

MARC Wizard How-To: MARC Firewall Overview





MARC Wizard™ is a suite of software programs designed to help librarians manage their library MARC record database.

MARC Firewall helps you find and correct problems with new MARC records from outside sources. It can also be used to standardize new MARC records.

We'll review those steps here.

This overview assumes you have already downloaded and installed MARC Wizard on your PC.



Use MARC Firewall to keep your database clean and complete.

By correcting and standardizing new MARC records from any source, you...

Assure the materials in your collection can be found

Enhance fields such as subject headings and reading program data

Reduce time spent on tracking down MARC record problems later



How to Use MARC Firewall.

Step 1: Bring new records in.

Step 2: Select your options.

Step 3: Submit your database and let Mitinet enhance your records.

Step 4: Review and edit your results.

Step 5: Import your new records into your automation system.





To get started, sign in to MARC Wizard.

Using the MARC
Wizard product
menu on the home
page, click on
MARC Firewall.



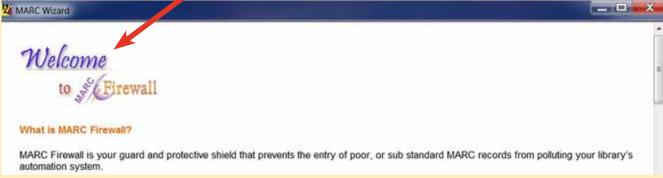


The MARC Firewall Home Page identifies where you are in the process. As with all MARC Wizard products, if you leave MARC Firewall and return later, your work to date is saved.



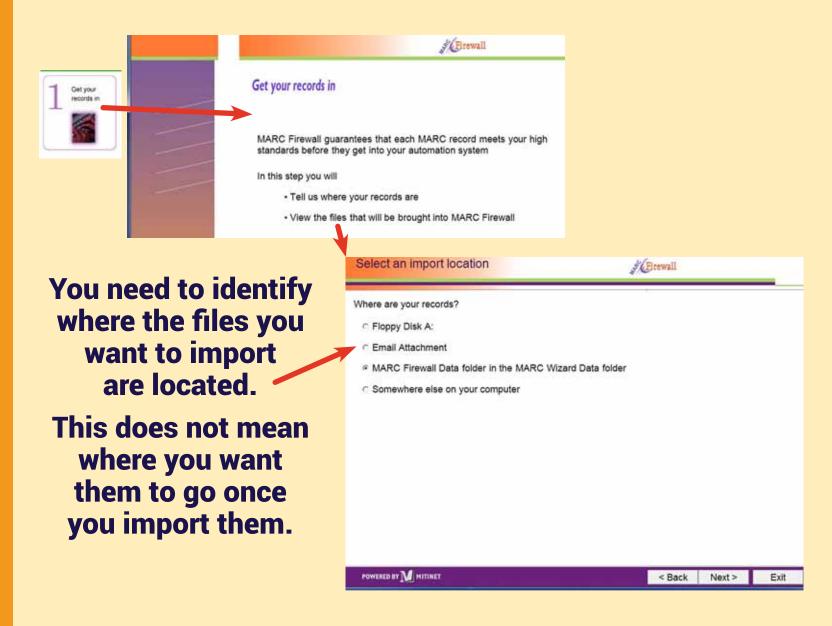
Your current step is highlighted.

Find introductory information for each program here, on the Home Page.





Step 1: Bring new records in.

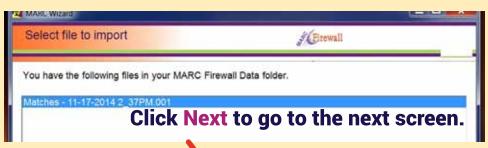




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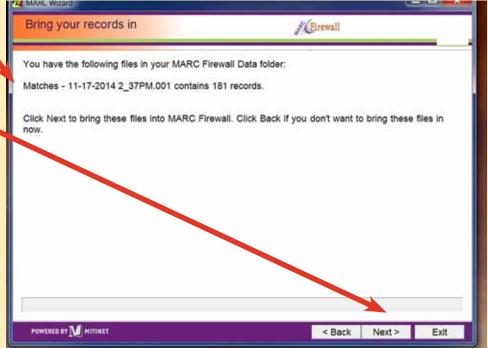
MARC Firewall identifies all files that can be imported.

