming in August 2004 will allow you to append exported records to a file. This will be in addition to current export capabilities.*
- Export more than 100 records – *Another export enhancement in August will still do exports in groups of 100, but the system will then automatically prompt you for the next 100.*
- More than one word per keyword field; searching similar to FirstSearch – *True keyword searching is planned when Connexion browser moves to the Oracle version of WorldCat later this year.*
- Truncated lists, improved sorting of search results – *Truncated search results and better sorting of lists will also be added when Connexion browser moves to the Oracle version of WorldCat later this year.*
- Author phrase search – *Author and many other new phrase searches are planned when Connexion browser moves to the Oracle version of WorldCat later this year.*
- Union List – *Union list holdings creation functionality is planned as a future enhancement to Connexion.*

Features that will only be in Connexion client and not in Connexion browser:

- Message displayed from local system after export – *You must use Connexion client; available since version 1.0.*
- Macros – *You must use Connexion client; available since version 1.00; macro recorder and additional macro commands were added in 1.10.*
- Batch searching – *Coming in version 1.20 of Connexion client.*
- Local file, offline cataloging – *Coming in version 1.20 of Connexion client*

If you have other suggested Connexion browser enhancements not listed above, please feel free to contact us.

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