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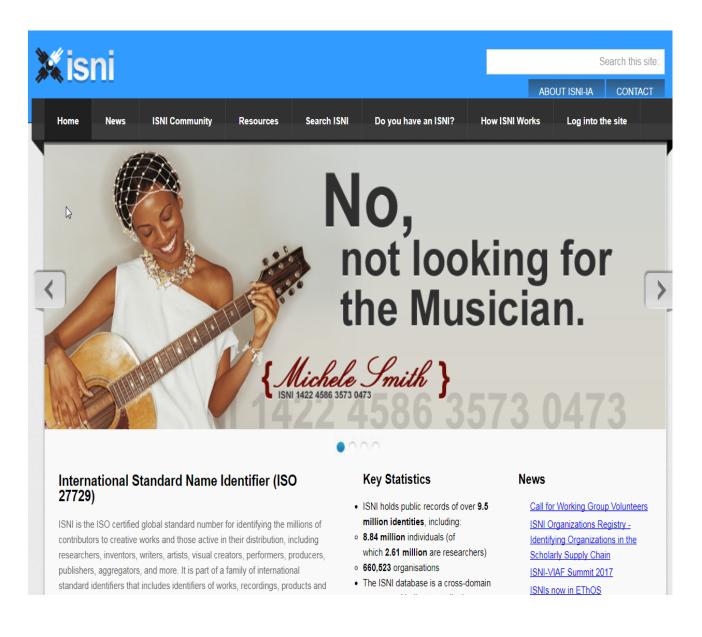
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11. ISNI Public Database

11.1 Accessing the public database

The public database is available on the ISNI website at: http://www.isni.org/1

The home page displays as follows:

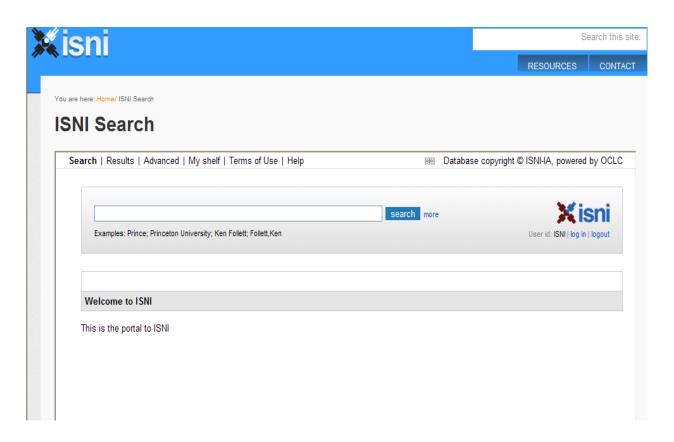


¹ An alternative way of accessing the public database is the following link: http://isni.oclc.nl/DB=1.2

To access the public database scroll down to the **search the ISNI database** section and click anywhere on the image.



The main public database search page will now appear.



11.2 Searching

A user ID is not required to search the public database.

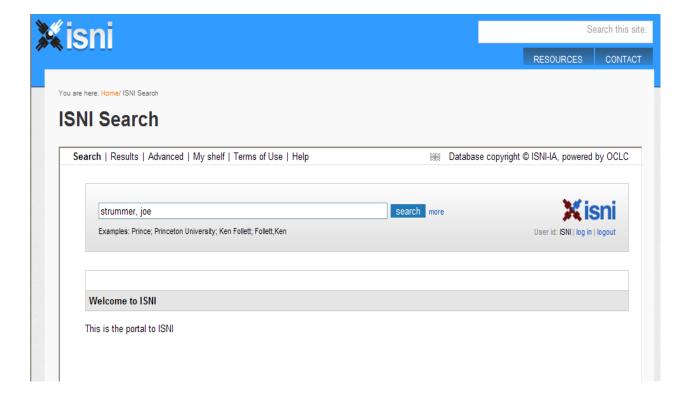
11.2.1 Using the search bar

The **search bar** is the default search on the public database.