If there is more than one, you'll need to highlight the file you want to bring in.



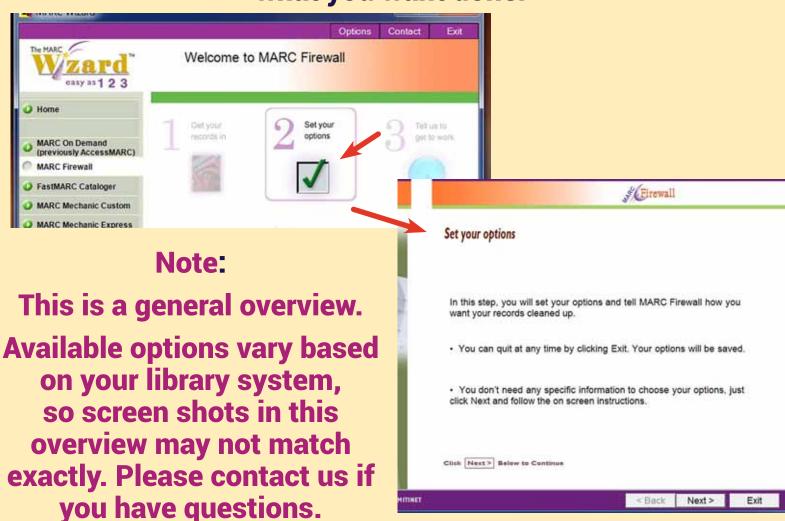
Once you click Next from this screen MARC Firewall will bring in the files you've selected.

You're then ready to go to the next step.





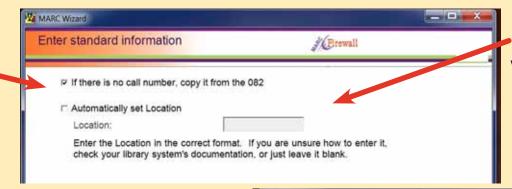
Before MARC Firewall can update your incoming MARC records, you need to tell us what you want done.



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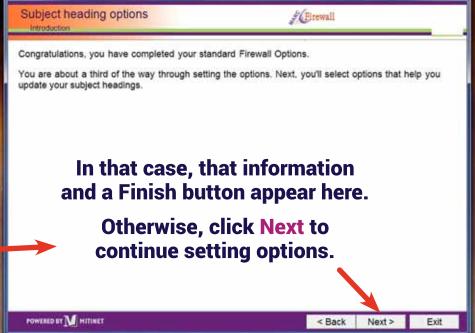


Your first option is to set the call number and/or location of the new item. You will always need to set this screen.



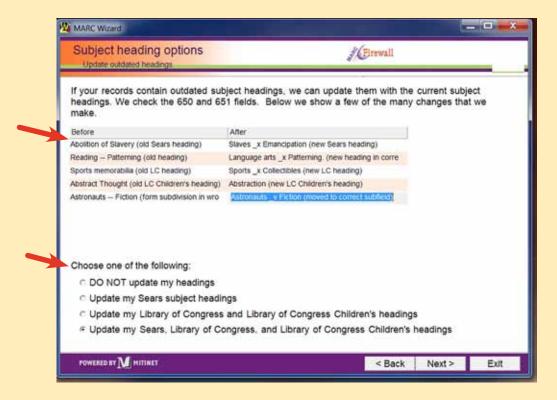
This screen varies depending on your library automation system.

If you've previously run MARC Firewall and would like to use the same settings, you can Finish — on this step.





