Alliance Harvester: Re-Contributing a Set

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Once you have submitted a set to the Alliance Harvester, you may need to re-submit it for a number of reasons, including:

- You have added items to the collection contained in the OAI feed;
- You have removed items from the collection contained in the OAI feed;
- You have made changes to the metadata in your local system

This document describes the process and what will (and will not) happen.

Human action is required to account for changes in an OAI set; it is not an automated process.

Re-Contributing a Set

When you re-contribute a set, you do not have to delete the existing set. The harvester will detect and overwrite existing digital objects and add the new ones from the set, or delete objects no longer in the set. Follow the process described in the Contributing a Set documentation.

What will and will not happen in this process:

The harvester will:

- Recognize which objects are already in the harvester, purge those records, and replace them with the new versions
- Recognize new objects and create new records for them
- Ingest any changes that you have made to your local records
- Retain any enrichment that you have done. For instance, if you have enriched creator records with VIAF URIs, the URIs will remain in those records.
The harvester will not:

- Automatically apply any remediation that you applied to the set in the harvester when you originally contributed it. This is because that information may have changed, and also needs to be applied to the new objects. For example:
  - You contributed the set originally with a rights status undetermined;
  - Since then, you have determined rights status and need to apply a different rights statement to the set;
  - Thus, you’ll re-contribute and either bring in changes from your local system or remediate them in the harvester.

For more detailed information about harvester functions, including the substantial transformations it performs on the set’s metadata, please refer to the harvester documentation in the Digital Collections Documentation on the Alliance website.