
What is stored in ELINK_INDEX table?

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Description:

What kind of information is stored in the ELINK_INDEX table?

Resolution:

ELINK_INDEX contains all 856 links stored in bibliographic, holdings and E-Item Records. The table stores the 856 subfields u and z.

ELINK_INDEX also captures URLs from several other fields in a record such as the 563\$u, 505\$u and 583\$u¹. The table stores the subfields u and z.

The table stores the RECORD_ID as well as the RECORD_TYPE: B (bibliographic), M (MFHD) or E (e-item). Because the table stores record_id number for multiple types of records and multiple URLs, the RECORD_ID may be non-unique. The combination of RECORD_ID, RECORD_TYPE and SEQNUM (a sequential number) should be unique.

Additional Information:

ELINK_INDEX is a very handy place to find URLs in various MARC fields, from various types of records.

Record_type is supposed to be interpreted by the ELINK_RECORD_TYPE table, but there can be some errors so examine query results carefully. Actual values for record_type are A for Authority, B for Bibliographic, E for Electronic item, and M for MFHD. (ELINK_RECORD_TYPE has a row, I for Item, but you can't have a URL in an item.)

The record_id is either an auth_id, a bib_id, an eitem_id, or a mfhd_id, depending on the value of record_type.

As a general rule, the link field is the \$u (e.g., 856\$u), and the link_text field is subfields \$z and \$3.

SEQNUM is the sequence number for URLs found in a record. In normal practice, the first 856 would be SEQNUM = 1, second would be SEQNUM = 2, etc. However, since this table also captures URLs in other fields such as the 583\$u, the SEQNUM may not correlate to the 856.

¹ELINK_INDEX includes URLs found in bib 856\$u and mfhd 856\$u, as well as the following bib and mfhd fields: bib 505\$u, bib 506\$u, bib 514\$u, bib 520\$u, bib 530\$u, bib 540\$u, bib 545\$u, bib 552\$u, bib 583\$u, bib 856\$g, mfhd 563\$u, mfhd 583\$u.

See also: [Is there a single Voyager Prepackaged Access Reports table that has just the 856 links?](#)

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