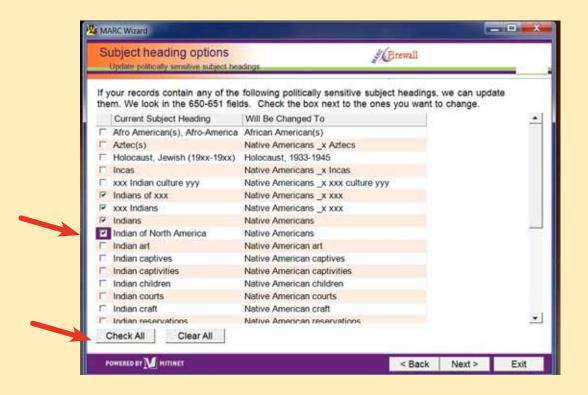
Your next option is to decide which, if any, Subject Heading updates you want for your new records. Sample Subject Heading changes are shown here.



You must choose one option before going to the next screen. You can choose to leave your headings as is, if you are unsure about which option to select.

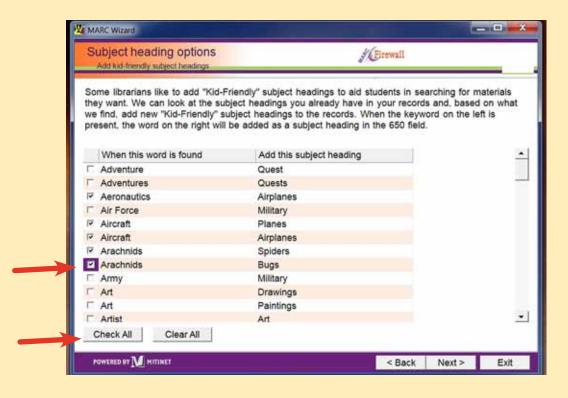


It is also possible to update politically sensitive subject headings in your new records. You can select all, or choose individual subject headings to change.





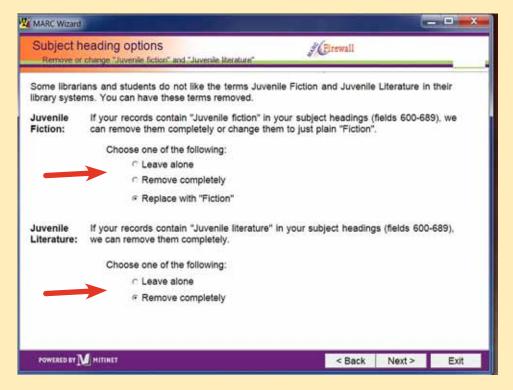
Mitinet's Kid-Friendly™ subject headings are available to help you enhance the search results for your patrons. Even though the phrase is "Kid-Friendly" these are terms that many patrons commonly use in searches.



Again, select as many, or as few as you wish.

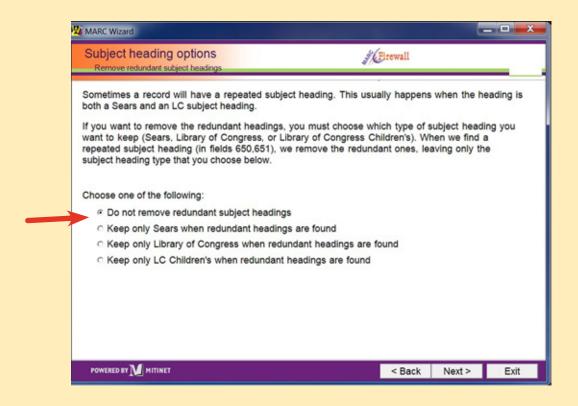


It's also possible to remove the phrases "Juvenile Fiction" and "Juvenile Literature" from all your new MARC records.



