

RDA cataloguing and linked data

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RDA and linked data

2006: DCMI, Colima, Mexico

2007: “London meeting” with linked data communities

Committee of Principals for RDA agrees to develop linked data representation of RDA

2014: v1.0.0 of RDA Vocabularies on GitHub

2015: RDA Board strategy includes linked data communities

RDF

Resource Description Framework (RDF)

Designed for machine-processing of metadata
at global scale (Semantic Web)

24/7/365

Trillions of operations per second

Everything must be dis-ambiguated

Machines are dumb

A simple approach helps!

Require machine-readable identifiers

RDF triple

Simple, single, “atomic” statement in 3 parts

subject – predicate (property) – object

This slide – has title – “RDF triple”

Subject and predicate must be identified by a URI or IRI*

Unambiguous machine identification (a thing)

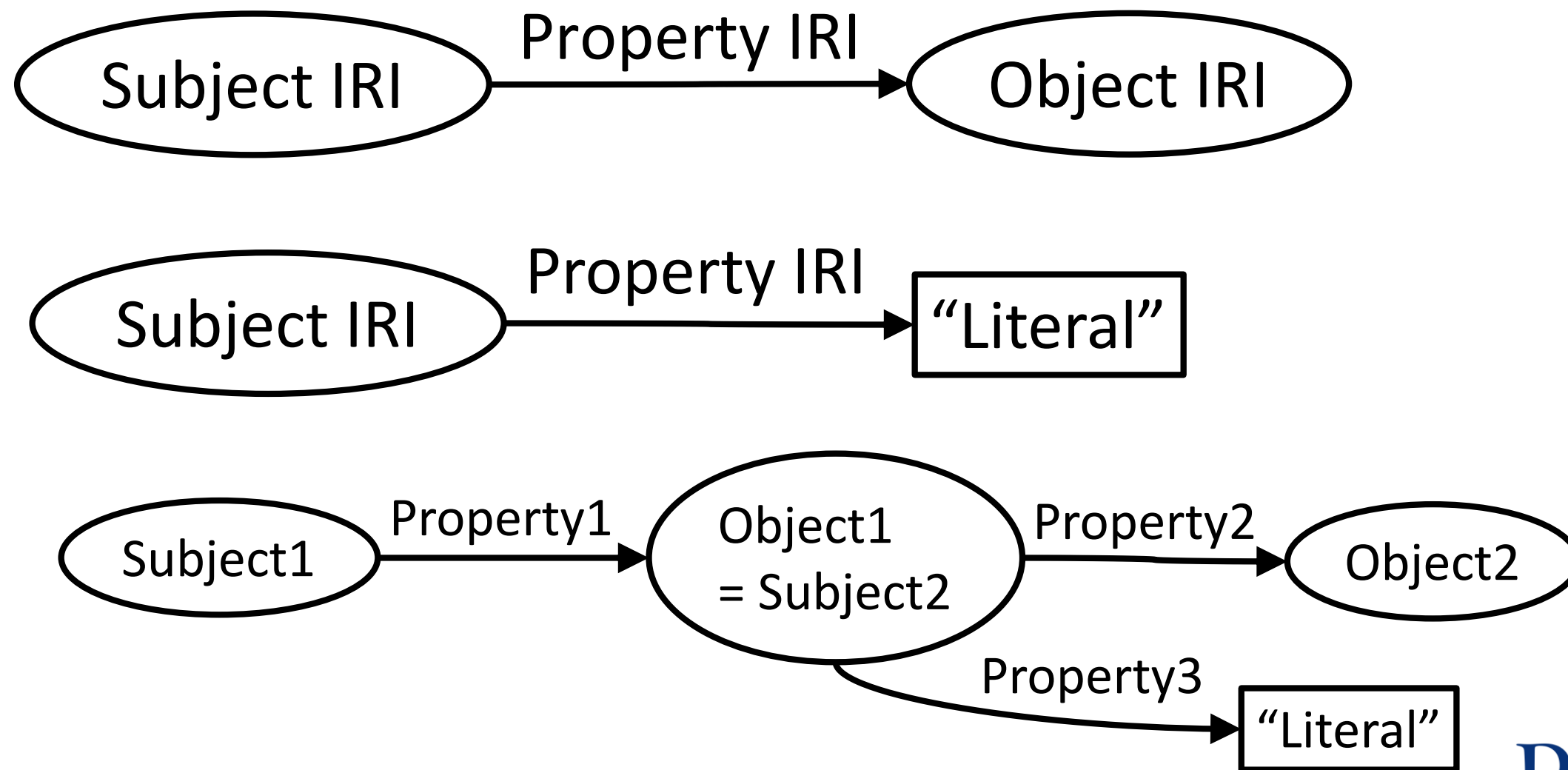
Object may be an IRI or a literal

Literal: human-readable string

* Internationalized resource identifier

RDF graph

Graphical representation of one or more triples



RDA in RDF

RDA uses RDF to represent ***RDA Reference*** (entities, elements, and controlled vocabularies)

