Proposals for simplification of RDA 2.7-2.10

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Purpose

To simplify the instructions for elements

> 2.7 Production Statement;
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> 2.8 Publication Statement;
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> 2.9 Distribution Statement;
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> 2.10 Manufacture Statement

- Current instructions are long complex

- Aggregate elements are difficult to model
    - Place, Name, Date

- Fit to FRBR user tasks

2.7 Production Statement

CORE ELEMENT

Date of production is a core element for resources issued in an unpublished form. Other sub-elements of production statements are optional.

2.7.1 Basic Instructions on Recording Production Statements

2.7.1.1 Scope

A **production statement▾** is a statement identifying the place or places of production, producer or producers, and date or dates of production of a resource in an unpublished form.

Production statements include statements relating to the inscription, fabrication, construction, etc., of a resource in an unpublished form.

2.7.1.2 Sources of Information

For guidance on choosing sources of information for production statements, see the instructions for specific sub-elements of a production statement as follows:

a) For place of production, see **2.7.2.2** RDA.

b) For parallel place of production, see **2.7.3.2** RDA.

c) For producer's name, see **2.7.4.2** RDA.

d) For parallel producer's name, see **2.7.5.2** RDA.

e) For date of production, see **2.7.6.2** RDA.

2.7.1.3 Facsimiles and Reproductions

When a facsimile or reproduction has a production statement or statements relating to the original manifestation as well as to the facsimile or reproduction, record the production statement or statements relating to the facsimile or reproduction. Record any production statement relating to the original as a production statement of a related manifestation (see **27.1** RDA).

2.7.1.4 Recording Production Statements `2014/04`

Record a production statement or statements for a resource that is in an unpublished form (e.g., a manuscript, a painting, a sculpture, a locally made recording).

Transcribe places of production and producers' names as they appear on the source of information (see **1.7** RDA).

Record dates of production as they appear on the source of information. Apply the general guidelines on transcription for words that are not numbers (see **1.7** RDA). Apply the general guidelines on numbers expressed as numerals or as words (see **1.8** RDA).

2.7.1.5 Recording Changes in Production Statements

Changes from AACR2

- AACR2 required information to be recorded
  - AACR2 generally give information in the shortest form

    `Penguin`

- AACR2 did not separate functions

- RDA requires information to be transcribed
  - RDA generally requires information to be transcribed in full

    `Penguin Books`

  - Exception: there are special rules for recording dates

- RDA separates functions

Rationale

- Transcription is justified by the ICP principle of representation of the resource

- Transcription supports FRBR user task IDENTIFY

- Transcription should encourage re-use of data

- Transcription should be easier than recording

- Saving space is no longer an imperative

FRBR Tasks: attributes

Table 6.3 Attributes and Relationships of Manifestations

	Find				Identify				Select				Obtain			
	Work	Expression	Manifestation	Item	Work	Expression	Manifestation	Item	Work	Expression	Manifestation	Item	Work	Expression	Manifestation	Item
Attributes of a Manifestation																
Title of the manifestation	■	■	■		■	■	■		□	□	□				■	
Statement of responsibility	□	□	□		□	■	■		□	■	■				■	
Edition/issue designation					■	■			■	■					■	
Place of publication/distribution							□		□	□	□				▨	
Publisher/distributor			□			□	▨			□	□				▨	
Date of publication/distribution	□	□	□		□	□	▨		□	□	▨				▨	
Fabricator/manufacturer *(note 1)*			□				□				□					

FRBR Tasks: relationships

	Find				Identify				Select				Obtain			
	W	E	M	I	W	E	M	I	W	E	M	I	W	E	M	I
Relationships Between a Manifestation																
And persons/corporate bodies responsible for production/dissemination			□													

Issues

- Transcription does not support ICP/FRBR user task FIND sets of resources which share a characteristic, such as publisher, place of publication or date of manufacture.

