The former owners of the CRAI Biblioteca de Reserva (Universitat de Barcelona) and their database
Books mostly from suppressed friaries of Barcelona:
- 2,220 manuscripts
- 975 incunables (772 editions)
- 120,000 copies of books printed from 1501 to 1820
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Introduction

frequently not ranged in stacks according to their provenance

dispersal of volumes from a same edition
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Recording provenances: historical survey

From the beginning of online cataloguing (1986), provenance information recorded in copy-specific field as free text.

From 2009 a new system created:
- transcription of the mark & date in the copy specific field
- creation of authority records for the owners
- secondary entry for the owner in the bibliographic record
- launching of the database
All institutions are recorded in the database

A selection is applied in case of persons, based on:

- role in cultural and social history
- important presence in terms of number of copies
- belonging to specific groups (ex. women)
- singularity of the ownership mark itself
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Examples of persons selected for their role in cultural and social history:

- Bernardo Aldrete, humanist from Málaga, 17th cent. [XVII-8598]

- Federico da Montefeltro, Italian condottiero, lord of Urbino, 15th cent. [Inc. 209-1]
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Examples of persons selected for their conspicuous presence in the collection:

- Baltasar Gandullo, parochial vicar in Vilanova de Cubelles, 18th cent.
  [B-59/7/9]
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Examples of persons selected for their belonging to specific groups, like women:

- Juliana Morell, humanist from Barcelona, 16th-17th cent. [XVI-802]

- Manuel de Pazos y Montenegro, hermit in Sant Marc de Manresa, 18th sec. [B-77/4/5]
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Examples of persons selected for the singularity of the ownership mark itself:

- Vicenç Desclapés, probably a student, 18th cent. [B-18/6/1]
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A quick view (33.72 percent of the total number of copies)
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A quick view

Advantages of a local collection: Josep Bori i Santinyà

[B-54/1/1; XVII-6983]
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http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/posseidors/home_eng.htm
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The authority records

- cataloguing software Millennium, format Marc21, AACRR2

- authors index in the OPAC “(ant. pos.)”

- UB authority records catalogue
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The authority records

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The authority records

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**Carbonell, Pere Miquel, 1434-1517**

- **Identification**: VIAF
- **Place of birth and death**: Barcelona, Catalunya
- **Gender**: Masculí

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**Emprat per**
- Carbonell, i de Soler, Pere Miquel
- Carbonell, Pedro Miquel, 1434-1517
- Carbonell i de Soler, Pere Miquel, 1434-1517
- Carbonell, Pere Miquel

**Font**
- Cròniques d’Espanya, 1997: port. (Pere Miquel Carbonell)
- GEC (en línia), 26 oct. 2009 (Pere Miquel Carbonell i de Soler, n. Barcelona, 1434, m. Barcelona, 1517, historiador i humanista)
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Examples:

1. authority record (person) not in the database

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990 |Autors||SES-BaUB
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**Examples:**

2. authority record (person) in the database
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Examples:

3. authority record (institution) in the database
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Marc tags are converted in different fields of the database.

**Example of personal entry:**

Giuseppe Renato Imperiali

**Example of corporate entry:**

Convent de Sant Francesc de Paula de Barcelona
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The search: [http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/posseidors/cerca_eng.htm](http://www.bib.ub.edu/fileadmin/posseidors/cerca_eng.htm)
Conclusions

Needs and limitations:
- bigger presence on the web
- cooperative projects with Catalan and Spanish libraries
- not all the persons in the database
- description of bindings and coats of arms

But:
- we take part of Rebiun, MEI and CERL Thesaurus
- in the near future: new cataloguing software, RDF format and RDA
- working on provenances enhances the library collection
- ... and fun
Thank you
Gracias