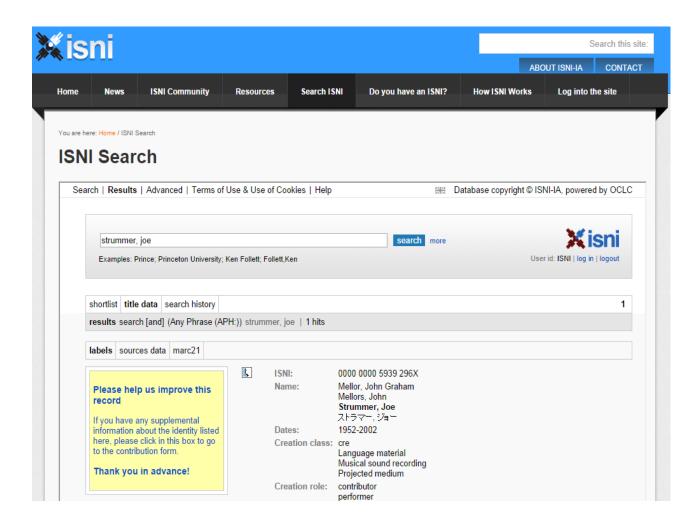
To use the **search bar** enter a search term and select the blue **search** box.

Example

The search term **Strummer**, **Joe** has been entered into the search bar below.

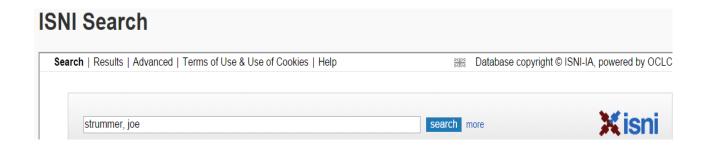


The following record has been retrieved:



To begin a new search, enter another term into the **search bar**.

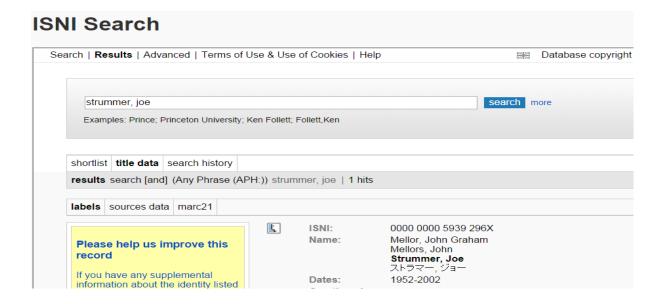
Alternatively, to return to the main search page, select the **search** option on the menu above the **search bar**.



When returning to the main search page the text of the last search will still be retained in the **search bar**.

Note that **search** is now highlighted in bold to indicate that this is the main search page.

To return to the previous screen, select the **results** option on the menu above the **search bar**.



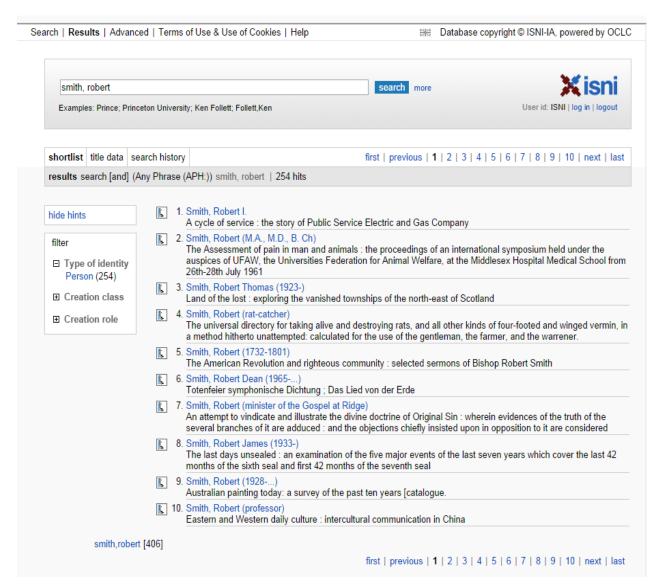
Note that **results** is now highlighted in bold to indicate this is the search results display.

