GIGO to Gold: Vendor Record Manipulation in LTS
VENDOR RECORDS:

• Usually Preliminary/Uncataloged

• Can be sent as E-mail Attachments, or by FTP

• Requested of most vendors (if possible), especially new ones.

• Mixed Bag: Not all vendors use the same tools, presenting varied challenges in LTS.
What we like:

- Properly encoded
- Can be imported “out of the box” to Voyager, even with non-Roman scripts, heavy diacritics, etc.
Main Manipulation tool: MarcEDIT
A Closer Look at a “good” Bib in MarcEdit:

- Has an “a” in the Leader field, indicates Unicode encoding.
- Diacritics/non-Roman scripts appear correctly.

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LDR 01498cam a22002415a 4500
eq001 17149625
eq005 20120204074901.0
eq008 120204s2008\///y///////000\0\ara\1
eq010 \$a 2012345358
eq040 \$aDLC$cDLC
eq042 \$alcode
eq066 \$c(3$c(4
eq100 1\$aMaltzan, Heinrich Karl Eckardt Heimut,$cFreiherr von,$d1826-1874.
=245 10$8880-01$aFi riḥāb Ṭārābulus wa-Tūnis ma’a al-raḥḥālah al-Almānī al-Bārūn Ḥīrīsh fūn Māltsān ʿār Muḥammād al-Ṭāhir al-Jarārī.
=880 10$8245-01/(3/r$a/ 1
=880 \$8880-02$aal-Ṭabʿah 1.
=880 \$8250-02/(3/r$a1.
```
But most of the time...
Example 1: Andinos (Bolivia)

-Open the file in MarcEdit, MARC Tools function set to MarcBreaker.
Records appear in MarcEditor:
On close examination, 2 Things stand out:

1. Pound signs appearing in LDR, unlike in the first (Arabic) example.

2. Empty fields (999s) are appearing at the ends of each bib
Step 1: Delete 999 Fields using Replace function:

![Add/Delete Field Utility](image)
Step 2: Find/Replace Pound Signs with spaces.
Compile File into MARC command:

File is now saved as a (hopefully) import-able MARC file into Voyager (.mrc)
Except when something’s still wrong... Bib 22 is missing!
What other issues can we see?

043 Field seems to have an incorrect number of indicators before the Subfield A.

Let’s try deleting it, and compiling the file again...
Voila! Record #22 Shows up normally.
Example 2: Eastview (Slavic)

No “a” in Leader: an indicator of Non-Unicode/MARC-8 Encoding.

Diacritics do NOT appear as they should with MARC 8 encoding.
TRANSLATED to MARC-8:
MARC 8 Characters now Correct!

Still no ‘a’ in LDR, but diacritics now appear as abbreviated codes, as they should.
Records can now be saved!