How to read a source in WAN ACEL

What this guide is

A short guide written by the WAN ACEL editorial team. It explains how source records, curated learning pages and the in-page reader fit together. It is a project document, not a historical source, and it is used here to test the reader.

Source records

A source record describes one book, scan, recording, map, interview or website: who made it, when, for whom, what it covers and what it does not. Having a source record does not mean the original file is public.

Curated records

A curated record is a fresh, short explanation written for learners. Every factual statement links back to the source records it depends on, with a page or section locator where one exists.

Who can read an original file

Public

Rights are cleared for public reading. The file opens in the reader. Downloading is offered only if the rights allow it.

Community members

The file is shown only to signed-in members of the relevant community, through a short-lived link created after an access check.

Reviewers

Only assigned reviewers, stewards and administrators can read it.

Restricted or unknown rights

The original is not shown. Visitors see the citation, the curator's summary and a way to request access. Unknown rights are never treated as permission.

Page locators

Printed pages and file pages

Many books number their opening pages with roman numerals (i, ii, iii). The reader keeps the printed page label separate from the position of the page in the file, so a citation to 'p. iii' opens the right page.

Opening at a page

A citation link such as 'Open source at page 3' opens this reader and scrolls to that page. If a page cannot be located, the link says so instead of guessing.

Try it

Use the page box, the previous and next buttons, zoom, fit width, the thumbnails and full screen. This is page 3 of 4.

Corrections and access requests

Report a problem

Every source page has a 'Report a correction' action. Tell us what is wrong and where, and we will review it and keep a record of the change.

Request access

If an original is restricted, you can ask for access. Requests go to the people responsible for that material; access is not automatic.

AI and sources

Ask WAN ACEL answers only from public, approved curated records. It does not read private originals, internal OCR text or unreviewed submissions.