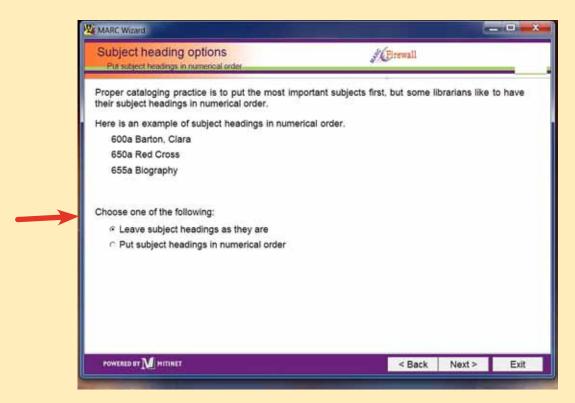


Redundant Subject Headings. While it's not necessary to do this, it can help clean up your MARC records.





Subject Headings in numerical order. You must choose one of the options.



This is the last of the Subject Heading options.

Next there are some miscellaneous options.



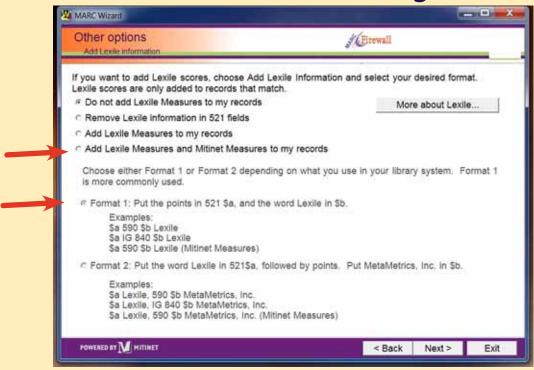
Miscellaneous option: Adding information to non-book titles. Check all or select only those you wish.





Miscellaneous Option: Adding Lexile® and MetaMetrics, Inc. information into the records. Lexile® measures are not available for all materials, and so will be added only for those items that have a Lexile® score.

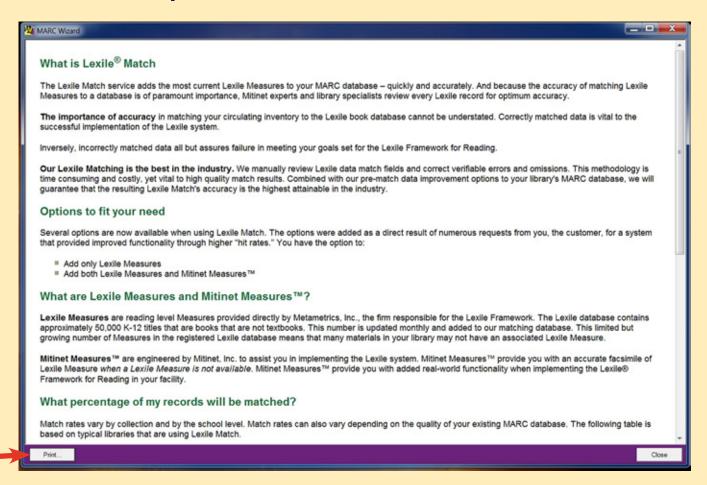
It is also possible to add Mitinet Measures[™] to your records at this stage.



The option defaults to the most common format.



If you're uncertain about what Lexile® and Mitinet Measures are, click on the More about Lexile button.



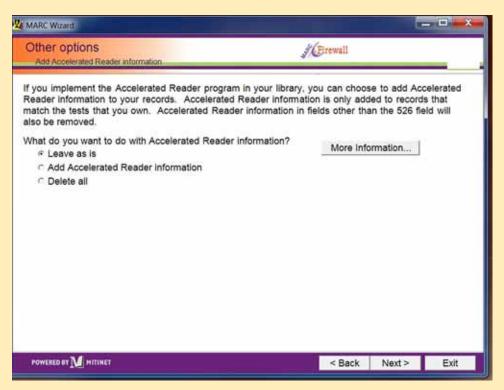
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Miscellaneous Option: Accelerated Reader information.

