



A Quick Cataloguer Demo

Often we want a catalogue of images without needing an entire official subject tracing record, say using LCSH, and also want to integrate the quick records into a larger system. So here's a Quick Cataloguer Script for creating records based on your own tags and searching the index for subsets.

Define the tags you want.

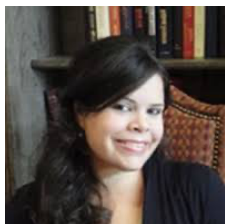
1. First, define your labels; for instance, Americana, Boston, Zebras and so on. Best to make an alphabetical or thematic order.
2. Use a text editor and open the file **quick_cat_descriptors.txt**. There are a couple of placeholder lines for a demo. Delete the demos and enter your own descriptors - one descriptor on each line.
3. Save the file.
4. This file is read by the program and a check box is associated with each descriptor name.

Create Records

1. Select the "Load Folder" option.
 - a. Any file with a common media extension (.gif, .jpeg, .jpg, .png, .tif, .tiff) regardless of capitalization will be included.
2. Once the folder has been successfully selected, the navigation buttons (Next and Prev) become active. Press the Next > to sequence thru the candidate images.
 - a. When you reach the end of the images, an image counter resets to the first image.
3. Check your tags and optional info.
 - a. When you press the Next button, if you've checked any tags, these are added to an index. The index file is a tab-delimited one called **quick-cat-index-1.txt**.

Search your Records:

1. Instead of loading a folder to start, click the tags you want for search terms.
2. Press the Search button.
 - a. The index file (quick-cat-index-1.txt) is searched and you can now view the files using the Next button.
3. Optionally you can output the search results
 - a. as a .json file or
 - b. as an .html page
4. Output options: the .json file template is just the data output in .json format. Tell the programmer if you want an industrial or professional standard, like VRA, to be integrated.
 - a. The HTML option creates an attractive, responsive-web-design page. If there are more than 100 matches, the script distributes the images over 3 pages.



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