- Dividing the statement into sub-elements may prevent accurate transcription, particularly for rare books

- The instructions are complex, difficult to apply

- "Cascading vortex of horror": empty elements and repetition

Proposed solution

1. Separate IDENTIFY and FIND tasks

2. Replace aggregate elements with simple statement transcribed from source

3. Use relationships and other existing elements to support collocation

4. Propose new elements/instructions to fill gaps

Methodology

- Draft sample instructions to replace 2.8 Publication Statement as proof of concept

- Gap analysis to identify missing instructions / elements

- Revise draft to illustrate two scenarios

  Scenario 1 Replace 2.7-2.10 with 2.7 "Issuance Statement"*

  Scenario 2 Retain 2.7-2.10 but deprecate subelements

  *Provisional element name

Scenario 1

Replace RDA 2.7-2.10 with a single element and deprecate all sub-elements within that range.

2.7 Issuance Statement

A**n** **issuance statement** ▼ is a statement identifying the place or places of issuance, the name of the issuer, and date or dates of issuance of a resource.

Issuance statements include statements relating to the production, publication, distribution, or manufacture of a resource.

Scenario 2

Retain RDA 2.7-2.10 but deprecate all sub elements within that range, e.g.:

2.7 Production statement

~~2.7.2 Place of Production~~

~~2.7.3 Parallel Place of Production~~

~~2.7.4 Producer's Name~~

~~2.7.5 Parallel Producer's name~~

~~2.7.6 Date of Production~~

2.8 Publication statement

~~2.8.2 Place of Publication~~

~~Etc….~~

Outcomes Scenario 1

Reduce from 52 pages to approximately 13 pages

Total number of instructions reduced

New Element (Date of Manifestation?) to record controlled form of date

May require type of issuance, or this might be addressed by relationship designators. For example:

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Manifestation 123 published in Place ABC
Manifestation 123 published by Publisher XYZ
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Outcomes Scenario 1 continued.

No aggregated elements

No cascading vortex of horror

2.17.6- 2.17.9 replaced by 2.17.6 Note on Issuance Statement

Outcomes Scenario 2

Reduce from 52 pages to approximately 20 pages

Total number of instructions reduced

New Element (Date of Manifestation?) to record controlled form of date

Type of issuance explicit in element

No aggregated elements

No cascading vortex of horror

Changes to 2.17.6-9 instructions

FIND

Place is already defined an entity but its use is too restrictive

Persons, families and corporate bodies are already defined

21.2 Producer of an unpublished resource

21.3 Publisher

21.4 Distributor

21.5 Manufacturer

Example 1: simple statement

LONDON:

BENJAMIN L. GREEN, 62, PATERNOSTER ROW.

M.DCCC.LI.

*Statement: LONDON: BENJAMIN L. GREEN, 62, PATERNOSTER ROW. MDCCC.LI. **[1851]**

Place London [RDA 16.x] + relationship designator

Publisher Green, Benjamin L. [RDA 21.3]

**Date of Manifestation 1851 [RDA 2.x]

*Scenario neutral label
**Provisional element

Example 2: multiple statements

CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION / *Ottawa*
CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS / *London*
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION / *Chicago*

Statement: CANADIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION / *Ottawa*
Statement: CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS /
London
Statement: AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION / *Chicago*

Place Ottawa [RDA 16.x] + relationship designator
Place London [RDA 16.x] + relationship designator
Place Chicago [RDA 16.x] + relationship designator

Example 3: different functions

Published by:
Prospect
New Prospect House
8 Leake Street London
SE1 7NN

Printers: Wyndeham
(Peterborough) Limited

Statement: Published by: Prospect, New Prospect House, 8
Leake Street, **London**, SE1 7NN

Statement: Printers: Wyndeham (Peterborough) Limited

Place: London + relationship designator
Place: Peterborough + relationship designator
Publisher: Prospect
Manufacturer: Wyndeham Limited