

Retro-conversion of Chinese Card Catalogs of the Bavarian State Library



Catalog situation before retro-conversion

- Chinese collection: 130,000 printed titles in about 230,000 volumes and 3,000 manuscripts
- Since 1990: CJK titles electronically cataloged
 - 1990-2007: in RLIN-database
 - 2007-2008: in WorldCat

data migration

- Since 2009: in Aleph database of the Bavarian Union Catalog
- Before 1990: CJK titles in conventional card catalogs
 object of retro-conversion



Catalog analysis and quantity structure

	Total number of catalog cards	including secondary entries (not to be processed)	including cross references (to be processed)	Number of cards to be processed
Chinese basic catalog (titles cataloged until 1983)	60,000	28,000	1,500	32,000
Chinese supplement catalog (titles cataloged 1984 – 1989)	40,000	20,000	500	20,000
Total	100,000	48,000	2,000	52,000



黄粱州(泉羲)年譜 謝國棋(編) (原題:]黄粱洲学譜

H u a n g L i -chou (Tsung-hsi) nien p'u.
[Hrsg.:] Hsieh, Kuo-chen.[Orig.Tit.:] Huang Lichou hsüeh p'u. [Huang Tsung-hsi,1610-1695]
(T'ai-pei:) Wen hai ...,1972.[Repr.] 142 S.
[Orig.-Ausg.:]1956. 162 S.]
(Chin tai Chung-kuo shih liao ts'ung k'an.
Ti 79 chi. 782.)

Zus.geb.m. 783:
"Wang Ch'uan-shan..."



Hai-men Ch'i-tung hsien .. L. sin. 86. 641 (60

Shen, Shih-k'o.

(Hai-men Ch'i-tung hsien chih tien tsu chih tu)

海門啓東縣之佃租制度 / 沈時可. 黄岡縣之租佃制度 / 潘沺著. 一臺北:成文出版社,民國66 [1977]

p. 30805-31348, [4] p., [2] fold. leaves of plates: ill.; 22 cm. — (民國二十年代中國大陸土地問題資料; 60) (中國地政研究所叢刊)

Colophon title.

"地政學院之論文及報告…均為手寫恭楷…乃…訂約影印" Bibliography: p. 31059-31061.

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Yang, K'uang-han.

L.sin. 88,160

(Ai Ch'ing chuan lun)

艾青传论 / 杨匡汉, 杨匡滿著. 一 第1版. 一 上海:上海文艺出版社:新華書店上海发行所发 行, 1984.

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1. Ai, Ch'ing, 1910-—Criticism and interpretation. I. Yang, K'uang-man. II. Title. III. Series: Chung-kuo hsien tai wen hsüeh yen chiu ts'ung shu (Shanghai, China)



鄭重信著

L.sin. 90.746

存在哲學與其教育思想

Cheng, Ch'ung-hsin: Ts'un tsai che hsüeh yü ch'i chiao yü ssu hsiang.

T'ai-pei: Wen ching ch'u pan she, C.h.m.k. 64/ [1975]. 3,171 S.

Bibliogr: S. 165-171

Existentialismus.



L. sin. I 928

古唐詩合解[亦列:唐詩合解箋註 王堯禮計計一卷後附古詩四卷 密色成和堂藏板光緒乙未年重校刊本

K u T ' a n g shih ho chieh. [A.m.d.Tit.]: T'ang shih ho chieh chien chu. [Komm.]: Wang, Yao-ch'ü (um 1732). [Anhang]: Ku shih. Mi-i: h'eng ho t'ang, 1895.



Basic decisions I

Conversion inhouse or by a service provider

service provider





Basic decisions II

Processing online or offline

- Online processing in database of union catalog too demanding for technical reasons
- Offline processing in separate database means no enrichment of catalog entries and higher costs







Basic decisions III

WorldCat: MARC 21 format

Different data format (MAB2) in own catalog systems





Data mapping from MARC21 to MAB2 (using an existing mapping routine)



General Provisions

- The conversion requires the assignment of Chinese native speakers.
- The staff assigned must be familiar with the MARC21 format and with using the Connexion Client.
- The staff assigned must be able to analyze the bibliographic records at hand and to create records in electronic form.

Placement of order: CIBTC, beginning 2010





Preparatory Work



Scanning of catalog cards

Instructions Manual			
Table of Contents			
A. Preliminaries			
1. How to identify seco	ndary entries		
Personal name Corporate name Title Edition statement Paice of publication Name of publisher Date of publication Extent of item and Series statement Call number and in Multi-volume work Subject indexing di Data recorded in n	ther physical details age number f f t te file to file file file file file file file file		
Appendix: Wade-Giles –	Pinyin Conversion Table		

Composition of a detailed instruction manual



Procedure

1st step

Catalog cards sorted according to main entries, secondary entries, and cross references:

- Secondary entries not to be considered.
- Cross references recorded in the 3rd step.



Procedure

2nd step

All catalog cards with main entries had to be processed.

- Cataloging in the original script as well as in transcription.
- Multi-volume works: Separate record for each volume.
- Records already available in WorldCat: Use existing Master Record and create Institution Record.
- Records not available in WorldCat: Create a new record (Master Record), from which an Institution Record had to be generated.