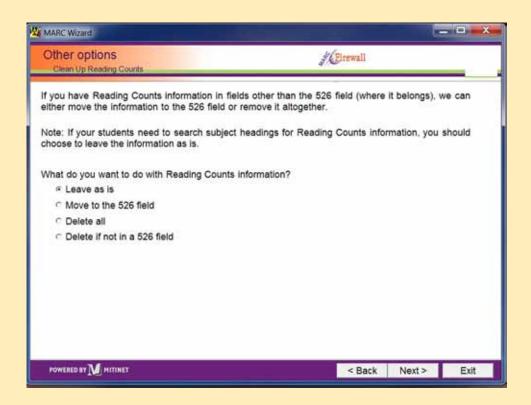
As with Lexile®, click on the More Information button to find out more about Accelerated Reader.



Accelerated Reader® information is only available for items with tests available, which you own.

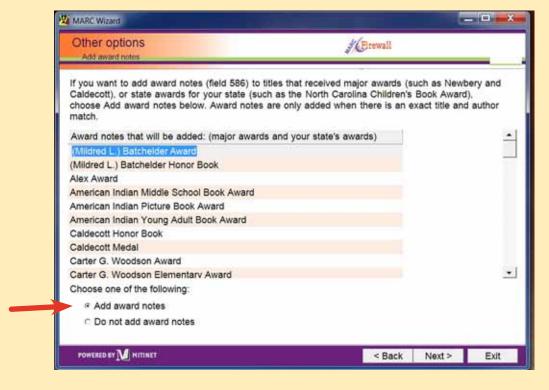


Miscellaneous Option: Scholastic Reading Counts® information. Note: If your students search subject headings for SRC information, choose Leave as is.





Miscellaneous Option: Award Notes. You can review the list of Award notes that will be added if you choose this option. Which state notes are added is based on your account information with us.



You only have the option to add award notes or not.

All available award notes are added when you choose this option.



Miscellaneous Option: 900-999 field cleanup.

You may opt to clear out unnecessary information in the 900 fields for your new MARC records.

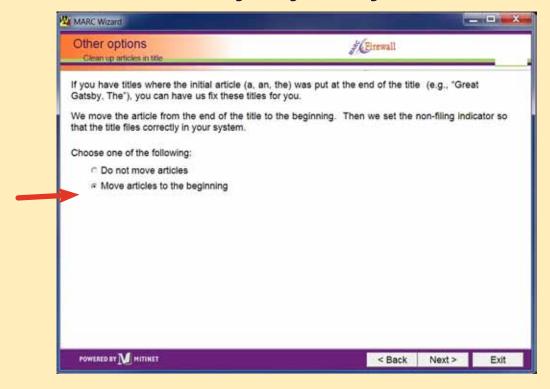


We do leave copy information appropriate for your library automation system in the MARC record.



Miscellaneous Option: Fix the initial article of the Title.

We move the article from the end of the title to the beginning and set the non-filing indicator to file the title correctly in your system.

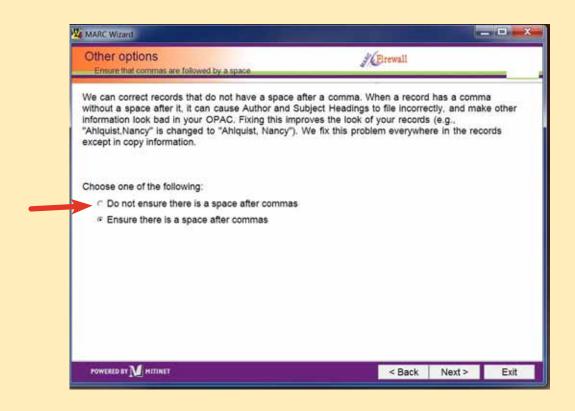


This option defaults to moving the articles.



Miscellaneous Option: Correcting commas.

We fix this problem everywhere except in copy information.