11.2.2 Multiple search results

Where a search term retrieves multiple records the results will be displayed in groups of up to ten records per page.

Example

A search for the identity **Smith, Robert** has retrieved 254 records.



Note that a search for **Smith**, **Robert** will retrieve any records containing the phrase **Smith** or **Robert** even where there is no exact match, e.g.:

Pepper-Smith, Robert Gordon-Smith, Roberta Smith, William Robertson To view an individual record where multiple records have been retrieved, select the name of the relevant identity highlighted in blue text. The individual record will display.

Example

Selecting the first record in the search results for **Smith**, **Robert** will display the individual record for **Smith**, **Robert I**.



To navigate through all the results use the commands/numbers at the top right-hand side of the display.

Example

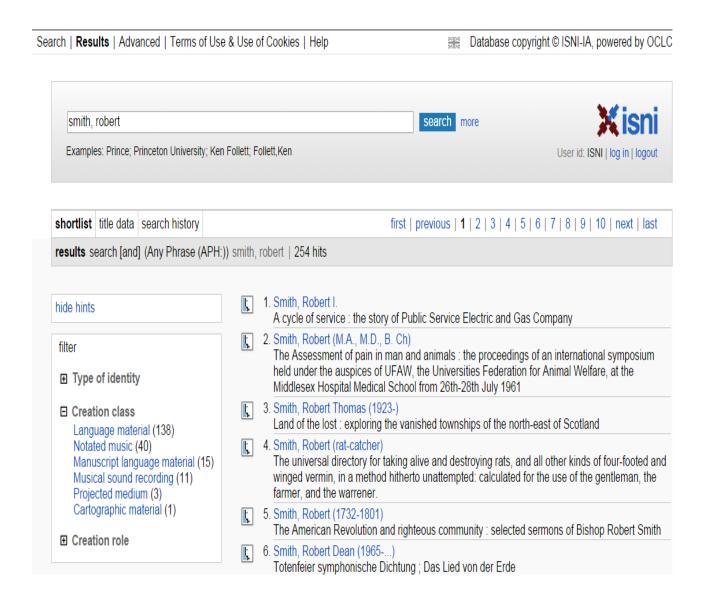


first displays the first page of results and last the final page.

next displays the next results page and **previous** the last page viewed.

The **numbers** navigate through each search results page.

To return to the original results list, select the **shortlist** command. This command will now be highlighted in bold.



To begin a new search, select the **search** command at the top left of the screen to return to the main search page.

Alternatively, enter a new search term into the **search bar**.

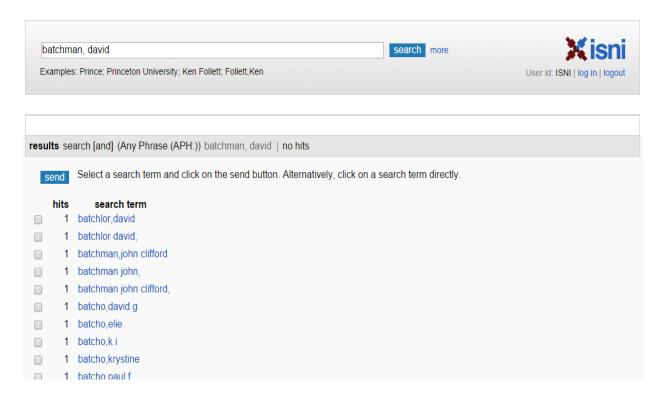
11.2.3 No matches found

Where no matches are found the public database will display an index of the nearest search terms.

Example

A search for **Batchman**, **David** has found no matches.

The following index is displayed.

