

The Extent Proposals

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Resource Description & Access

Proposed: Extent of manifestation

A quantification of one or more physical characteristics of a manifestation.

A superelement value constructed by applying string encoding schemes and selecting values of one or more extent subelements.

Allows for backwards compatibility of existing conventions.

Also proposed, a transcribed manifestation statement element,
Manifestation: manifestation extent statement

Extent of Unitary Structure

A number of units of the same kind of carrier in a manifestation.

Associated vocabulary encoding schemes: RDA Unitary Structure (mostly derived from RDA Carrier Extent Unit) and RDA Carrier Type.

All terms defined in terms of a particular carrier type (sheet, object, card, etc.)

1 volume

1 globe

3 folded sheets

20 photographs

Extent of Unit

A quantification or measurement of a component or characteristic of a manifestation or a unit that is available to embody content.

Subtypes: Bibliographic Format, Dimensions, Number of Recording Tracks
[Tape Configuration]

Has the sense of an upper limit of what is available to embody content.

310 leaves [Extent of Unit]

28 x 12 cm [Dimensions]

12 track [Number of Recording Tracks]

Extent of Aggregated Content

A number of the same category of expression that is embodied in a manifestation.

Associated vocabulary encoding scheme: RDA Aggregated Content.
Also consolidates most terms from RDA Illustrative Content.

3 maps

2 photographic images

1 genealogical table

Extent of Embodied Content

A measurement of the layout of content that is embodied in a manifestation.

Associated vocabulary encoding schemes: RDA Layout Unit of Embodied Content.

Subtypes (some involving adjustments to current elements):

Manifestation: designation of number of sound channels

Manifestation: dimensions of embodied content

Manifestation: duration of embodied content [covered in RSC/ExtentWG/2025/6]

Manifestation: image resolution

Manifestation: number of sound channels

Manifestation: reduction ratio

Manifestation: reduction ratio designation

Extent of Embodied Content

24 pages

12 columns

42 frames

20 x 31 cm [dimensions of image on sheet]

A user often selects a resource based on the extent of the actual content, not the overall extent of the unit.

Page

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a single side of a leaf.

New definition: A layout of embodied content where content is arranged on one side of a leaf or sheet.

Duration of Embodied Content

A measurement of the existing or envisioned duration of temporal content embodied in a manifestation, including the temporal gaps between the embodied content.

This is a manifestation element; involves removing instructions for aggregating works and expressions under Expression: **duration** and Work: **duration of representative expression**.

Containers

Manifestation: number of containers

Manifestation: dimensions of container

Manifestation: extent of storage space

Associated vocabulary encoding scheme: RDA Containers

2 portfolios

60 folders

20 x 30 x 5 cm [dimensions of a box]

10 m [storage space]

Sequence of Units of Extent

A designation of numbering and units of extent of a manifestation that identifies a sequence of the units. Numbering may include alphanumeric or other characters.

Most instructions for Extent of Text remain intact; some adjustments to reference *sequences* explicitly. Any unit (page, leaf, etc.) applies for a sequence.

Often recording the last number of a sequence of different kinds of unit of extent.

Thank you for attending!

Questions?