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## Metadata Services: Current basic stock of the Integrated Authority File (GND)

Dear Sir or Madam

The new basic stock/full copy of the Integrated Authority File (GND)<sup>1</sup> scheduled for February/March 2020<sup>2</sup> is available for downloading in the format variants MARC 21 and MARC21-xml via WWW servers. One file was created for each GND entity on account of the large amount of data (total of approx. 15.5 million data records).

The currently valid field description for the GND is available on our website.<sup>3</sup> Please also note that the URIs of resources in the GND, the German National Bibliography (DNB), the German Union Catalogue of Serials (ZDB) and in the ISIL and Library Codes Directory changed when export release 2019.03<sup>4</sup> came into force on 15 October 2019. The HTTP protocol has been replaced by HTTPS. Queries made using the HTTP protocol will however be redirected.

The "Umlenk\_Loesch\_GND ..." file with abbreviated data records is being provided as an additional service to track all redirects ("x" in position 5 of the leader in MARC 21) and deletions ("d" in position 5 of the leader in MARC 21) made since the previous full copy of the GND. This file is useful for customers who used the control number in MARC field 001 to determine the valid GND number for redirects when transferring the GND data.

The file is not relevant for customers who synchronise their GND collection with the GND, i.e. who constantly track redirects and deletions via the OAI interface or the weekly change service. Further information on the procedure for redirects and deletions can be obtained from our website<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/EN/gnd>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/dumps>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Professionell/Metadatendienste/Rundschreiben/rundschreiben20190701AenderungenMarcFormatNormdaten.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/gndchangeservice>

## Information on provision:

Contrary to previous practice, all updated full copies in MARC 21 and MARC21-xml formats are made available at a stable link with no individual access code. An overview of the various full copies with their corresponding links, the formats offered and the frequency with which they are issued is available on our website<sup>6</sup>.

The file of records for names of persons (Tn sets) is to be provided for the last time. Further information about the elimination of Tn authority data is provided in the corresponding announcement on our website<sup>7</sup> and in the ILTIS WIKI<sup>8</sup>.

The data of the basic stock is also available via the Linked Data Service. Further information on this service and the link for downloading can be obtained from our website<sup>9</sup>.

For any further questions you can reach us by e-mail at [metadatendienste@dnb.de](mailto:metadatendienste@dnb.de) and by phone on +49 69 1525-1630.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/dumps>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Professionell/Metadatendienste/Rundschreiben/rundschreiben20190823AbschaffungNamensdatensaetzen.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/aJDOC> (available only in German)

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.dnb.de/EN/lds>