

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
From: Alan Danskin, British Library Representative
Subject: Revision of 0.6 Core Elements

Abstract

This is a proposal to restructure section 0.6 of RDA, to generalise the scope to cover all elements and to reduce duplication of information in RDA.

Background

Arising from the discussion of JSC/DNB/3, at JSC's meeting in Washington, D.C. in November 2013, the British Library was given an action to draft a revision to section 0.6 of RDA. DNB reviewed the draft before it was shared with JSC and some changes were made subsequently.

Justification

The discussion of JSC/DNB/3 identified the need for additional guidance in section 0.6.1 to clarify core requirements. Changes to 0.6.1 and the related instructions at 2.3.4.3 and 2.5.2.3 (6JSC/Sec/11) were agreed at the November 2013 JSC meeting in Washington (M415), and these were published in the April 2014 RDA Update. However, it was acknowledged that a comprehensive review of section 0.6 is required and would lay the groundwork for application profiles.

Issues to be resolved

- Section 0.6 is captioned "Core Elements", however the scope is not restricted to core elements. There is a paragraph for each section of RDA many of which do not contain any core elements.
- Is it necessary to list the core elements in the introduction? The core elements are listed at the beginning of each chapter and clearly identified in the text.
- If the core elements are not listed in 0.6 where should they be listed?
 - Could a core view of element set be generated in OMR?
 - Element Analysis Table
 - Toolkit Element Set
 - New RDA Appendix
- The publication of an RDA element set as unconstrained elements may require explanation or at least reference in the Introduction.

Impact assessment

- Removing explicit list of core elements from the RDA Introduction will reduce editorial overhead, particularly if the list can be generated from the OMR.
- Replacing the list of core elements with a link works in the toolkit, but may need a different solution in the print, e.g. an Appendix.

Recommendations for changes

1. Change the caption at 0.6 from Core Elements to RDA Elements
2. Add new section to make general statements about element
3. Renumber Core Elements
4. Generalise the guidance to replace explicit listing of core elements with external link to authoritative list of elements
5. Explicitly mention cardinality

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0.6 ~~Core Elements~~ RDA Elements

0.6.1 General

The elements in RDA for describing a resource generally reflect the attributes and relationships associated with the FRBR entities work, expression, manifestation, and item

The elements in RDA for describing entities associated with a resource generally reflect the attributes and relationships associated with the FRAD entities person, family, corporate body, and place.

0.6.2 General ^{2014/04} Core Elements

Certain elements in RDA are identified as core elements.

The RDA core elements for describing resources were selected according to the FRBR assessment of the value of each attribute and relationship in supporting the following user tasks:¹

identify and *select* a manifestation

identify works and expressions embodied in a manifestation

identify the creator or creators of a work.

The RDA core elements for describing entities associated with resources were selected according to the FRAD assessment of the value of each attribute and relationship in supporting the following user tasks:²

find a person, family, or corporate body associated with a resource

identify a person, family, or corporate body.

The elements identified in RDA as core elements are listed at ~~0.6.2 RDA~~–~~0.6.9 RDA~~.
<[link to authoritative source](#)>.

0.6.3. Cardinality

Elements may occur as often as is required. No more than one instance of a core element is required. Other instances are optional.

0.6.4. Conformance

As a minimum, a resource description for a work, expression, manifestation, or item should include all the core elements that are applicable and readily ascertainable. The

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description should also include any additional elements that are required in a particular case to differentiate the resource from one or more other resources with similar identifying information.

A description of an entity associated with a resource should include all the core elements that are applicable and readily ascertainable. The description should also include any additional elements that are required in a particular case to differentiate the entity from one or more other entities with the same name or title.

The inclusion of other specific elements or subsequent instances of these elements is optional. The agency responsible for creating the data may choose:

- a) to establish policies and guidelines on levels of description and authority control to be applied either generally or to specific categories of resources and other entities

or

- b) to leave decisions on the level of detail to the judgment of the cataloguer or the individual creating the data.

0.6.2 Section 1: Recording Attributes of Manifestation and Item

When recording data identifying and describing a manifestation or item, include as a minimum all the following elements that are applicable and readily ascertainable:

Title

~~Title Proper~~

Statement of Responsibility

~~Statement of responsibility relating to title proper (if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

Edition statement

~~Designation of edition~~

~~Designation of a named revision of an edition~~

Numbering of serials

~~Numeric and/or alphabetic designation of first issue or part of sequence (for first or only sequence)~~

~~Chronological designation of first issue or part of sequence (for first or only sequence)~~

~~Numeric and/or alphabetic designation of last issue or part of sequence (for last or only sequence)~~

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Production statement

~~Date of production (for a resource in an unpublished form)~~

Publication statement

~~Place of publication (if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

~~Publisher's name (if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

~~Date of publication~~

Distribution statement

~~Place of distribution (for a published resource, if place of publication not identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

~~Distributor's name (for a published resource, if publisher not identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

~~Date of distribution (for a published resource, if date of publication not identified)~~

Manufacture statement

~~Place of manufacture (for a published resource, if neither place of publication nor place of distribution identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

~~Manufacturer's name (for a published resource, if neither publisher nor distributor identified; if more than one, only the first recorded is required)~~

~~Date of manufacture (for a published resource, if neither date of publication, date of distribution, nor copyright date identified)~~

Copyright date

~~Copyright date (if neither date of publication nor date of distribution identified)~~

