Supports management of serials information

**xISSN service helps you track all versions of a serial publication**

OCLC’s xISSN is a Web Service that supports management of serials information. Users can supply an ISSN to find out about any predecessor, successor, and alternate ISSNs and titles, and find the electronic ISSN for a print title or vice versa. It is available for no extra charge to OCLC members who catalog.

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**xISSN Title History**
How xISSN works

ISSNs are associated with each other using librarian-cataloged bibliographic records stored in the WorldCat database. ISSNs are related in two different ways:

- Different editions of the same serial (such as print and online editions)
- Historical relationships (ISSN changes that result from title changes, mergers, splits, etc.)

Using the xISSN Web service

To use OCLC's xISSN Web service, submit an ISSN embedded in a URL to the xISSN server. The server then returns a list of associated ISSNs and relevant metadata to you, with ISSNs for different editions of the same serial grouped together.

An ISSN group may also have historical relationships with other groups. The service also delivers the electronic ISSN for a print title and print ISSN for an electronic title.

xISSN supports ISSN-L and RSSURL field, such as http://xissn.worldcat.org/webservices/xid/issn/1095-9203?method=getMetadata&fl=issnl,rssurl

xISSN offers both a machine-ready XML service and a human-ready visual display.

Your library may receive associated ISSNs in XML, XHTML, Python, JSON and Ruby formats. The xISSN server is capable of supporting REST-based requests, as well as OpenURL and unAPI protocols.

Access to xISSN service

OCLC’s xISSN service is available at no charge to OCLC members who catalog, and is available for a fee to others. To place an order online, see instructions on the xISSN page at http://xissn.worldcat.org

Contact Tim McCormick at mccormit@oclc.org for non-member and commercial pricing.

For more information...

A demonstration of the xISSN service is available at: http://xissn.worldcat.org/xissndemo

To view an online version of the xISSN Title History tool, please visit http://worldcat.org/xissn/titlehistory

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