

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee  
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
From: Trina Soderquist, NARDAC representative  
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/4 – Proposal for Manifestation: extent of aggregated content

**Recommendation 1.1.** Create the element Manifestation: extent of aggregated content.

NARDAC agrees with the recommendation. The new vocabulary encoding scheme is incorrectly titled **RDA Extent of Aggregated Content**.

**Recommendation 1.2.** Refer the issue of using terms from the vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Format of Notated Music** for a possible source of values for Manifestation: extent of aggregated content to the RSC Music Working Group.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, and we suggest that other specialized cataloging communities be consulted for additional terms.

**Recommendation 2.** Update Manifestation: illustrative content to use values from **RDA Aggregated Content**.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, but we question why the single controlled term *illustration* is being retained in the **RDA Illustrative Content** vocabulary encoding scheme. We recommend adding the term *illustration* to the **RDA Aggregated Content** vocabulary encoding scheme, allowing catalogers to record the number of illustrations present in a manifestation.

Remove the instruction to record the term in that singular or plural. That option already appears under **Recording** (25.36.13.82).

Revised new OPTION

Record an appropriate term for illustrative content from the **RDA Aggregated Content** *vocabulary encoding scheme*.

~~Record the term in the singular or plural, as applicable.~~

**Recommendation 3.1.** Create a new vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Aggregated Content**.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with suggested amendments below.

**Recommendation 3.2.** Recommended terms for **RDA Aggregated Content** derived from the current **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** vocabulary:

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, but we are confused about one point. How will catalogers be able to describe a resource like an individual icon that is not an aggregate?

**Recommendation 3.2.1.** chart

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.2.2.** diagram

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following suggestion.

Revisit the use of the word “diagram” in definitions for other RDA terms. For example, a genealogical table is defined as “an illustrative content that consists of a table or diagram representing the lineage of a person or family.”

**Recommendation 3.2.3.** icon

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following recommendation to revise the proposed definition to make it less prescriptive.

Revised proposed scope note: This term applies to still images. ~~Most commonly it comprises tempera on panel, but it may be in any two-dimensional or relief medium, including fresco.~~

**Recommendation 3.2.4.** map

See comments under recommendation 3.2, above.

**Recommendation 3.2.5.** picture

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following amendment to the proposed definition to improve clarity.

Revised proposed definition: Aggregated content that consists of one or more two-dimensional representations.

**Recommendation 3.2.6.** profile

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.2.7.** remote-sensing image

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.2.8.** section

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.2.9.** technical drawing

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.2.10.** view

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.3.** Recommended terms derived from the current **RDA Illustrative Content** vocabulary:

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following amendment.

Add the term *illustration* to the **RDA Aggregated Content** vocabulary encoding scheme.

**illustration**

Current definition: ~~An illustrative content that consists of a still image.~~

Proposed definition: Aggregated content that consists of a still image.

**Recommendation 3.3.1.** coat of arms

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.3.2.** facsimile

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.3.3.** form

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.3.4.** genealogical table

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following suggestion.

Revisit the use of the word “diagram” in the definition. In Recommendation 3.2.2, above, a diagram is defined as “aggregated content that is a geographic representation of numeric data, or of the course or results of an action or process.”

**Recommendation 3.3.5.** graph

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following suggestion.

Revisit the use of the word “diagram” in the definition. In Recommendation 3.2.2, above, a diagram is defined as “aggregated content that is a geographic representation of numeric data, or of the course or results of an action or process.”

**Recommendation 3.3.6.** illumination

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.3.7.** photographic image

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following amendment.

Remove the redundant scope note.

**Recommendation 3.3.8.** plan

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following suggestion.

Revisit the use of the word “diagram” in the definition. In Recommendation 3.2.2, above, a diagram is defined as “aggregated content that is a geographic representation of numeric data, or of the course or results of an action or process.”

**Recommendation 3.3.9.** portrait

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.3.10.** sample

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.4.** Recommend new terms for the **RDA Aggregated Content** vocabulary:

NARDAC approves of the recommendation. What is the justification of context for adding the following three terms from the **ISBDM Extent of Aggregated Content** value vocabulary to the **RDA Aggregated Content** vocabulary encoding scheme?

**Recommendation 3.4.1.** performed dance

NARDAC approves of the recommendation.

**Recommendation 3.4.2.** radiographic image

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following amendment to clarify the type of radiation involved.

Revised proposed definition: Aggregated content that consists of a still image originally created by the interaction of ionizing radiation and a photosensitive surface.

Revised scope note: ~~This term applies to still images.~~

**Recommendation 3.4.3.** spoken text

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with the following question for consideration.

How does the term *spoken text* relate to the term *spoken word*? *Spoken word* is defined as “a content type that consists of content expressed through language in an audible form. Recorded readings, recitations, speeches, interviews, oral histories, etc., computer-generated speech, etc., are included.”