

To: Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
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Subject: Using RDA with bibliographic and authority records

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Data created using RDA can be used in a variety of database structures. In the documents "RDA Database Implementation Scenarios" ([5JSC/Editor/2](#)) and "RDA, FRBR/FRAD, and Implementation Scenarios" ([5JSC/Editor/4](#)) three different implementation scenarios are described. One of these scenarios involves linked bibliographic and authority records.

This document is provided to assist with the transition to RDA for cataloguers working with linked bibliographic and authority records.

The mapping below does not mandate an order of procedure, but provides some guidance on how RDA may be used in an existing library application.

Bibliographic record

Pre-RDA context	RDA terminology	Location in RDA
Description	Description	
Descriptive elements transcribed from the resource	Identifying manifestations and items	Section 1 – chapter 2
Physical description	Describing carriers	Section 1 – chapter 3
Notes on the content	Describing content	Section 2 – chapter 7
Acquisitions and access information	Providing acquisition and access information	Section 1 – chapter 4
Notes on the work and expression	Describing content	Section 2 – chapter 7
	Recording primary relationships between works, expressions, manifestations, and items	Section 5
Notes citing other editions and works	Recording relationships between works, expressions, manifestations, and items	Section 8
Main entry	Preferred access point	
Choosing the main entry	Recording the primary relationship between the manifestation and the work embodied in the manifestation	Section 5 (17.8)
Constructing the main entry heading	Constructing the preferred access point	Section 2 – chapter 6 (work) Section 3 (persons, families, corporate bodies)
Added entries	Access points	
Choosing added entries for persons, families, and corporate bodies	Recording relationships to persons, families and corporate bodies associated with a resource	Section 6
Constructing added entry headings for persons, families, and corporate bodies	Constructing the preferred access point representing a person, family, or corporate body	Section 3
Choosing added entries for the work and expression	Recording primary relationships between work, expression,	Section 5

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	manifestation, and item	
Choosing added entries for related works and expressions (including analytic and series added entries)	Recording relationships between works and expressions	Section 8 – chapters 24-26
Constructing added entry headings for related works and expressions	Constructing the preferred access point representing related works or expressions	Section 2 – chapter 6
Subject headings	Subject access points	
Choosing subject headings	Recording subject relationships	Section 7*
Constructing subject headings	Constructing the preferred access point	Section 4 – chapters 13*, 14*, 15* (topical subjects) Section 4 – chapter 16 (geographic subjects) Section 2 – chapter 6 (name/title and title access points) Section 3 (name access points)

* These sections or chapters will not be developed for the first release of RDA

Authority record

Pre-RDA context	RDA terminology	Location in RDA
Heading	Preferred access point	
Constructing headings for persons, families, and corporate bodies	Constructing the preferred access point representing a person, family, or corporate body	Section 3
Constructing headings for works and expressions	Constructing the preferred access point representing a work or expression	Section 2 – chapter 6
Constructing headings for topical and geographic subjects	Constructing the preferred access point for concepts, objects, events, and places	Section 4*
See references	Variant access points	
For persons, families, and corporate bodies	Constructing variant access points representing persons, families, and corporate bodies	Section 3
For works and expressions	Constructing variant access points representing works and expressions	Section 2 – chapter 6
For topical and geographic subjects	Constructing variant access points representing concepts, objects, events, and places	Section 4*
See also references	Preferred access points for related entities	
For related persons, families, and corporate bodies	Recording relationships between persons, families, and corporate bodies	Section 9
For related works and expressions	Recording relationships between works and expressions	Section 8 – chapters 24-26
For topical and geographic subjects	Recording relationships between concepts, objects, events, and places	Section 10*
Explanatory references	Explanation of relationship	
For related persons, families, and corporate bodies	Explanation of relationship for persons, families, and corporate bodies	Section 9
For related works and	Explanation of relationship	Section 8 – chapters 24-26

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expressions	for works and expressions	
For related topical and geographic subjects	Explanation of relationship for concepts, objects, events, and places	Section 10*
Notes	Notes, etc.	
Biographical or historical data	Date associated with the person, Place of birth, Corporate history, etc.	Section 3 – chapters 9-11 (persons, families, corporate bodies) Section 2 – chapter 6 (works)
Sources consulted	Sources consulted	Section 3 – chapter 8 (persons, families, corporate bodies) Section 2 – chapter 5 (works) Section 4 – chapter 12* (concepts, objects, events, and places)
Cataloguer's notes	Cataloguer's notes	Section 3 – chapter 8 (persons, families, corporate bodies) Section 2 – chapter 5 (works) Section 4 – chapter 12* (concepts, objects, events, and places)

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