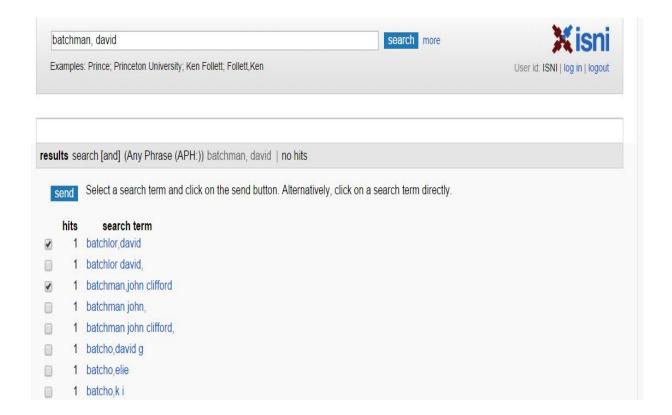


To view a heading from the browse list click on the name of the relevant identity highlighted in blue text. The individual record will display.

Alternatively, multiple headings can be viewed from the browse list by selecting the boxes in the left-hand column.

Example

To view the records for **Batchlor**, **David** and **Batchman**, **John Clifford** select the relevant boxes on the left-hand side. A tick appears next to the names in the browse list.



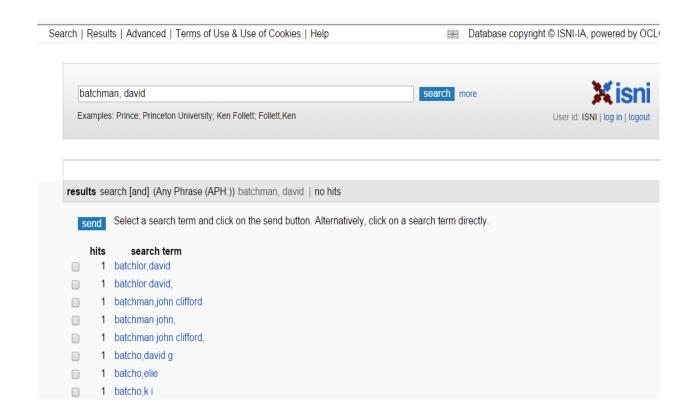
Select **send** immediately above the browse list. The following display will appear.



To view an individual record where multiple records have been retrieved, click on the name of the relevant identity highlighted in blue text. The individual record will display.

To return to the browse index use the **back** arrow in the toolbar.

Use the **previous** and **next** commands at the bottom of the screen to continue to browse the index.



To begin a new search, select the **search** command at the top left of the screen to return to the main search page.

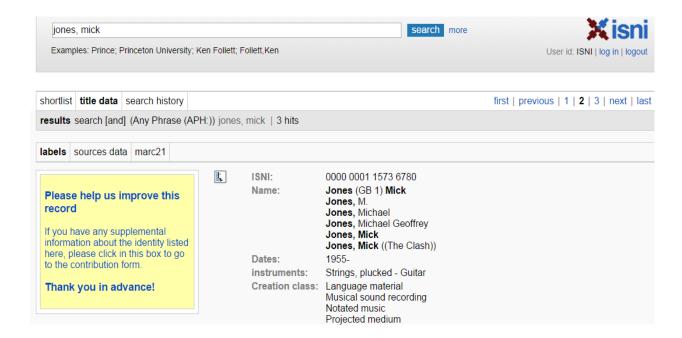
Alternatively, enter a new search term into the **search bar**.

11.2.4 Search history

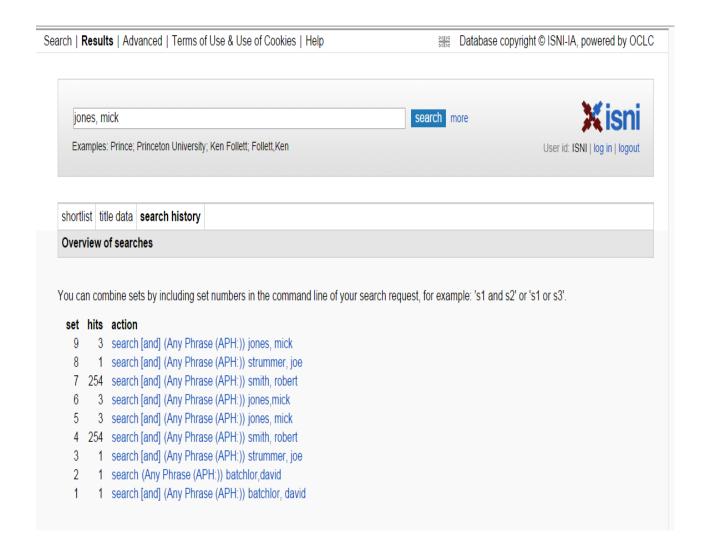
The **search history** command displays the search history for a particular session. This command is only available when viewing an individual record.