Procedure

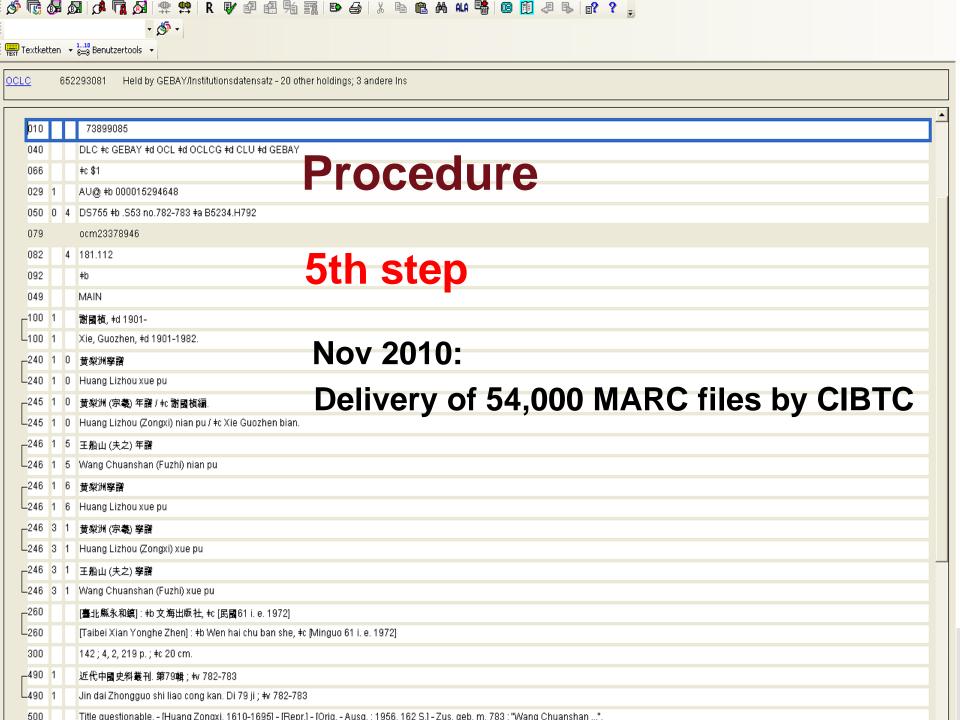
3rd step

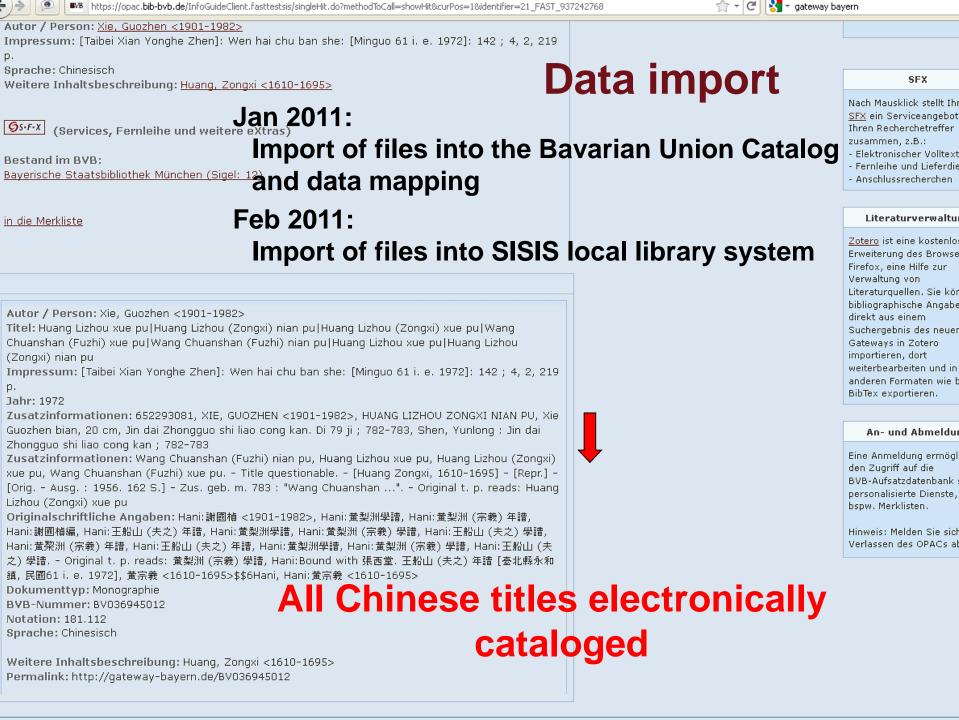
Cross references had to be recorded in the relevant electronic records.

4th step

Copy on file for each Institution Record.







Conclusion

- Commissioning a service provider allowed relatively accurate time and cost calculation.
- Using the WorldCat database as primary database for cataloging has proven to be useful. Nearly 20,000 new titles added in WorldCat.
- Electronic metadata as prerequisite for digitization:
 - 2011: Start of digitization of around 700 volumes of oldest and most valuable Chinese printings and manuscripts
 - 2012: Start of digitization of more than 2,000 volumes of copyright-free Chinese printings by Google



