Oliver Merge Pre-Conversion Questions

To provide the best possible result for your conversion, we require some additional information before we start. This document needs to be filled in and sent back to us together with the data & screen captures.

Generic Questions

Merging resources

1. Do you wish to merge catalogue records for resources that appear to be duplicates?
2. What field(s) would you like to merge on, if you wish to merge? We can merge on any fields but ISBN and / or Title are the most common.

Note: ID is a unique field in V5, no duplicates will be allowed so where this occurs IDs will need to merge or change.

Duplicate borrower barcodes

Duplicate borrower barcodes are not permitted in Oliver. We can renumber or merge duplicates. If merging, the 2nd borrower will not be converted but loan records relating to deleted borrower will be attached to the 1st borrower. If renumbering, the duplicate borrower will have their barcode slightly changed.

1. If there are duplicate borrower barcodes, do you wish them to be renumbered, or merged?

Duplicate resource barcodes

Duplicate copy/item barcodes are not permitted in Oliver. Any copies after the first sharing the same barcode will be ignored, with loan records relating to the ignored copy attached to the already converted copy. Alternatively, duplicate copies can be included but their barcodes renumbered.

1. If there are duplicate copy barcodes, do you wish them to be renumbered, or merged?

Resource Loan Category / Borrower Loan Category

Any RLCs or BLCs that are named underline exactly the same, by description, will merge. Please make sure any RLCs/BLCs you wish to not/merge are named appropriately. Any merging RLCs/BLCs will contain the lending rules of the first system the RLC/BLC is discovered in during the conversion.

Branch names

1. What are the branch or system names of the systems to be merged?
2. Which system is the primary system whose records will be preferred in case of duplication?

Note: Secondary datasets have Resources, copies, borrowers, loans and loan history migrated. Other modules, such as acquisitions and serial module data, are not converted for secondary datasets.