Cataloguing Styles and IDs

How do you allocate IDs to your items?

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1-to-N

1-to-N is an integer (numbers only) based system. Each item in the database has a unique number ID.

Listing current toys

1615 current toys found

Total purchase price is $103,191.36 (note that 112 toys do not have a purchase price listed, and 32 toys have a purchase price of $0 listed), the average purchase price is $68.66

Total replacement price is $114,415.31 (note that 59 toys do not have a replacement price listed, and 3 toys have a replacement price of $0 listed), the average replacement price is $73.53

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ID ▲	Name	Status	Date purchased	Category	Age Range	Manufacturer	Edit
1	LITTLE YELLOW SLIDE	In library	1995-06-01	A: Active/Outdoor	1+		Edit
2	Cluedo	In library	2023-09-30	G: Games	7+	Hasbro	Edit
3	Stop And Go Market	On loan	2022-12-21	A: Active/Outdoor	2+	Step2	Edit
4	Rody the Hoppy Horse	On loan	2021-02-08	A: Active/Outdoor			Edit
5	Little People Animal Rescue	In library	2022-08-25	M: Imaginative	2+	Fisher Price	Edit
6	Chester the PonyCycle	On loan	2015-11-17	A: Active/Outdoor	3+	Ponycycle	Edit
7	Healthy Tummy Brekkie Set	In library	2022-08-19	M: Imaginative	3+	Make Me Iconic	Edit
8	PARTY HIRE Potato Sack Race set	In library	2023-07-04	P: Party Hire Toys	2+		Edit
9	Magnetic rods and balls	On loan	2023-01-18	S: STEM/School Skills	3+	Kmart	Edit
10	Assorted Potatoheads	On loan	2005-02-11	M: Imaginative	2+	Hasbro	Edit
11	Frozen Floor puzzle	In library	2023-09-19	J: Puzzles	3+		Edit
12	Super Hero Capes	In library	2022-08-20	D: Dress Ups	3+		Edit
13	Under the Sea Dress Up Set	On loan	2014-09-25	D: Dress Ups	2+		Edit

When items are deleted, their ID will become available again for new items, but they will still be listed under that ID in any list or report that includes deleted items.

Listing all toys (including deleted)

31 toys found of a total possible of 28 current toys (110.71%)

Total purchase price of toys is $1,600.00 (104.92%)

Total replacement price of toys is $778.20 (104.71%)

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ID	Name	Location	# pieces	# times loaned	Purchase price	Replacement price	Category	Age Range	Manufacturer	Supplier	Sponsor	Edit
10	Deleted Toy	Deleted	0		$15.00	$15.00	G	3+	Melissa & Doug	Modern Brands	Santa	Edit
10	Climbing Net	On loan	10		$200.00	$0.00	PH	3+				Edit

When creating a new item, the system will automatically allocate the next available ID. IDs can be changed, but must be whole numbers (no letters, special characters, or leading zeroes ie 001) and not be used by any other "current" item.

As IDs are not linked to categories, items can be moved between categories easily without requiring an ID change.

TTC-variations

TTC stands for Toy Type Category. These cataloguing styles will include the code of their categories (whether numbers or letters), followed by numbers. Codes can be up to 50 characters in length, but we strongly recommend limiting to a maximum of 3 characters if you intend on using a Cataloguing style that includes the category code (excessively long category codes may not work in certain labels).

Numbers are unique within categories (ie A001, B001, and T001 are 3 different items).

When items are deleted, their ID will become available again for new items, but they will still be listed under that ID in any list or report that includes deleted items. When creating a new toy, the ID is automatically created based on the Category selected - a list of "Smallest Available Codes" will be shown at the top of the page to help guide selection.

Moving toys between categories will require changing the ID to have the correct TTC, and can be very difficult to manage (ie you decide item C005 is better off in category G. If there is no G005, you can just update the ID to be G005 when you change the category, but if G005 already exists you will need to find a different ID entirely).

Padded styles

Padding means leading zeros will be added to the number part of the code to make up the total digits required. Numbers in the category code do not count towards the digits required (ie an item with a category code of 11 would still have 001 added to the end to make 11001, or A3 would have A3001).

TTC3

<CategoryCode><3 digit number> ie. A123, FM003, 99039 (where a category has a code of 99)

TTC3 categories have a limit of 999 items - TTC cannot support IDs in the 1000s (so A1000 is invalid).

