Mashcat in Evergreen

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Mashcat

• Catalog(u)ers and coders, together
• Started in the UK in 2012
• Revived in 2015
• http://mashcat.info/
Mashcat activities

- Twitter chat
- 2016 event at Simmons College
- Mashcat Slack channel
Why Mashcat?

• The case of the MARC record that was thrown over the wall
Mashcat in Evergreen

• Open source software projects in libraries have already brought catalogers and coders together
Common starting points

• Work done for other people
  • ... who are sometimes at a great remove
• We both sometimes eat our own dogfood, but not all the time
• The craft of applied empathy
• Attribution
• Collaboration
• Sharing
  • ... in a systematic fashion
Exercise

• Sharing frustration sandwiches
Tools to exchange

• Cataloging policy manuals
  • Lots of software projects could stand to have more policy documentation
• Version control
• Diffs
• Quality control procedures
Diffs
Exercise

• Cataloging a book
Evergreen cataloging

• Webby!
  • https://webby.evergreencatalog.com/
Areas to work on

- Authority control
- Linked Data
  - ... but what does that look like?
- Batch changes
- What does BIBFRAME look like to the catalogers?
- What else?
Exercise

• Making a coding change
Wishlists

- Functionality
- Process
Next steps

• Coding catalogers?
• Cataloging coders?
• Lines of communication
• Workflow exchange
• Continuing the discussion: #mashcat
Thanks!

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