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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)[1] scheduled for June/July 2020 is available for downloading[2] 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. 8.6 million data records). Since records for names of persons (Tn authority data) ceased to be part of the GND in mid-June 2020, the number of data records has this time decreased significantly.

Prior to the "elimination" of the Tn authority data records, approx. 13,000 Tn data records belonging to the Bibliotheksverbund Bayern (Bavarian Library Consortium, BVB)[3] and the Kooperativer Bibliotheksverbund Berlin-Brandenburg (Co-Operative Library Consortium Berlin-Brandenburg, KOBV)[4] were selected and supplemented with bibliographic data before being automatically converted into Tp6 data records in order to guarantee that they would be "preserved".

Further information about the elimination of Tn authority data sets is provided in the corresponding announcement on our website[5] and in the ILTIS WIKI[6].

The currently valid field description for the GND is available on our website[7].

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[8].

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[1] https://www.dnb.de/EN/gnd
[2] https://www.dnb.de/dumps
[3] https://www.bib-bvb.de/
[4] https://www.kobv.de/
[5] https://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/Professionell/Metadatendienste/Rundschreiben/rundschreiben20190823AbschaffungNamensdatensaetzen.pdf
[6] https://wiki.dnb.de/x/aJDOC (available only in German)
[7] https://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21
[8] https://www.dnb.de/gndchangeservice

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Information on provision:

All updated full copies 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[9].

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[10].

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to e-mail us at metadatendienste@dnb.de or phone us on +49 69 1525-1630.

Kind regards,
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[9] https://www.dnb.de/dumps
[10] https://www.dnb.de/EN/lds