- Provides data for ***RDA Toolkit*** (Glossary, element reference, navigation)
- Available from ***RDA Registry*** for external applications
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Toolkit element page

Definition and Scope
Element Reference

Prerecording

Recording

Recording an unstructured description

Recording a structured description

Recording an identifier

Recording an IRI

Related Elements

Instructions

RDA Reference

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RDA Vocabularies

RDA Reference:

entities (classes), elements (properties),
and terms (concepts)

Includes translations (12+ languages)

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The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository 'RDARegistry / RDA-Vocabularies'. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Code', 'Issues' (41), 'Pull requests' (0), 'Projects' (0), 'Wiki', 'Insights', and 'Settings'. On the right, there are buttons for 'Unwatch' (23), 'Star' (26), and 'Fork' (9). Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'Releases' and 'Tags', and a button to 'Draft a new release'. The main content area displays a release titled 'Release 3.0.11' with a 'Pre-release' label. It shows the release was made by 'GordonDunsire' on '12 Oct'. Under the 'Assets' section, there are two source code files: 'Source code (zip)' and 'Source code (tar.gz)'. A note at the bottom of the release states: 'This is a pre-release to support the 3R Project. The content is not stable, and should be used with caution.'

<https://github.com/RDARegistry/RDA-Vocabularies/releases>

RDA Releases

Semantic versioning

Break.Bend.Minor (n.n.n)

GitHub pre-releases used to test
production infrastructure for new Toolkit

Warning: unstable!

RDA Releases

2.7.3: Original Toolkit (April 2017)

Pre-releases: 3.0.1 – 3.0.11

3 !!!: Breaks semantics of 2.7.3

Re-definition of Person entity (LRM)

3.1.0: real soon now (December 2018?)

RDA Registry

- [RDA Registry \(Home\)](#)
- [Elements \(RDA element sets\)](#)
 - [Classes](#)
 - [Agent properties](#)
 - [Expression properties](#)
 - [Item properties](#)
 - [Manifestation properties](#)
 - [Nomen properties](#)
 - [Place properties](#)
 - [Time-span properties](#)
 - [Work properties](#)
 - [RDA Entity properties](#)
 - [Meta-element properties](#)
 - [Unconstrained properties](#)
 - [RDA/ONIX Framework elements](#)
- [Values \(value vocabularies\)](#)
 - [RDA values](#)
 - [RDA/ONIX Framework values](#)



- **Data** (Linked data using RDA vocabularies)
 - **Curie prefixes** (Abbreviations for compact URIs, XML namespaces, etc.)
 - **Examples** (Single resource)
 - **R-Balls** (Multiple resources)
 - **Datasets** (Multiple resources)
- **Tools**
 - **Maps** (RDF maps between RDA vocabularies and other namespaces)
 - **Alignments** (Alignment tables for RDA vocabularies and other namespaces)
 - **Profiles** (Application profiles using RDA vocabularies)
 - **RIMMF** (RDA data editor)
- **About** (More about the RDA vocabularies)
 - **RDA Reference data** (Data maintenance and flow)
 - **Issues** (Raise issues and make comments)
 - **Versions** (Version control)
 - **Deprecation** (Removal of vocabulary entries)
 - **RDA/ONIX Framework** (Basis of carrier and content categories)
- **FAQ** (Answers to frequently asked questions)
- **Guide** (Guide to RDA vocabularies for technical communities)

RDA element sets

Work properties

The Work properties describe the relationships of the work to its instances.

Each property in this set has the following characteristics:

- has a domain of `skos:Concept`
- is linked from `skos:Concept` to `skos:Concept` via `rdfs:subPropertyOf`
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Number of elements: 1

Namespace: `skos`

Suggested prefix: `skos`

Example URI: `skos:Concept`

Example URI: `skos:Concept`

Changelog feed: [skos](#)

*All RDA URIs have both an immutable canonical form and a readable, textual form, which is subject to change (changes will be redirected).