Listing current toys

95 current toys found

Total purchase price is $273.00 (note that 82 toys do not have a purchase price listed, and 5 toys have a purchase price of $0 listed), the average purchase price is $21.00

Total replacement price is $960.00 (note that 75 toys do not have a replacement price listed, and 0 toys have a replacement price of $0 listed), the average replacement price is $48.00

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ID	Name	Status	Date purchased	Category	Age Range	Manufacturer	Edit
E048	Doll & Carrier	In library	2023-10-27	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 3+		Edit
A005	Dimpl Duo	In library	2023-10-26	A: Activity	Age 1+	Fat Brain	Edit
C016	Squigz	In library	2023-10-26	C: Construction	Age 3+	Fat Brain	Edit
C017	Magnetika Discovery Tiles	In library	2023-10-26	C: Construction	Age 3+	Other	Edit
E044	Shake It Bluey	In library	2023-10-26	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 3+	Vtech	Edit
E045	Mighty Echo Microphone	In library	2023-10-26	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 1+	Hape	Edit
E046	Count Along Cash Register	In library	2023-10-26	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 3+	Vtech	Edit
E047	Musical Rainbow Tea Party	In library	2023-10-26	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 2+	Leap Frog	Edit
E318	Ruff's House Tactile Set	In library	2023-10-21	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 3+	Other	Edit
C015	Cow Shape Sorter	In library	2023-09-06	C: Construction	Age 0 - 2 years	I'm Toy	Edit
E043	Dinosaurs	In library	2023-09-06	E: Expression and Imagination	Age 3+		Edit
C012	Puzzle Playmat Hedgehog	In library	2023-08-20	C: Construction	Age 0 - 2 years		Edit
C013	Hedgehog Colour & Number Quills Figure	In library	2023-08-20	C: Construction	Age 0 - 2 years		Edit

Not Padded Styles

Not padded means that items are given the next sequential number, no leading zeroes. Items with this style won't have a consistent length ID (A1 (2 characters), A25 (3 characters), A922 (4 characters) etc) but does have the benefit of shorter ID options, which can be useful if handwriting codes on multiple pieces.

TTC-not-padded

<CategoryCode><next available number> ie A123, FM3, 9939

Numbers do not have leading 0s. Numbers can go as high as required (ie A123456 and beyond).

TTC-not-padded-no-validation

Follows the creation rules of TTC-not-padded but will still allow existing items with non-valid IDs to function as normal. Intended as a transition-phase style - can be risky if used long term (ie will allow A001 and A1 to both exist, or allow toys to be moved to a different category without updating the ID to have the right TTC).

Listing current toys

2281 current toys found

Total purchase price is $78,037.40 (note that 534 toys do not have a purchase price listed, and 550 toys have a purchase price of $0 listed), the average purchase price is $44.67

Total replacement price is $130,198.82 (note that 248 toys do not have a replacement price listed, and 147 toys have a replacement price of $0 listed), the average replacement price is $64.04

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ID	Name	Status	At Branch	Shelf	Date purchased	Category	Age Range	Manufacturer	Edit
F121	Multi Match Sensory Discs	On loan			2024-03-31	F: School skills/Fine Motor	1+	GUIDECRAFT	Edit
L59	Magformers Magnetic building blocks	On loan			2024-03-31	L: Construction & Blocks	3+		Edit
L60	Mobilo Construction Set	On loan			2024-03-31	L: Construction & Blocks	3+	MOBILO	Edit
S23	HAPE Digger & Grabber	On loan			2024-03-31	S: Gross Motor (Shed)	2+	Hape	Edit
B59	Busy Hands Box	In library	Coolbellup		2024-03-27	B: Cause and Effect, Beginner	0+	Fisher Price	Edit
L58	Magnetic Open Shapes	On loan			2024-03-27	L: Construction & Blocks	3+		Edit
D22	Emma Memma (Size 1-3)	In library	Coolbellup		2024-03-26	D: Dress Ups			Edit
D28	Rapunzel Dress (Size 3 - 6)	In library	Coolbellup		2024-03-26	D: Dress Ups	3+	RUBIES COSTUMES	Edit
D6	Hulk Costime (Size 3 - 5)	In library	Coolbellup		2024-03-26	D: Dress Ups	3+	RUBIES COSTUMES	Edit
D7	Frozen Elsa Dress (Size 4 - 6)	On loan			2024-03-26	D: Dress Ups	4+	RUBIES COSTUMES	Edit
P143	Giant Batman Xtreme Super Friends	On loan			2024-03-26	P: Playsets (Houses, Animals, Castles, etc)	3+	Imaginext	Edit
L56	Colour frames blocks	On loan			2024-03-25	L: Construction & Blocks	3+		Edit
L57	Gigo Junior Engineer	On loan			2024-03-25	L: Construction & Blocks	2+		Edit
A223	Wooden Rolling Reflective Box	On loan			2024-03-23	A: Gross Motor (Indoors)	0+		Edit
F105	GoGo Toys Balance Game	In library	Coolbellup		2024-03-22	F: School skills/Fine Motor	3+	GOGO TOYS	Edit

No Style

no-style is an open, non-validated style (aside from uniqueness). IDs are manually allocated and can contain letters, numbers and/or special characters (including spaces). This style has more flexibility, but also less protection - it will consider "A1", "A 1", "A001", "A0 01", and "A 001" all different items.

Special characters may cause certain labels and functions to fail.

no-style does not offer next available ID (as there are no rules to tell it what comes next).