Cataloging

How does Prospector determine if records match?

When a record is sent to Prospector, Prospector looks for a match on the 001 field and also performs a title comparison using data from the following subfields of the title to determine a match:

- 245$a-title
- 245$b-Remainder of title
- 245$n-Number of part/section of a work
- 245$p-Name of part/section of a work

If these elements match then the records are merged. If they don't match, the system looks for a secondary match on the 020 field (ISN), and the title. If there isn't a match, a new record is created.

If the ISN matches then the records are merged and the encoding level is checked. The highest encoding level prevails and becomes the master record. If the encoding levels are equal the precedence table is consulted and the highest level becomes the master record.

see page 107963 of the III manual for further explanation.

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