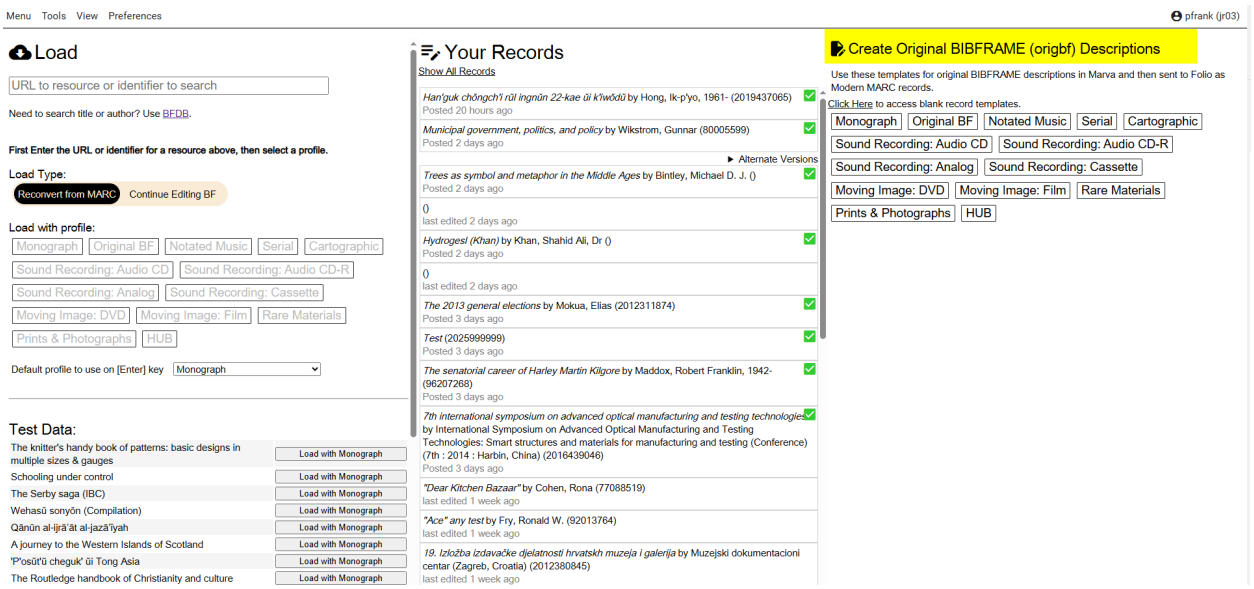
Appendix J: Creating New Descriptions in Marva

Before July 2025, Marva could only work with an existing MARC bibliographic record in the MARC ILS (Voyager, and for a short time starting on June 30, 2025, Folio). This was because Marva required a local system identifier for the MARC bibliographic record to facilitate import, matching, and overlaying the original MARC record with the Modern MARC record.

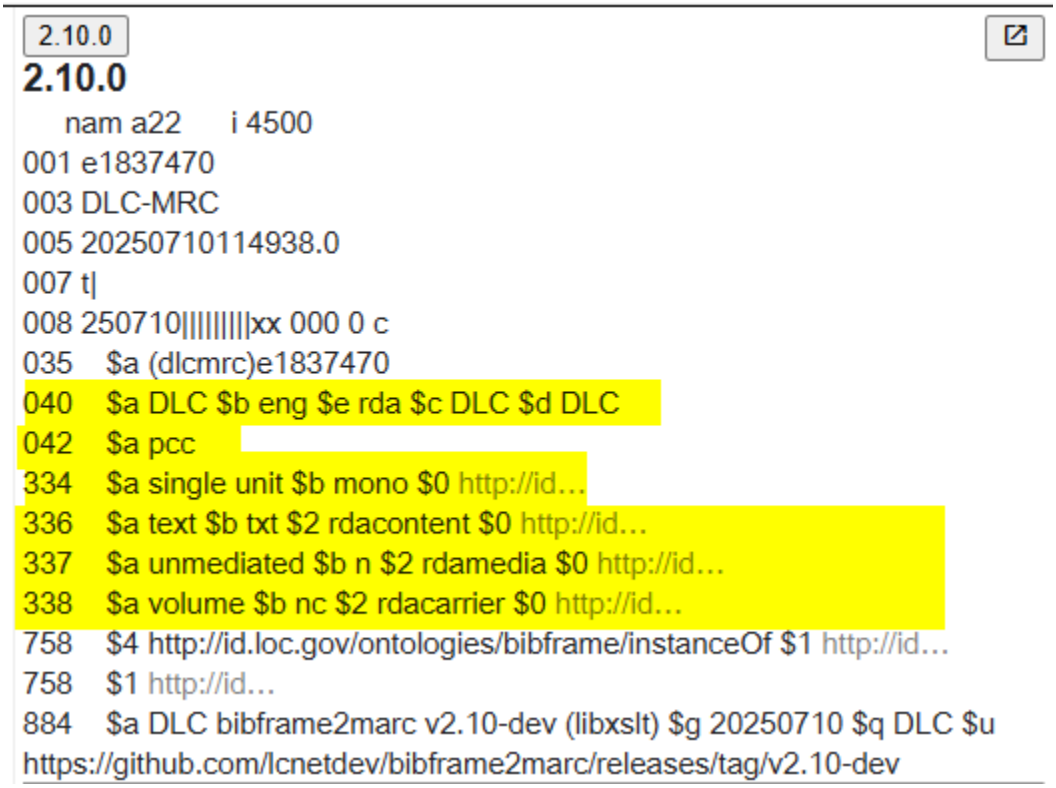
In July 2025, functionality was added to Marva to allow "native" BIBFRAME descriptions (origbf) to be created in Marva. This functionality will allow Marva to be used as the sole cataloging interface for new descriptions.

