Enable OAI & Mapping Fields in Omeka

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Mapping metadata fields to comply with the Alliance Dublin Core Best Practices Guidelines (DCBPG) will help to create consistently structured records in our aggregated environment. This documentation explains how to enable OAI in Omeka, how to review your OAI output.

Enable OAI

To configure your OAI settings, first enable OAI in Omeka by installing and configuring Omeka’s OAI-PMH Repository plugin (for Omeka 2.x). Refer to Omeka’s Installing Plugins and Themes screencast and written documentation for step-by-step instructions about installing Omeka plugins.

Please note that the harvester conforms to the oai_dc schema as recommended by the OAI-PMH 2.0 specification.
While Omeka’s OAI-PMH Repository plugin outputs several formats (oai_dc, mods, mets, rdf, etc.), the oai_dc format should be used for Alliance-harvested metadata. Using this format the 15 Simple Dublin Core elements will be enabled for OAI harvest. “Item Type Metadata” elements and Qualified Dublin Core elements, created by Omeka’s Dublin Core Extended plugin, will not be enabled for OAI harvest.

**Review your OAI output**

Review a set’s metadata with the [Dublin Core Mapping Checker](#).

Provide a valid OAI-PMH base URL, then choose a set to get a table of Simple Dublin Core fields, arranged in columns. “Required” fields are listed first, followed by the “Recommended” and “Optional” fields. The table’s columns list all record values for a given field, rather than ordering the content in record-specific rows. The intention is to display the data mapped to each field, to catch mapping errors, and to identify data for cleanup in the local repository.

**Review your current field mapping for a collection**

To view a collection’s field mapping, look at the set’s OAI output in a web browser. Use the pattern below to form an OAI request. In your request, set the metadataPrefix to oai_dc, as this is how the Alliance harvester will harvest your data.

http://[Site Url]/oai-pmh-repository/request?verb=ListRecords&metadataPrefix=oai_dc&set=[Collection Id Number here]

You will see output like the record below. Your output will list records for the specified collection/set. To understand how your fields are mapped, compare your OAI output to the collection’s item records in your Omeka dashboard (Omeka item record follows the record’s OAI output below).
When reviewing your item records and OAI output, please remember that the Alliance harvester will harvest the following 14 Simple Dublin Core fields:
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