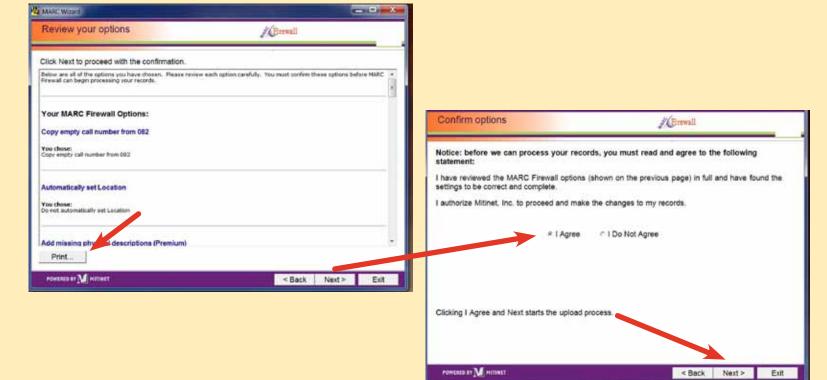
This is the last of the Miscellaneous Options.



Step 3: Submit Your Records.

Now that you've selected all your options, it's time to submit your records for updating. You must review all the options you set, before going forward with the updates.

We ask for confirmation before processing.



You can print a list of your selected options for your records.



Once you agree, your database is uploaded to the Mitinet server for processing.

MARC Firewall was designed for new records only.

File size is capped at 500 records.



You can close MARC Wizard at this point, and do other things while your database processes.

We email you when it's done.



Step 3: Submit your options.

When you get the email, you can go back in to move on to the next step in the process.



Great News!

MARC Wizard has completed your MARC Firewall job!

- 1. Double-click the Start MARC Wizard icon on your desktop.
- 2. Enter your password (ONLY if the box is empty) and click Login.
- 3. Click the MARC Firewall link.

Be sure to bring ALL of your new records from sources like Z39.50, Library of Congress, and vendor disks into MARC Firewall before they go into your automation system for circulation. MARC Firewall checks the structure and content of these records for high MARC quality. You can fix any problems that you find before they get into your library system, ensuring a clean, consistent, quality MARC database.

Thank you for choosing MARC Firewall!

Sincerely,

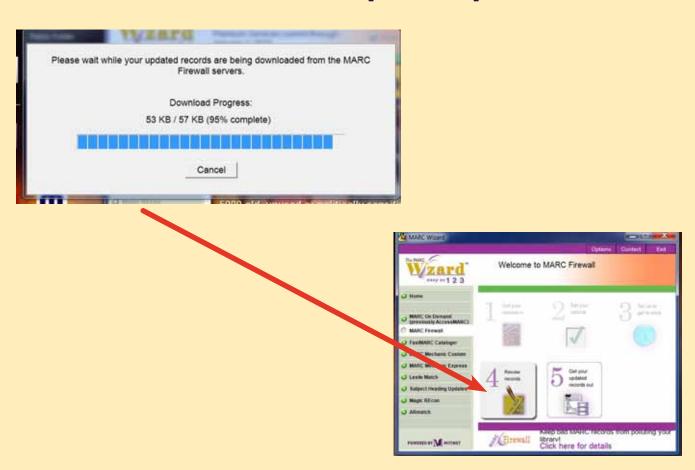
The MARC Wizard. Easy as 1, 2, 3.

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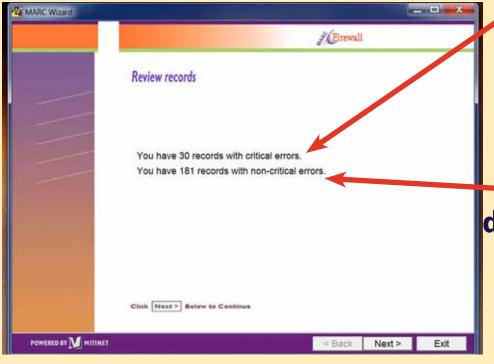
If you left MARC
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just go back to
the program to move
to the next step.



