

Best Source for Publisher and Publication Date

In reviewing the changes that take place on purchase order records, the reporting team has concluded that the best source for publisher and publication date field data is the MARC record. The MARC record is what populates the `inventory_instances` table for publisher and publication date, so this is fine to use as well.

The `po_lines` table in the LDP and Metadb includes data fields for publisher and publication date that may not be populated for all records.

If you need to tie purchase order lines with publisher and publisher date, you can use the derived table `po_instance`, which connects purchase orders with instances.

Tables that are derived from the `po_lines` table, such as `po_instance`, may or may not have the publisher and publication date. The `instance_publication` derived table has multiples of publisher and publication date. The 1.7 Poppy version of `instance_publication` uses ordinality, which will help prevent these multiples.