Example

In the following record, the **search history** command can be found next to **shortlist** and **title data** below the search bar.



Selecting **search history** displays the following screen.



Note that **search history** is now highlighted in bold. There are three columns in the display – **set**, **hits** and **action**

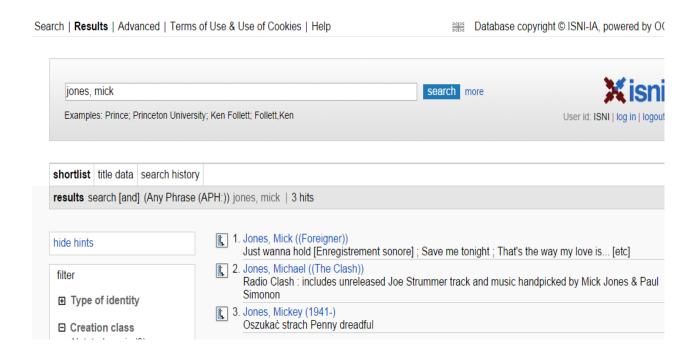
Set = the search number of the session

Hits = the size of the search results, e.g.: in the above search history, 1 record was retrieved in the first search of the session (set 1) and 254 records in the fourth search (set 4)

Action = the search carried out

In order to view a previous search, click on the appropriate action, e.g. to return to search 5 for the identity **Jones, Mick**, click on the highlighted text in the action for set 5.

The following results page will display.



To view an individual record where multiple records have been retrieved, click on the name of the relevant identity highlighted in blue text. The individual record will display.

To begin a new search, select the **search** command at the top left of the screen to return to the main search page.

Alternatively, enter a new search term into the **search bar**.

11.3 Display

There are three types of display on the public database – **labels**, **sources data** and **Marc21**.

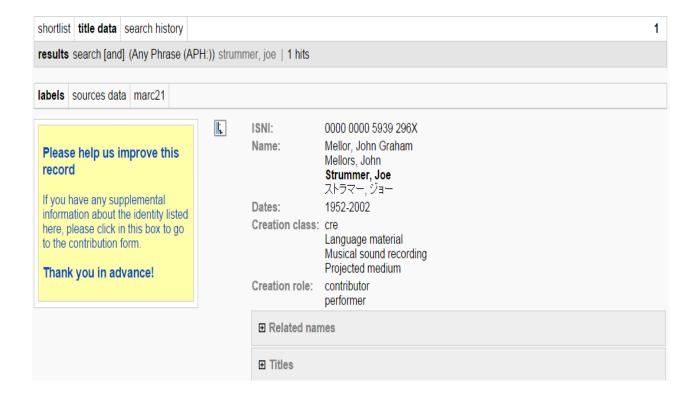
- **Labels** displays record data without formatting
- Sources data displays record in PICA+ format
- Marc21 displays record in MARC21 format

11.3.1 Labels display

The **labels display** is the default display on the public database. The record is displayed without PICA+ or MARC21 formatting.

Example

A search for the identity **Strummer, Joe** retrieves the following record.



Note that **labels** is highlighted in bold.

11.3.1.1 ISNI

The 16-digit ISNI identifier is displayed at the top of the record.



11.3.1.2 Name

The name(s) of the identity are listed under **Name**. Note that the names are displayed in alphabetical order by surname.

