

TO: Joint Steering Committee for Revision of AACR
FROM: Alan Danskin, British Library representative to JSC
SUBJECT: Rule revision proposals relating to technical description of digital media

BL thanks ALA for its proposal.

General Comments

BL notes that it has not had time to evaluate the proposal in the context of the RDA/ONIX recommendations.

BL has the following specific comments on the proposal.

3.4 Data elements

File format is not part of extent.. **File size** and **duration** may legitimately be treated as sub-elements of **extent**, but **file format** is an independent element.

Order of elements

Format is the most influential element for selecting a manifestation and should therefore be presented first .

3.4.0.10. File format [new].

BL supports the recommendation for generalising the approach to other media, but file format does not belong under extent. .

3.4.0.11. File size [new].

Agreed.

3.1.4 b

Agree with proposed revision.

3.4.4.1

Not clear under what circumstances the file format would not be important. Suggest deleting this caveat.

No further comments.