

## Athena Standard Conversion Datasheet

### Summary

The Athena conversion is a well-established standard conversion that our dedicated conversion team has performed many times with great results. Here is an outline of the process...

- You supply us with your data and screenshots via our secure FTP service
- After consultation with you, Softlink will produce an analysis report including agreed mappings for the conversion.
- A trial conversion is run for you to check
- Any changes that might be required are to be discussed with Softlink
- You send your live data via our secure FTP service
- The live conversion is run

### *What is a Standard Conversion?*

A standard data conversion includes conversion of data 'as is'. This means one to one field and record mapping is assumed, no data cleansing will be performed, and changes outside the scope of the agreed analysis will not be possible.

### *What is data cleansing?*

Data cleansing is any activity not specifically defined in the scope of the conversion that changes, merges, deletes or filters data, or converts different records from the same place in different ways. Data cleansing outside the scope of a standard conversion is available via the Premium Conversion Service.

### Athena Versions

The conversion accommodates differences between following versions of Athena:

- Lower than 8.1
- Higher than 8.1, but lower than 9.1
- 9.1, 9.2 and higher

### What we Convert

The following items are included in the standard conversion. All the listed modules are converted. Other modules can be converted upon request, although this may incur an additional charge depending on complexity.

### Resources

Resources information in Athena is stored in a MARC-like format. This information will be converted to Oliver/Liberty fields. The Oliver/Liberty MARC database will be populated during the conversion, but some of the less common MARC Tags used in Athena may not come across.

In general, fields that appear in the **"FULL DESCRIPTION"** screen in Athena ("Show Full" tab when searching Athena records) will be converted into appropriate Resource fields in your Softlink product, though some exceptions may apply.

### *Copies*

In general, fields that appear in the “**COPY INFORMATION**” screen in Athena (“Show Copies” tab when searching Athena records) will be converted into appropriate Copy fields in your Softlink product, though some exceptions may apply.

### *Borrowers*

In general, fields that appear in the “**CHANGE OR DELETE PATRONS**” screen in Athena (“General”, “Address”, “Alternate Address” and “Messages” tabs) will be converted into appropriate Borrower fields in your Softlink product, though some exceptions may apply.

### *Current Loans and Loan History*

In general, Current Loans and Loan History records that appear against a Borrower record in the “**PATRON STATUS**” screen in Athena will be converted as Current Loans and Loan History records attached to the converted Borrower record in your Softlink product. Current Loans referring to non-existent Borrower or Copy records will not be converted and Loan History records referring to non-existent Borrower or Copy records may not be converted.

## **Field Mappings**

Field mappings are standard and are hardcoded into the conversion program to migrate data into the most appropriate field in your new system. These mappings have been developed from our lengthy experience with this type of conversion. Changes to these mappings are not part of the standard conversion, but can be arranged as part of the Premium Conversion Service.

## **Data Required**

Complete Athena system, including the "ath.exe" file, is required for the data conversion.

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