

Possible to change fixed fields with GDC?

- **Product:** Voyager
 - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Multi-Tenant Direct, Dedicated-Direct, Local, TotalCare
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Question

Global Data Change (GDC) documentation suggests that items in fixed (control) fields can be changed using GDC - for example, changing "type of record" and "bibliographic level" in the leader. Is this something that can be changed?

Answer

Yes. There's a consequence called "Replace String At Position" that lets you specify a byte in a fixed (control) field and enter a new value for it.

Note

This applies to fixed fields in both Bibliographic and Holdings records.

For example, if you wanted to update "type of record" to e for a set of records, the consequence would look something like:

Consequence: Replace String At Position
Control Field: LDR
Replace String at Position: 06
With string: e

Be aware that Global Data Change will not verify the new string is valid encoding, so be mindful of that.

Additional Information

Example: [SingleToMultipart.dslr](#)

MARC fixed fields are 0-indexed - positions start at 0, not 1. See the GDC User's Guide for details.

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