Downloads

- [HTML \(Open Metadata Registry\)](#)
- [Turtle \(text/turtle\)](#)
- [Notation 3 \(text/rdf+n3\)](#)
- [N-Triples \(text/rdf+nt\)](#)
- [RDF/XML \(application/rdf+xml\)](#)
- [RDFa](#)
- [Microdata \(text/microdata+html\)](#)
- [JSON-LD \(application/json | application/json+ld\) \(see the \[Readme\]\(#\)\)](#)
- [RDF/JSON \(application/rdf+json\)](#)

Languages

Catalan	Danish	English	Finnish	French	German	Norwegian
Spanish	Swedish	Vietnamese				

Map from

The map consists of mappings that can be combined with the [Map from unconstrained ISBD properties to unconstrained RDA properties](#) to entail property equivalence in OWL.

For example:

```
# from this map:
rdau:P60050 rdfs:subPropertyOf isbdu:P1003 .
# from map of unconstrained ISBD to unconstrained RDA:
isbdu:P1003 rdfs:subPropertyOf rdau:P60050 .
# entails:
rdau:P60050 owl:equivalentProperty isbdu:P1003 .
```

The map is given in a terse triple language (ttl) serialization.

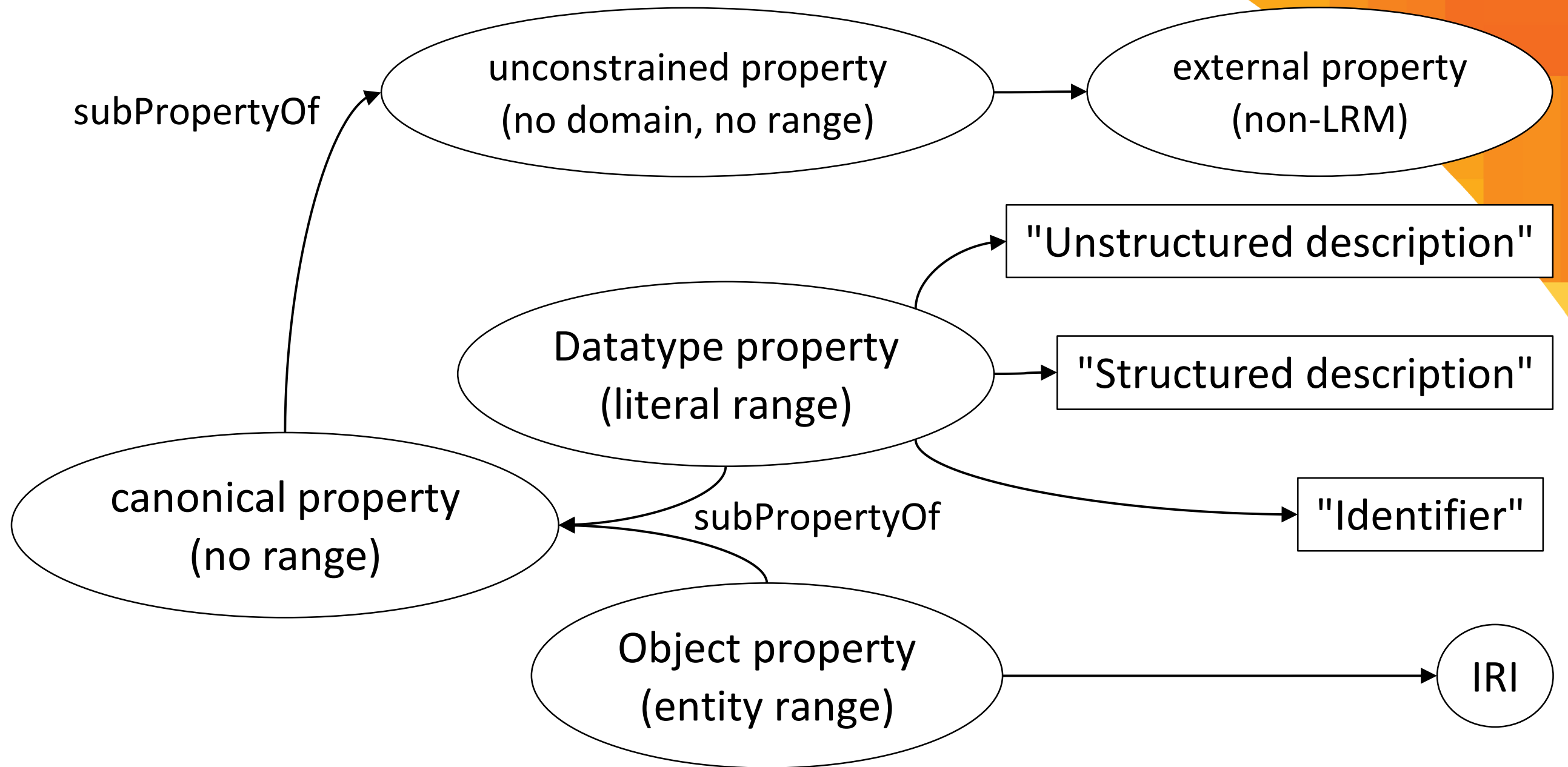
Property domain & range

Property domain specifies the expected entity (class) of a triple subject

Property range specifies the expected entity (class) of a triple object

No domain or range = no expectations

Recording methods



Maps to related linked data

ISBD and RDA

- Map from ISBD properties to unconstrained RDA properties
- Map from unconstrained ISBD properties to unconstrained RDA properties
- Map from unconstrained RDA properties to unconstrained ISBD properties

ISBD and RDA/ONIX Framework

- Map from ISBD content forms to RDA/ONIX Framework
- Map from ISBD media types to RDA/ONIX Framework

MARC Relator Codes

- Map from RDA properties to MARC Code List for Relators
- Map from MARC Code List for Relators to RDA properties

New!: Dublin Core Terms

RDA maps

Map from RDA properties to MARC Code List for Relators

```
@prefix mrc: <http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/relators/>.
@prefix rdau: <http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/u/>.
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#>.
#
# This is a map from RDA relationship elements and designators to MARC relat
# 10 January 2017
#
rdau:P60045 skos:closeMatch mrc:rsp .
rdau:P60060 skos:closeMatch mrc:dgg .
rdau:P60061 skos:closeMatch mrc:his .
rdau:P60061 skos:broadMatch mrc:sht .
rdau:P60062 skos:closeMatch mrc:prn .
rdau:P60065 skos:closeMatch mrc:cou .
rdau:P60066 skos:closeMatch mrc:col .
rdau:P60067 skos:closeMatch mrc:cor .
rdau:P60068 skos:closeMatch mrc:dpt .