No distinction is made between main and variant names. ISNI is not seeking to establish a preferred form of name.



11.3.1.3 Dates

Dates of birth and/or death are listed under **Dates**.



11.3.1.4 Creation class/Creation role

Creation class refers to the types of material issued by or about the identity², e.g. musical sound recording.

Creation role refers to the role of an identity in relation to a work³, e.g. author, editor, composer, etc.

11.3.1.5 Related names/Affiliations

Links can occur between records where there are affiliated organisations, pseudonyms or organisational earlier/later names.

Personal names

Personal name links are visible by a **Related identities** field. This field contains a link to an alternate identity such as a real name or pseudonym.

Example

Junius is the pseudonym of Rosa Luxemburg.

On the record for Rosa Luxemburg, the following **Related identities** field is displayed:

Rózga, Maciej Rukusenburugu, Rōza Spartacus לוכסמבורג, רוזה לוקסמבורג, רוזה לוקסעמבורג, ראָזא לוקסעמבורג, רוזה Dates: 1871-1919 Creation class: Computer file cre Language material Projected medium Text Creation role: author translator Related identities: Junius (Pseudonym; other identity, same person) **⊞** Related names **⊞** Titles Notes: VIAF BNF DNB LC NKC NLIheb NLIIat NUKAT SELIBR SUDOC Sources: BOWKER

² For guidelines on creation class codes, see **Appendix 1**

³ For guidelines on creation role codes, see **Appendix 1**

Clicking on the name in the **Related identities** field will display the record for the pseudonym **Junius**.



Note that there is a corresponding link to the real name **Luxemburg**, **Rosa** in the record for the pseudonym **Junius**.

To return to the record for **Rosa Luxemburg**, click on one of the names in the **Related identities** field.

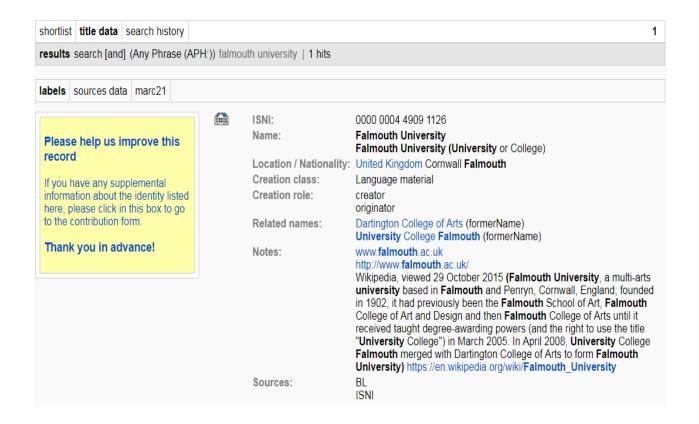
Organisations

Organisational links are visible by a **Related names** field. This field contains a link to related names such as products of a merge or split.

Example

Falmouth University was created from the merger of University College Falmouth and Dartington College of Arts.

On the record for **Falmouth University**, the following **Related names** field is displayed:



Clicking on the names in the **Related names** field will display the records for the former names **University College Falmouth** and **Dartington College of Arts**.

Note that not all links on the database are **live**. Only those related identities/names where hyperlinks have been added by ISNI members or the Quality Team will link to the corresponding record.

The additional linking fields without hyperlinks are submitted by sources in their data loads to ISNI and do not provide **live** links on the public database.

11.3.1.6 Titles

Titles are listed in alphabetical order on the public database.

Example

Titles: All day and all of the night (2 min 30 s)

asesino algo especial, Un Baby the trans (2 min 19 s)

Black Hawk down original motion picture soundtrack

Boogie with your children (3 min 31 s)

brooding side of madness, The Burning room (1 min 53 s) 'Cause i said so (2 min 46 s) Chinese choppers (1 min 12 s)

Cut the crap

Dizzy's goatee (3 min 23 s)
Dum du club (3 min 02 s)
Dum dum club (3 min 02 s)
Earthquake weather [SR] p1989:
Elgin Avenue breakdown revisited

Filibustero

Future is unwritten Gangsterville (4 min 17 s)

Give 'em the boot

Note that titles by some ISNI data contributors are not displayed on the public database.

