

International Standard Name Identifier ISNI - ISNI.org

*For Authors, Researchers, Inventors,
Performers, Organizations, and Other
Contributors*

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What is ISNI

- ISO-certified global standard (ISO 27729)
- Numerical representation of your name for linking accuracy (transliteration, same names)
- Identifies contributors to content creation
 - Researchers
 - Inventors
 - Institutions
 - Authors
 - Publishers
 - Musicians
 - Composers
 - Political figures
 - Actors
 - Music/film studios
 - Bloggers
 - Any person or organization who contributes to or is the subject of content

Interoperability with ORCID

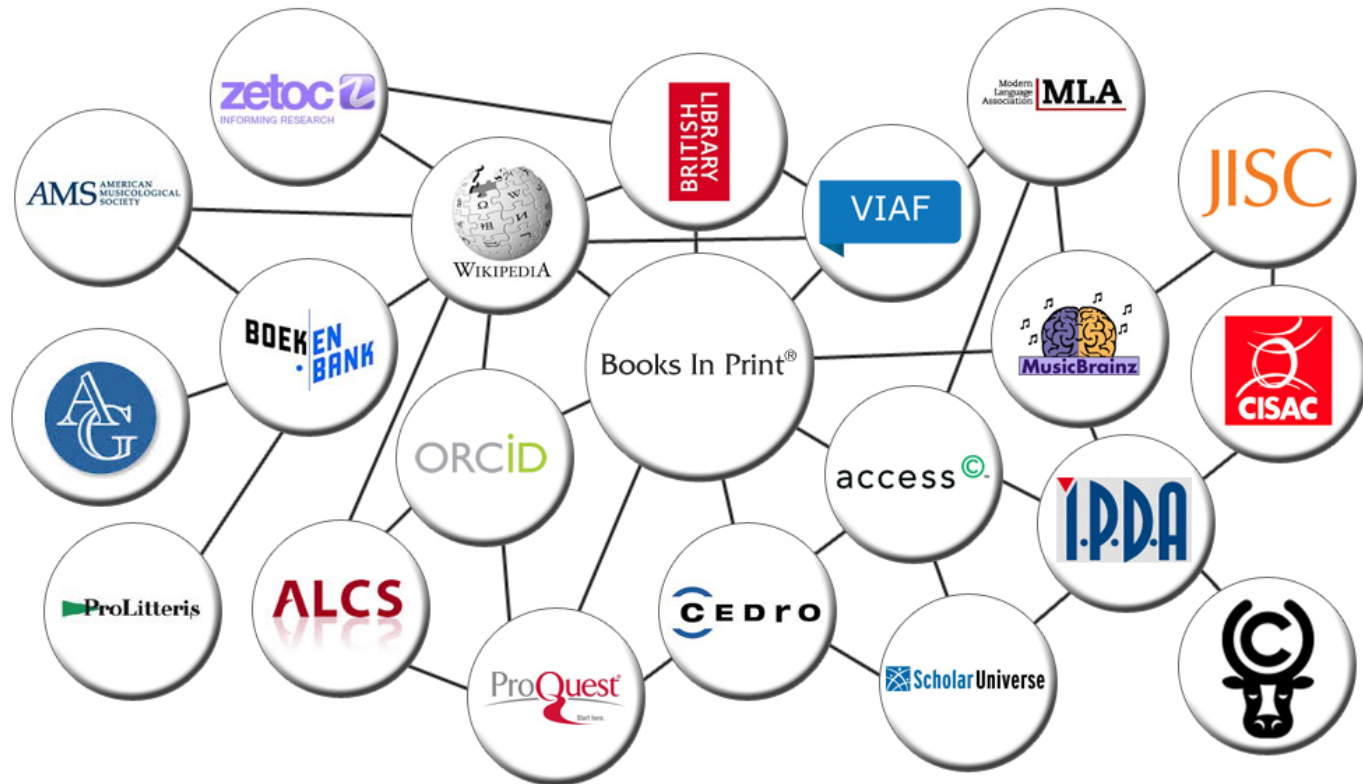
- ORCID numbers are a subset of ISNI's database
- There is ISNI representation on the ORCID Technical Steering Group
- At this stage, a researcher may have both an ORCID and an ISNI, but the two organizations are working on aligning towards single assignment

What does ISNI do?

- Unambiguously identifies a public identity
- Assigns a *persistent* and *unique* identifier
- Provides link resolution between disparate data sets

ISNI links

- Standard identification of researcher names
- Bridge identifier linking disparate data sets



Who is ISNI?

- IFFRO
- OCLC
- British Library
- Bibliothèque Nationale Français
- CISAC
- ProQuest – the only for-profit organization on the board.

Why Should I Use ISNI?

- Data quality
 - ISNI applications are systematically reviewed, merged, de-duped
 - Manual correction is part of the process as needed (teams from British Library and Bibliothèque Nationale)
 - Deprecated ISNIs remain linked and resolve to current ISNIs

Why Should I Use ISNI?

- Link to larger web
 - Bridge identifier across multiple domains (music professor, e.g., linking across academic and music databases)
 - Critical component in Linked Data and Semantic Web applications
 - Pseudonym functionality if you want to publish your work that way

Who is getting ISBNs?

- JISC Names
- British Library Theses
- ProQuest Theses
- MLA
- Worldcat Theses
- ZETOC
- Books in Print
- Ringgold
- CISAC
- Many other data sets

Who is using ISNIs?

- Wikipedia/Wikidata
- VIAF
- Access Copyright
- ProQuest's Scholar Universe
- British Library
- JISC
- Worldcat
- Musicbrainz
- Booknet Canada (piloting)
- PLUS (piloting)

Einstein's Wikipedia Page

Albert Einstein

Copley Medallists of 1901–1950

Nobel Laureates in Physics (1901–1925)

Philosophy of science

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How many names in the ISNI database?

- 6,800,000 assigned
- 10,112,931 provisional (awaiting a match from another data set for corroboration)
- You may well already have an ISNI! For free!
<http://www.isni.org/search>.