There is no limit on the level of bibliographic descriptions that can be created natively in Marva, as long as the format is approved for use in Marva. For example, as of July 2025, only monographic resources are being described in Marva. So any monograph resource that is not represented already by a MARC record in Folio can be described directly in Marva – IBC description, resource description, completely-cataloged description, etc.

To create a new description in Marva, use one of the templates in the Create Original BIBFRAME (origbf) Descriptions panel.



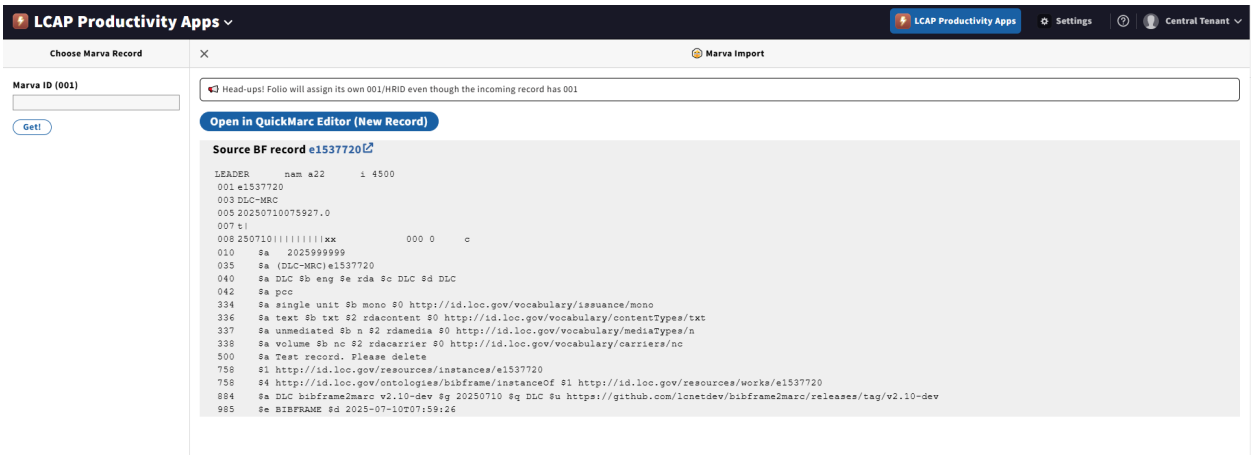
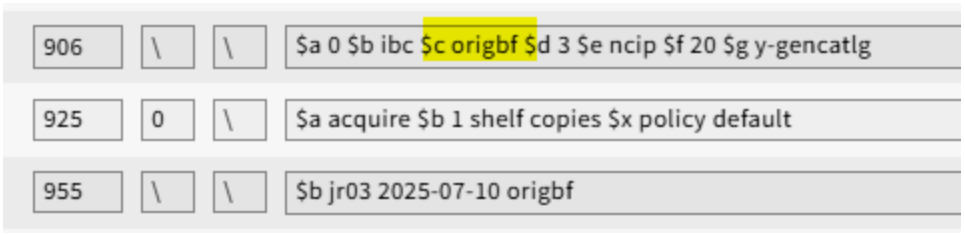
Click on Tools → Add All Defaults. This will add the RDA Content type, Media type, and Carrier type, the Mode of issuance, and will set the authentication to pcc. It will also identify the cataloging code as RDA.



Be sure to assign an LCCN in the Instance LCCN Identifier component. The spacing values for the LCCN will be correct in the Modern MARC record. There is no need to regularize the spacing in Marva.

Complete work in Marva to the point where you are done with the description.

Save, Validate, Post. Send to Folio by clicking on the Open in LCAP icon in Marva



Open in QuickMarc Editor (New Record) and add 906, 925, and 955 data. Use origbf for the 906 subfield $c value