Rights management societies and trade sources restrict their titles, dates and related names from public $view^4$.

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⁴ For further details on ISNI private and public data, see **1.9**

11.3.1.7 Notes

The ISNI **notes** field displays general public and external information found notes⁵.

Examples

Notes: http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000567/

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Orwell http://www.discogs.com/artist/**George+Orwell**

Sources: VIAF VIAF BAV BNE BNF DNB EGAXA JPG LAC LC NKC NLIara NLIheb

NLIIat NUKAT PTBNP RERO SELIBR SUDOC SWNL VLACC

Notes: Bus stopping, c2008: t.p. (Stephen Black) verso t.p. (b. Toledo, Ohio; studied

photography in Rochester, NY; author of Agaricus blazei murill mushroom &

Voices of pieces collage book project)

Domain Art Gallery website, viewed 20 November 2013 (**Stephen Black** is an artist, photographer, videomaker and writer; founder of the Book Merah imprint; his books include Obama Search Words, Furikake, Contact With Shadow and

Tiong Bahru) http://domainartgallery.com/artist/stephen-black

Sources: VIAF BNE LC NTA

ISNI

11.3.1.8 Sources

Sources displays the data contributors for each ISNI record⁶.

Notes: Wikipedia

Sources: VIAF BNE BNF LC NDL NKC NLP NTA SUDOC WKP

BLSA MUBZ TEL

Where sources have hyperlinks, it is possible to link directly to the original source record from the ISNI database.

⁵ For guidance on ISNI note fields, see **5.2.2 (general public notes)** and **5.2.4 (external information found notes)**

⁶ For a complete list of ISNI data sources, see **1.5**

Example

The record for the identity **Strummer, Joe** contains links to a number of data sources.

Sources: VIAF BNE BNF LC NDL NKC NLP NTA SUDOC WKP

BLSA MUBZ TEL

Selecting the VIAF link will display the equivalent VIAF cluster for this identity.



- 100 1 _ <u>‡a Strummer, Joe</u>
- 100 1 _ <u>‡a Strummer, Joe, ‡d 1952-2002</u>
- W 100 1 _ <u>‡a Strummer, Joe</u>
- 100 1 <u>ta Strummer, Joe, td 1952-2002</u>
- 200 | <u>‡a Strummer ‡b Joe ‡f 1952-2002</u>
- 100 1 <u>‡a STRUMMER, JOE</u> (undifferentiated) (sparse)
- 100 1 <u>‡a Strummer, Joe ‡d 1952-2002</u>
- 100 1 _ <u>‡a Strummer, Joe ‡d (1952-2002).</u>
- 🔀 100 1 _ <u>‡a Strummer, Joe</u>
- 100 1 _ <u>‡a Strummer, Joe, ‡d 1952-2002</u>
- 3 100 1 <u>‡a Strummer, Joe</u>



11.3.1.9 Hidden data

Data may be hidden within an individual record in the ISNI display. This can be identified by a grey box in the record.

Example

The following record has two hidden data categories - related names and titles.

ISNI: 0000 0000 5939 296X Name: Mellor, John Graham

> Mellors, John Strummer, Joe

Dates: 1952-2002

Creation class: Musical sound recording

Projected medium

Creation role: composer

performer

⊞ Related names

⊞ Titles

To un-hide the data for a particular category, click anywhere within the grey box.

Selecting the **Related names** box in the record above will display the following data.

Related names: 101'Ers

101'Ers 1974-1976 CBS (Europe)

CBS disques SA France Clash (musikkgruppe) Cox, Alex (1954-) DeVincentis, D.V. Headon, Topper Jones, Mick

Mescaleros (Musical group) Oldman, Gary (1958-)

Simonon, Paul The Clash

The Clash (Groupe de rock) Groupe de rock 1976-

The Pogues (groupe) The Pogues 1991-1996

Virgin France

Titles

To hide the data click anywhere within the data itself⁷.