Series statement

~~Title proper of series~~

~~Numbering within series~~

~~Title proper of subseries~~

~~Numbering within subseries~~

Identifier for the manifestation

~~Identifier for the manifestation (if more than one, prefer an internationally recognized identifier if applicable)~~

Carrier type

~~Carrier type~~

Extent

~~Extent (only if the resource is complete or if the total extent is known)~~

0.6.3 Section 2: Recording Attributes of Work and Expression LC-PCC PS 2014/04

~~When recording data identifying a work, include as a minimum the following elements that are applicable and readily ascertainable:~~

~~Preferred title for the work~~

~~Identifier for the work~~

~~The preferred title is the basis for the authorized access point representing the work. When constructing that access point, precede the preferred title, if appropriate, by the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body responsible for the work (see [6.27.1 RDA](#)).~~

~~If the preferred title for a work is the same as or similar to a title for a different work, or to a name for a person, family, or corporate body, differentiate them by recording as many of the additional identifying elements in the following list as necessary. Record these elements as separate elements, as parts of the access point representing the work, or as both.~~

~~Form of work~~

~~Date of work~~

Place of origin of the work

Other distinguishing characteristic of the work

When identifying a musical work with a title that is not distinctive, record as many of the following elements as are applicable. For musical works with distinctive titles, record as many of the following elements as necessary to differentiate the work from others with the same title. Record the elements as separate elements, as parts of the access point representing the work, or as both.

Medium of performance

Numeric designation of a musical work

Key

When recording data identifying an expression, include as a minimum the following elements that are applicable to that expression. Record the elements as separate elements, as parts of the access point representing the expression, or as both.

Identifier for the expression

Content type

Language of expression

Record as many of the additional identifying elements in the following list as necessary to differentiate one expression of a work from another. Record the elements as separate elements, as parts of the access point representing the expression, or as both.

Date of expression

Other distinguishing characteristic of the expression

When describing a cartographic expression, include as a minimum the following additional elements that are applicable to that expression:

Horizontal scale of cartographic content

Vertical scale of cartographic content

0.6.4 Section 3: Recording Attributes of Person, Family, and Corporate Body LC-PCC PS 2014/04

When recording data identifying a person, family, or corporate body, include as a minimum the following elements that are applicable and readily ascertainable. Record the elements as separate elements, as parts of the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as both.

Preferred name for the person

Title of the person (a word or phrase indicative of royalty, nobility, ecclesiastical rank or office; a term of address for a person of religious vocation)

Date of birth

Date of death

~~Other designation associated with the person (for a Christian saint, a spirit, a person named in a sacred scripture or an apocryphal book, a fictitious or legendary person, or a real non-human entity)~~

~~Profession or occupation (for a person whose name consists of a phrase or appellation not conveying the idea of a person)~~

~~Identifier for the person~~

~~Preferred name for the family~~

~~Type of family~~

~~Date associated with the family~~

~~Identifier for the family~~

~~Preferred name for the corporate body~~

~~Location of conference, etc.~~

~~Date of conference, etc.~~

~~Associated institution (for conferences, etc., if the institution's name provides better identification than the local place name or if the local place name is unknown or cannot be readily determined)~~

~~Number of a conference, etc.~~

~~Type of corporate body (for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body)~~

~~Identifier for the corporate body~~

~~If the preferred name for the person, family, or corporate body is the same as or similar to a name by which another person, family, or corporate body is known, differentiate them by recording as many of the additional identifying elements in the following list as necessary. Record these elements as separate elements, as parts of the authorized access point representing the person, family, or corporate body, or as both.~~

~~Title of the person (another term indicative of rank, honour, or office)~~

~~Fuller form of name~~

~~Profession or occupation~~

~~Period of activity of the person~~

~~Other designation associated with the person~~

~~Place associated with the family~~

~~Prominent member of the family~~

~~Location of headquarters~~

~~Date of establishment~~

~~Date of termination~~

~~Period of activity of the corporate body~~

~~Associated institution~~

~~Other designation associated with the corporate body~~

0.6.5 Section 5: Recording Primary Relationships between Work, Expression, Manifestation, and Item

When recording primary relationships between a work, expression, manifestation, and item, include as a minimum the work manifested. If there is more than one expression of the work, record the expression manifested.

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0.6.6 Section6: Recording Relationships to Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies Associated with a Resource

When recording relationships between a resource and persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with that resource, include as a minimum the following elements that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

Creator (if more than one, only the creator having principal responsibility named first in resources embodying the work or in reference sources is required; if principal responsibility is not indicated, only the first-named creator is required)

Other person, family, or corporate body associated with a work (if the authorized access point representing that person, family, or corporate body is used to construct the authorized access point representing the work)

0.6.7 Section7: Recording Subject Relationships

When recording relationships between a work and an entity that is the subject of that work, include as a minimum at least one subject relationship element.²³

0.6.8 Section8: Recording Relationships between Works, Expressions, Manifestations, and Items

The recording of relationships between related works, expressions, manifestations, and items is not required. For the primary relationships, see **0.6.5 RDA**.

0.6.9 Section9: Recording Relationships between Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies

The recording of relationships between persons, families, and corporate bodies is not required.

²³When using an access point to represent the subject entity, the access point can be constructed by using either the preferred name, title, or term for the entity, or a classification number representing the entity. Construct the access point representing the subject entity following the standards for subject access points and classification numbers used by the agency creating the data.

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