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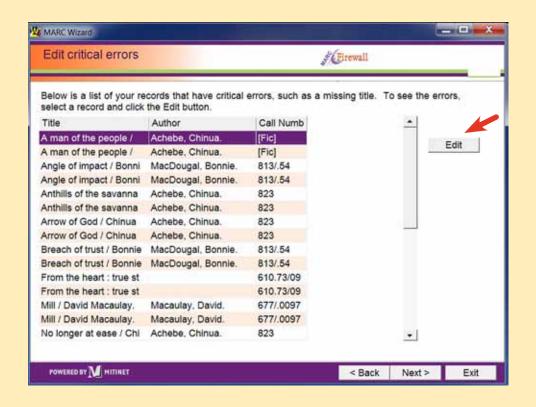


Critical errors must be fixed before the MARC record will work properly.

Non-critical errors don't have to be fixed for a MARC record to function, but it is recommended that you fix them.



Critical Error Review

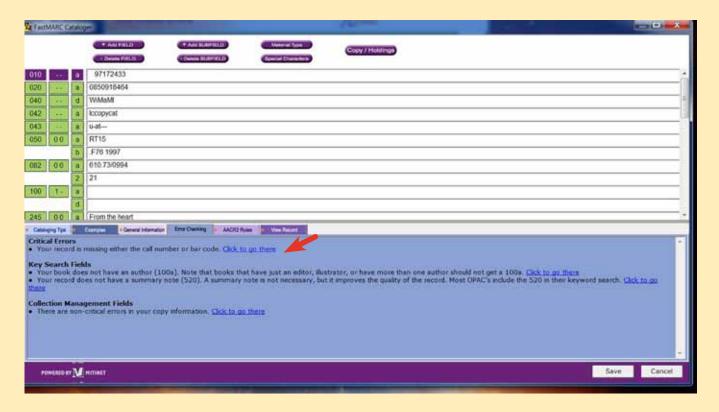


To view specific errors, click on a title.

To fix them, highlight the record and click on Edit.



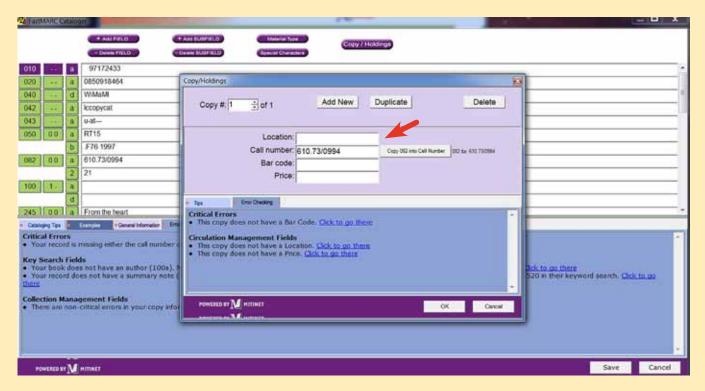
Fixing Critical Errors



When you click on a record to Edit the error, the cataloger opens, automatically, to the Error Checking screen where you can see the errors associated with that specific MARC record. Click on the error link to go to the field referenced in the error.



Copy/Holding Information



Depending on the options you selected, you can also fix or add Copy/Holding information before bringing the MARC records into your database.



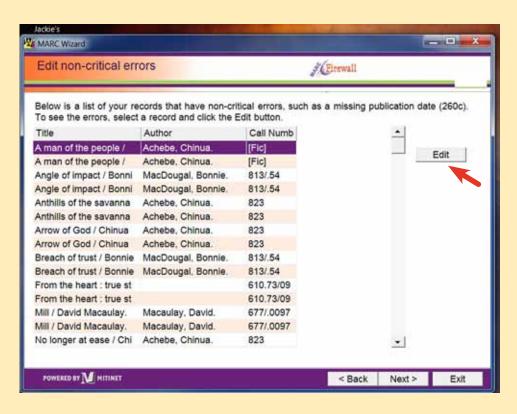
Step 4: Review & edit your records. Help Available



As with other Mitinet products, the Firewall cataloger comes with Tips and Examples for eah field, as well as easy access to applicable AACR2 rules for the field you're cursor is in.



