

The ISSN

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ISSN: what is it ?

- ISSN: International Standard Serial Number
- ISO 3297 standard
- International unique identifier for serial resources...
 - And other «continuing resources»
 - Whatever the medium of publication or production (paper, electronic,...)

ISSN: what is it ?

- The ISSN...
 - identifies newspapers, journals, magazines, periodicals, newsletters, annual reports, electronic journals, web sites, blogs...
 - Is a unique identifier
 - 1 ISSN = 1 title
 - Is persistent
 - Once assigned, an ISSN is never re-assigned

The ISSN: what is it ?

- An eight-digit number
 - Arabic numerals 0-9 and X (last digit)
 - Last digit is a check digit

ISSN 0251-1479
ISSN 1050-124X
- No meaning embedded in the number



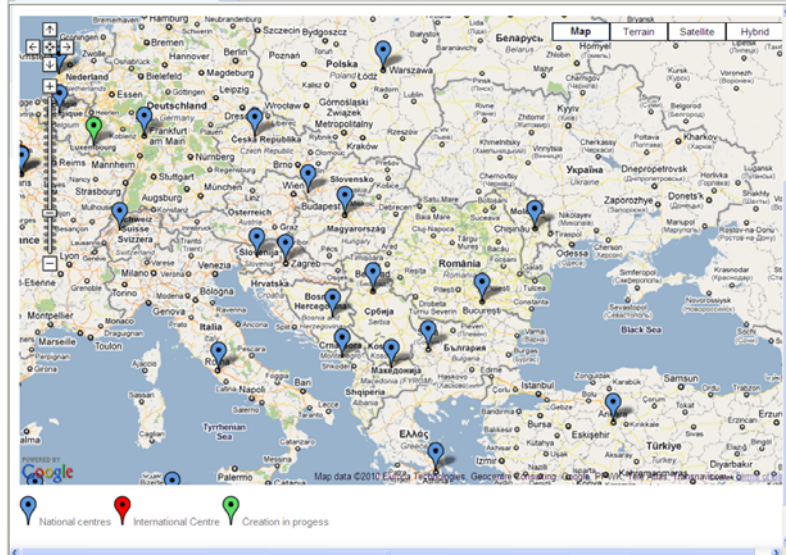
ISSN: the network

- 87 member countries
- The ISSN International Centre (CIEPS)

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What is the ISSN used for?

- To make sure that we are dealing with the right « object »:
 - To buy it
 - To sell it, to distribute it
 - To access it (and to manage the access rights)
 - To describe it
 - etc....

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What is the ISSN used for?

Each time there is a need for identifying a serial resource

uniquely and in a reliable way

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B2	1211-4804	1211-4804 Register	Republika (Praha)	1990-2004	CZECH REPUBLIC	Czech	Weekly
B3	1986-6616	1986-6616 Register	Republika (Sarajevo)	1995-1997	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	Bosnian	Monthly
B4	0354-091X	0354-091X Register	Republika (Skopje)	1991-9999	MACEDONIA (FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF)	Macedonian	Daily
B5	0861-1653	0861-1653 Register	Republika (Sofia)	1990-1991	BULGARIA	Bulgarian	Weekly
B6	1314-0965	1314-0965 Register	Republika (Sofia, 2010)	2010-9999	BULGARIA	Bulgarian	Daily
B7	1607-1786	1607-1786 Register	Republika (Tirane, Online)	2000-9999	ALBANIA	Albanian	Unknown
B8	0350-1337	0350-1337 Register	Republika (Zagreb, 1945)	1945-9999	CROATIA	Croatian	Monthly
B9	1332-9162	1332-9162 Register	Republika (Zagreb, 2000)	2000-2001	CROATIA	Croatian	Daily
B9	1331-1334	1331-1334	Republika Hrvatska (Online)	2000-9999	CROATIA	Croatian	Annual

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The ISSN is used...

- To manage the distribution of serial publications
 - Included into EAN13 bar-codes

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The ISSN is used...

- To manage subscriptions
 - Secures transactions libraries/agents, agents/publishers

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the ISSN used...

- To manage knowledge bases
 - OpenURL implementations

“The accurate use of the ISSN is critical in ensuring successful resolution of OpenURL-based links.”

KBART report

http://www.issn.org/files/issn/actualites/KBART_Phase_I_Recommended_Practice.pdf

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the ISSN is used ...

- As an indicator of the editorial quality of a journal (impact factor)
- And many other uses....
 - Rights management organizations
 - Database producers
 - VAT rate
 - URLs
 - DOI suffix
 - Etc...

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ISSN: organization

- Identification responsibility
 - Distributed among the network
 - National responsibility (often linked with the legal deposit)
 - Common rules
- All ISSN numbers assigned...
 - Are gathered in the «ISSN Register»

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The ISSN Register

- Database of all assigned ISSN
- Managed by the ISSN International Centre
- Accessible on the Internet:

<http://portal.issn.org>

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ISSN: legal status

- Intergovernmental organisation
- Agreement UNESCO / French government
- Law (December 1975) + decree (February 1976)
- Multilateral treaty

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ISSN: the statutes

- The treaty defines (among others)
 - The mission
 - The legal existence
 - The rights and duties
 - The nature of the resources of the International Centre

ISSN: the resources

- Defined by the Statutes
 - Contribution from UNESCO
 - Contribution from the Gouvernement of the Host country (France)
 - Contributions from the other Member States and Associated MS, and other organisations
 - Income drawn from the supply of services provided in relation with the main mission



ISSN:

welcome to new members !

- Accession
 - Formal process has to be followed
 - See ISSN web site: <http://www.issn.org>
 - Contact us: issnic@issn.org

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Questions ?

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