A deeper dive into application profiles and policy statements

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Application profile

A specification of the metadata that is used in an application

A specification may include the entities, elements, and vocabulary encoding schemes that are used, and the mandatory and repeatable status of elements

May also include the preferred recording method
Utility of profile

Front-end to RDA Toolkit
   Tell me what elements, etc. to use

Data input form
   cf preconference workshop, RIMMF

Data validation
   Metadata conformance

Data extraction
   What to select from external metadata
Layered (nested) profile

Coherent description of an information resource

Minimum description of a resource entity
A coherent description following minimum requirements

Effective description
Effective description: general and specialized elements

Minimum description: appellation elements

Coherent description: “primary” relationship elements
Profile inheritance

Effective description: specialized elements

Effective description: general (common) elements

Minimum description: appellation elements

Coherent description: “primary” relationship elements
Toolkit options

Each (optional) recording method and instruction option has a separate IRI and ID that can be referenced by an application profile.

Functional overlap: profile can specify element vocabulary encoding scheme (VES) or string encoding scheme (SES); option allows RDA or other VES, and specifies SES for constructing access points and super-elements.
Specifying a VES

Recording a structured description

**OPTION**

Record a term from the following RDA vocabulary encoding scheme.

Profile: give option IRI, or just state RDA VES

**OPTION**

Record a term from another suitable vocabulary encoding scheme.

Profile: link option + state VES, or just state VES
String encoding schemes

**CONDITION**

A value of Person: preferred name of person consists of a surname preceded by other parts of the name, such as given names.

**OPTION**

Record the surname and follow it by a comma and the parts of the name that precede it.
Conditions

Describing a diachronic work

**CONDITION**

A work is a diachronic work.

**OPTION**

Record values of elements that are associated with most parts, issues, or iterations of a diachronic work.

Condition may be subsumed by an application profile for serials and series
Standard conditions

A work is a ...
  - Diachronic work
  - Musical work
  - Official communication
...
A manifestation is a ...
  - Aggregate
  - Part or iteration of a diachronic work
...
Condition databank?
  ☞ Relate to specialized application profiles?
  ☞ Basis of specialized manuals?
Application profile management

Community-led

Application-led

Synchronization with RDA development

Publish within Toolkit (behind paywall)

Publish outside Toolkit (in front of paywall)
Policy Statements
Planning Group

PS writers from British Library, Deutsche Nationalbibliothek, and Library of Congress

RSC Secretary and RSC Technical Team
Liaison Officer

Toolkit Director
Goals of PS
Planning Group

Set requirements for both PS file and right rail display in RDA pages

Determine proper mark-up and functionality of PSs

Establish guidelines for PS placement and content
The “More Bang” Script

Create shell documents for all current PS

Duplicate RDA file directory for each PS

PS placeholders at
- Headers
- Subheaders
- Options
Questions, comments