Step 4: Review & edit your records. Non-Critical Errors



The method for reviewing and fixing these is the same as for the Critical Errors.



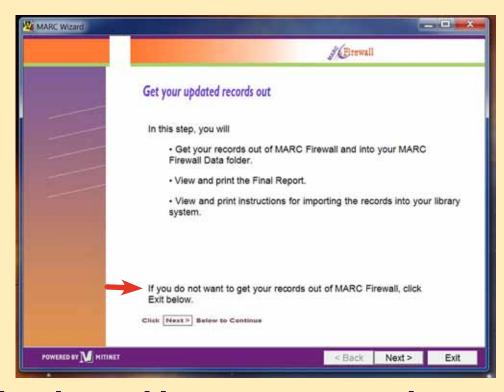
Step 4: Review & edit your records. Working in Stages



As with all of our Mitinet products, you can exit at any time and your work is saved.



Step 5: Import your new records. Get Your Updated Records Out

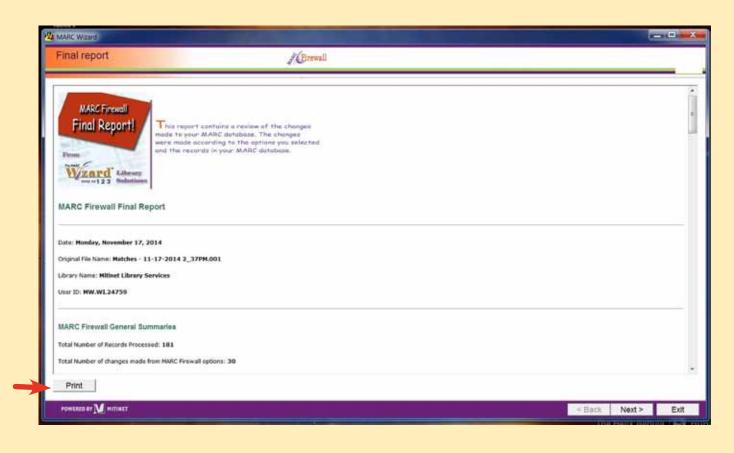


Remember that at this stage, you're getting your records out of MARC Firewall, and importing them into your library automation software.

If you aren't ready to take your records out of MARC Firewall yet, you can always use the Exit button to get out of Wizard.



Step 5: Import your new records. The Final Report

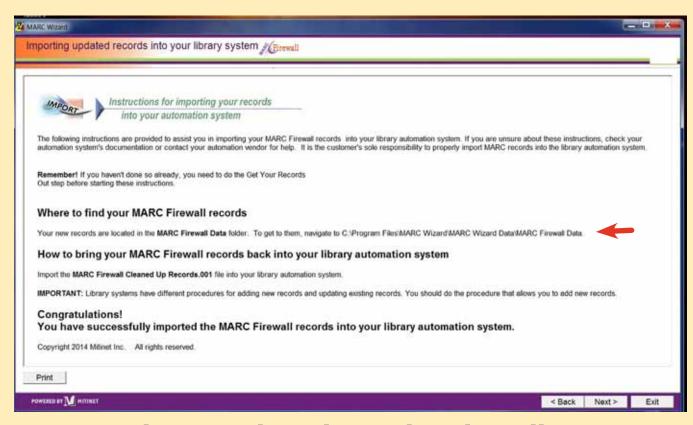


MARC Firewall creates a report listing all the changes made to your batch of new MARC records.

You can either review the changes on the screen or print the report for your files or later reference.



Step 5: Import your new records. Import Instructions



Remember to select the option that allows you to add new records to your database.



Step 5: Import your new records. If you leave MARC Firewall before printing your report...



It is still possible to find, open and/or print the report from the MARC Firewall Home page.



This is the end of our MARC Wizard MARC Firewall Overview.

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- → Or contact our *Technical Support Department* at 800-824-6272 Option #3

Thank you!