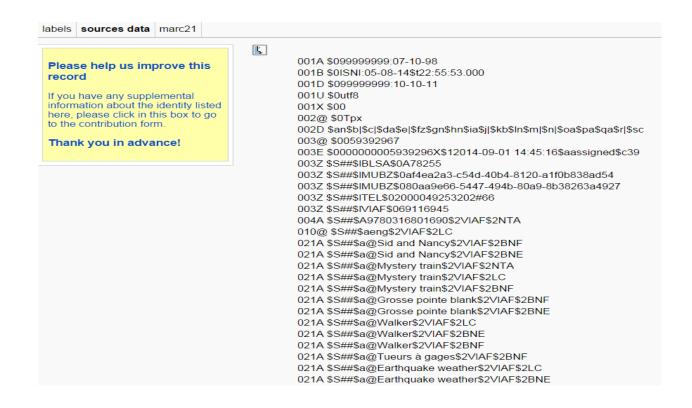
⁷ Note that the data categories **ISNI**, **Name**, **Dates** and **Sources** cannot be hidden.

11.3.2 Sources data display

Sources data displays the record in PICA+ format⁸.

Example

The **sources data** category has been selected for the record for the identity **Strummer, Joe**.



Note that this category is now highlighted in bold to indicate that the display is in PICA+ format.

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⁸ For further information about PICA+ format, see **Appendix 1** and the following link: http://www.ukoln.ac.uk/metadata/desire/overview/rev 18.htm

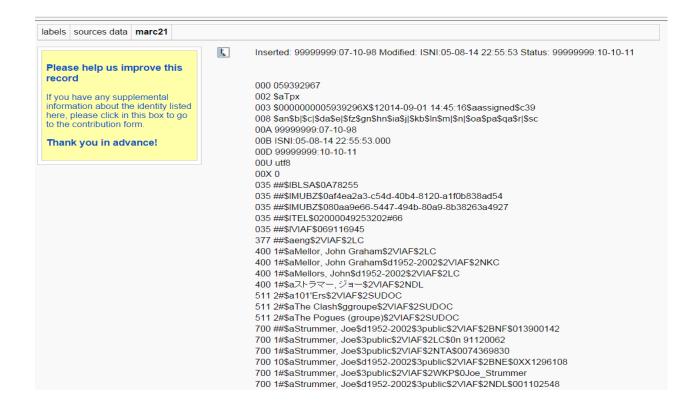
11.3.3 Marc21 display

Marc21 displays the record in Marc21 format9.

Example

Marc21 has been selected for the record for the identity **Strummer**, **Joe**.

Note that **Marc21** is now highlighted in bold to indicate that the display is in **Marc21** format.



⁹ For further information about Marc21 format, see **Appendix 1**

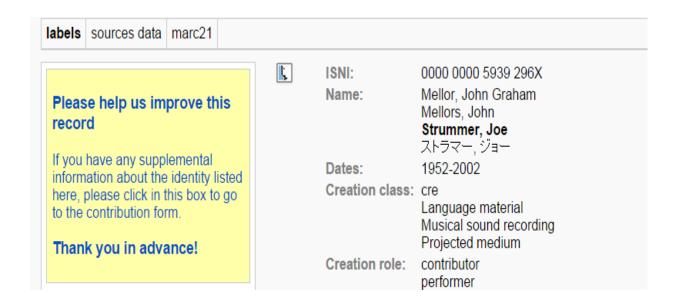
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11.4 Enduser queries

Endusers can add comments or queries which are submitted directly to the ISNI Quality $Team^{10}$.

These comments/queries are added using the **please help us improve this record** box, which is present for each individual record.

Example



All enduser queries/comments are automatically collated at the end of each day and submitted via email to the ISNIQT inbox (British Library) and ISNIBnF (BnF).

To For further information about enduser queries, see **Chapter 10**

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