BiblioTECH Standard Conversion Datasheet

Summary

The BiblioTECH 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 process is developed and Your data is converted and made available for you to check.
- Any changes that might be required are to be discussed with Softlink.
- You supply a final copy of your data for conversion
- Any agreed changes to the conversion are made and the final conversion is performed on your data.
- The live converted data is made available to you to use.

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.

BiblioTECH Versions
The conversion accommodates differences between following versions of BiblioTECH:
- BiblioTECH v7
- BiblioTECH v8

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 & Copies

In general, fields that appear in the "**Materials Editor**" (Single Item View) screen in BiblioTECH v7 or in the "**Resource Manager**" (Resources tab; Single Record Display) screen in BiblioTECH v8 will be converted into appropriate Resource and/or Copy fields in your Softlink product, though some exceptions may apply.

Borrowers

In general, fields that appear in the "**Patrons Editor**" screen in BiblioTECH v7 or in the "**Editing Patron**" (Patrons Manager) screen in BiblioTECH v8 will be converted into appropriate Borrower fields in your Softlink product, though some exceptions may apply.

Current Loans

In general, Current Loans that appear against a Borrower record in the "**Circulation**" screen in BiblioTECH v7 or in the "**Circulation Manager**" screen in BiblioTECH v8 will be converted as Current Loans attached to the converted Borrower record in your Softlink product. Current Loans referring to non-existent Borrower or Copy records will not be converted. Loan History records are only converted from V8 and only on a best-effort basis.

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

(BiblioTECH version 7 only)
Export of BiblioTECH cataloguing data in *.dbf format – must be named "books.dbf" **
Export of BiblioTECH borrower data in *.dbf format – must be named "patrons.dbf" **
Export of BiblioTECH loans data in *.dbf format, or *.csv format.

** Note that field data is truncated at 256 characters. This is a limitation of the DBF file format used by BiblioTECH version 7 to export data.

(BiblioTECH version 8 only)
Standard BiblioTECH v8 Backup file (e.g. BT8_D_10.bak)