rdau:P60084 skos:closeMatch mrc:fmd .
```


Audio disc (performed music) from Complete examples – bibliographic records

```
@prefix ex: <http://example.com/> .
@prefix rdaa: <http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/a/> .
@prefix rdabm: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDABaseMaterial/> .
@prefix rdaco: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAContentType/> .
@prefix rdact: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDACarrierType/> .
@prefix rdae: <http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/e/> .
@prefix rdaef: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/encFormat/> .
@prefix rdaft: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/encFormat/> .
@prefix rdam: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAMaterial/> .
@prefix rdami: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAMaterialInstance/> .
@prefix rdamt: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAMaterialType/> .
@prefix rdarm: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDARestrictedMaterial/> .
@prefix rdatr: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDARestrictedMaterialType/> .
@prefix rdau: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAUnit/> .
@prefix rdaw: <http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDAWork/> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix skos: <http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#> .
#
# Example: Audio disc (performed music)
# 11 May 2016
#
ex:A1
  rdaa:P50103
  rdaa:P50117
ex:E1
  rdae:P20001 rdaco:1011 ;
  rdae:P20006 "English"@en ;
  rdae:P20025 ex:A1 ;
```

ex:W12

rdaw:P10002 "Amos, Tori. Me and a gun" .

ex:W13

rdaw:P10002 "Amos, Tori. Little earthquakes (Song)" .

rdabm:1014 skos:prefLabel "plastic"@en .

rdaco:1011 skos:prefLabel "performed music"@en .

rdact:1004 skos:prefLabel "audio disc"@en .

rdact:1013 skos:prefLabel "computer disc"@en .

rdami:1001 skos:prefLabel "single unit"@en .

rdamt:1001 skos:prefLabel "audio"@en .

rdamt:1003 skos:prefLabel "computer"@en .

Conclusion

RDA provides a complete package for linked data applications

- RDF elements

- Content instructions

- Maps to related standards

- Extension mechanism for local applications

Muchas gracias!

RDA Registry

<http://www.rdaregistry.info/>

RDA Vocabularies

<https://github.com/RDARegistry/RDA-Vocabularies>

RDA Steering Committee

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/>

RDA Toolkit:

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/>