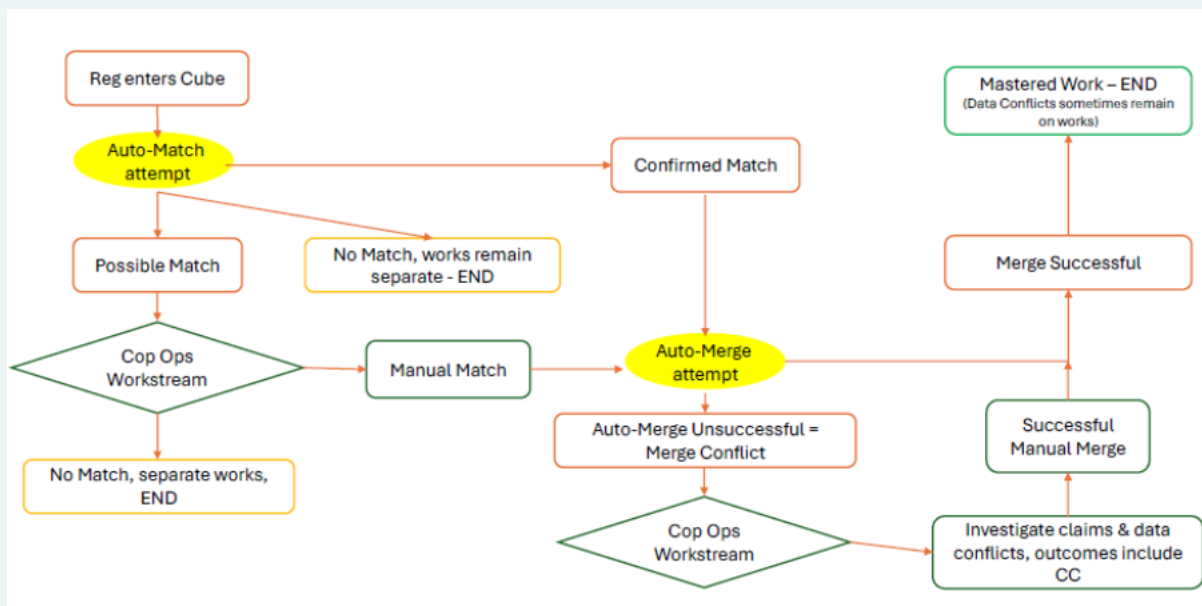


Match, Merge, Counterclaim: Data Policy at ICE

Definition: Data Policy is the ruleset that enables ICE to categorize data conflicts between works and, ideally, resolve them automatically.

Key components: Matching, Merging, Counterclaims

1. **Match Types**
 - a. No Match: No matching existing work record found.
 - b. Possible Match: A partially matching existing work record found.
 - c. Confirmed Match: An existing work record is found with certainty.
2. **Merge Conflicts**
 - a. Confirmed Match cannot be processed automatically if author or publisher data does not match.
3. **Data Conflicts**
 - a. Data can be processed or merged automatically based on authority rules.
4. **Counterclaims**
 - a. Counterclaims arise when a merge conflict cannot be resolved manually.



Objective: Avoid 'Possible Matches' so that works can be registered directly. Only 'Confirmed Matches' are processed automatically.

Best Practices to avoid Possible Matches:

Author information must match

Matching is based on IPI or last name and first initial of the first name (excluding DP authors).

Original titles must match

Matching based on alternative titles always results in a 'Possible Match', never a 'Confirmed Match'.

Intended Use and Genre should match

Works can still become a Confirmed Match without Intended Use and Genre, but matching probability is significantly increased when these values are present.

The rules are slightly adjusted for works of the types '**FILM/TV/LIB**' and '**Serious Music**'.

See *Matching Rules* in the appendix.

