

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
From: Trina Soderquist, NARDAC representative
Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/8 – Proposal for Manifestation:
sequence of units of extent

Recommendation 1.1. Create the element Manifestation: sequence of units of extent.

NARDAC approves of the recommendation, with suggested amendments.

Revised proposed definition: A designation of numbering and units or subunits of extent of a manifestation that identifies a sequence of the units or subunits. ~~Numbering may include alphanumeric or other characters.~~

Revised proposed scope: Numbering may include alphanumeric or other characters.

Recommendation 1.2. Move the applicable instructions under the section heading **Extent of manifestation of text** in the current Manifestation: extent of manifestation to Community Resources, with applicable edits.

NARDAC rejects the recommendation to move instructions to Community Resources. While a string encoding scheme may be needed to order and punctuate the values, RDA would benefit from including options that specify what to record. For example, the option “Record each sequence of pages” does not represent applying a string encoding scheme because it does not indicate what punctuation is used to separate the sequences nor does it direct catalogers to how to record the term “pages.”

For instructions that include string encoding schemes, make them more general so they can remain in base RDA. For example (page 18):

CONDITION

A manifestation is an *early printed resource*.

A manifestation contains a sequence of unnumbered pages, etc.

CONDITION OPTION

Record the exact number ~~followed by *unnumbered pages*, etc.~~ and indicate that the sequence is unnumbered.

There is an error on page 13 (marked-up text):

CONDITION

A manifestation includes complicated or irregular sequences of plates.

CONDITION OPTION

Apply one of the methods at **Complicated or irregular paging, etc.** to record ~~an~~
~~extent of the~~ a sequence of plates.

And again on page 26 (marked-up text):

CONDITION

A manifestation includes complicated or irregular sequences of plates.

CONDITION OPTION

Apply one of the methods at **Complicated or irregular paging, etc.** to record ~~an~~
~~extent of the~~ a sequence of plates.