

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
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Subject: Revision of 0.6 Core Elements

The text below reflects the decisions made by the Joint Steering Committee during its November 2014 meeting and via email after the meeting.

The changes to 0.6.1, 0.6.2, 0.6.10, and 23.3 are from 6JSC/ALA/31/rev/Sec final. The changes to 0.6.7 are from 6JSC/BL/22/rev/Sec final/rev and 6JSC/BL/24/Sec final/rev.

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0.6 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.

The elements in RDA for recording subject relationships associated with a work generally reflect the attributes and relationships associated with the FRSAD entities thema and nomen.

0.6.2 Core Elements

[^{2nd}-^{3rd} paragraphs (unchanged) are from former 0.6.1]

Within the chapters, certain elements have the label CORE ELEMENT. This label may appear by itself or with a cardinality and conformance statement. These labels indicate that an element, element sub-type, or sub-element is identified as core. The cardinality and conformance statements explain how many instances, under what conditions, for what types of resources, etc., an element is core.

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:²³

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:²⁴

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

identify a person, family, or corporate body.

The RDA core elements for recording subject relationships to entities were selected according to the FRSAD assessment of the value of each attribute and relationship in supporting the following user tasks:²⁵

find one or more subjects and/or their appellations associated with a work
identify a subject and/or its appellation
explore relationships between subjects and/or their appellations.

The elements identified in RDA as core elements are listed at 0.6.5–0.6.12.

²³ See FRBR, chapter 6.

²⁴ See FRAD, chapter 6.

²⁵ See FRSAD, chapter 6.

0.6.3 Cardinality

Only one instance of a core element is required. Subsequent instances are optional.

0.6.4 Conformance

[paragraphs below (unchanged) are from former 0.6.1]

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 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.

0.6.5 Section 1: Recording Attributes of Manifestation and Item

[former 0.6.2 renumbered as 0.6.5; content unchanged except for deletion of listings for "Distribution statement," "Manufacture statement," and "Copyright date"]

0.6.6 Section 2: Recording Attributes of Work and Expression

[former 0.6.3 renumbered as 0.6.6; content unchanged]

0.6.7 Section 3: Recording Attributes of Person, Family, and Corporate Body

[former 0.6.4 renumbered as 0.6.7; instruction unchanged except for the two replacements shown below]

[in the list after the 1st paragraph, replace "Type of corporate body (for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body)" with wording as shown below]

Other designation associated with a corporate body (for a body whose name does not convey the idea of a corporate body)

[in the list after the 2nd paragraph, replace "Location of headquarters" with wording as shown below]

Other place associated with the corporate body

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

[former 0.6.5 renumbered as 0.6.8; content unchanged]

0.6.9 Section 6: Recording Relationships to Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies Associated with a Resource

[former 0.6.6 renumbered as 0.6.9; content unchanged]

0.6.10 Section 7: Recording Subject Relationships

When recording relationships between a work and its subject, include as a minimum at least one subject relationship element that is applicable and readily ascertainable.

0.6.11 Section 8: 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 0.6.8.

0.6.12 Section 9: Recording Relationships between Persons, Families, and Corporate Bodies

[former 0.6.9 renumbered as 0.6.12; content unchanged]

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1.3 Core Elements

When recording data identifying and describing a manifestation or item, include as a minimum all of the elements listed at 0.6.5 that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

Include any additional elements that are required in a particular case to differentiate the manifestation or item from one or more other manifestations or items with similar identifying information.

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5.3 Core Elements

When recording data identifying a work or an expression, include as a minimum the elements listed at 0.6.6 that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

Include additional elements covered in this chapter and in chapters 6 and 7 according to the policy of the agency creating the data, or according to the judgment of the cataloguer.

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8.3 Core Elements

When recording data identifying a person, family, or corporate body, include as a minimum the elements listed at 0.6.7 that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

Include additional elements covered in this chapter and in chapters 9–11 according to the policy of the agency creating the data, or according to the judgment of the cataloguer.

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18.3 Core Elements

When recording relationships between a resource and persons, families, and corporate bodies associated with that resource, include as a minimum the elements listed at 0.6.9 that are applicable and readily ascertainable.

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23.3 Core Elements

When recording relationships between a work and its subject, include as a minimum at least one subject relationship element that is applicable and readily ascertainable.