

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Thomas Brenndorfer, Extent Working Group Chair
Subject: Proposal for Manifestation: **extent of unitary structure**

Abstract

As a subelement of Manifestation: **extent of manifestation**, the proposed element Manifestation: **extent of unitary structure** is used to record the number of subunits of the same kind in a multiple unit manifestation or the kind of unit in a single unit manifestation. The subunit terms may come from the **RDA Carrier Type** vocabulary encoding scheme, or more granular terms from the new **RDA Unitary Structure** vocabulary encoding scheme, developed from terms from the **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** vocabulary encoding scheme.

Recommendation #1. Manifestation: **extent of unitary structure**

Recommendation 1.1: Create the element Manifestation: **extent of unitary structure**. Associate the **RDA Carrier Type** vocabulary encoding scheme and the new **RDA Unitary Structure** vocabulary encoding scheme with this element.

Proposed definition: A number of units of the same kind of carrier in a manifestation

In the Prerecording section include the language establishing this element as a subelement of Manifestation: **extent of manifestation** and providing the option of using a value of Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement**.

This element is a *subelement* of the *superelement* Manifestation: **extent of manifestation**.

For general guidance and instructions on recording a statement from a manifestation that reproduces another manifestation, see Guidance: Manifestation statements.

Manifestation statements of facsimiles and reproductions.

OPTION

Record an unstructured description within a value of Manifestation: **manifestation extent statement**.

Under **Recording a structured description**, include Options to use these vocabulary encoding schemes: **RDA Carrier Type** and **RDA Unitary Structure**.

OPTION

Record a quantity with an appropriate term from the **RDA Carrier Type** vocabulary encoding scheme.

OPTION

Record a quantity with an appropriate term from the **RDA Unitary Structure** vocabulary encoding scheme.

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 unitary structure** to the RSC Music Working Group.

Recommendation #2. RDA Unitary Structure Vocabulary Encoding Scheme

Recommendation 2.1: Create a new vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Unitary Structure**, in accordance with the details that follow, with several terms moved from **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** and definitions updated. When all the terms have been moved or removed, delete the vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Carrier Extent Unit**. Some of those terms are proposed to be moved to other extent vocabulary encoding schemes.

Recommendation 2.2: Adopt the following list of recommended terms for **RDA Unitary Structure** derived from the current **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** vocabulary.

This vocabulary encoding scheme will have incomplete coverage of scope, and additional values may be included in the future.

The phrasing used in the proposed definitions incorporates the carrier type. Example: “A unit of unitary structure that is an object ...”. The original scope notes that referred to content type are dropped as the definitions will incorporate the associated carrier type.

Recommendation 2.2.1

activity card

Current definition: A unit of extent that is a card printed with words, numerals, or pictures to be used by an individual or a group as a basis for performing a specific activity.

Scope note: This term applies to still images. The cards are usually issued in sets.

Related terms: toy

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a card embodying words, numerals, or pictures that is intended to be used by an individual or a group as a basis for performing a specific activity.

Scope note: The cards are usually issued in sets.

Related terms: toy

Recommendation 2.2.2

coin

The proposed definition takes into account coins that are not metal (same applied to *medal* where the proposed definition removes the reference to metal).

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a piece of metal stamped by government authority for use as money.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying text or still images on one or both sides that is intended as a medium of economic exchange.

Recommendation 2.2.3

collage

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a work in two dimensions or very low relief that was made by affixing paper, fabrics, photographs, or other materials onto a flat surface.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying a still image by affixing paper, fabrics, photographs, or other materials to a flat surface.

Scope note: The still image may be in a very low relief.

Recommendation 2.2.4

diorama

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a three-dimensional representation of a scene created by placing objects, figures, etc., in front of a two-dimensional painted background.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying a three-dimensional representation of a scene created by placing objects, figures, etc., in front of a two-dimensional painted background.

Recommendation 2.2.5

drawing

Similar to the terms “painting”, “photograph”, and “print”, the term “drawing” identifies a type of visual work carried on a sheet and is defined by its method of production.

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a visual work produced by drawing, which is the application of lines on a surface, often paper, by using a pencil, pen, chalk, or some other tracing instrument to focus on the delineation of form rather than the application of colour.

Scope note: This term applies to still images. This term is often defined broadly to refer to computer-generated images as well.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying a still image created by the application of lines on a surface, often paper, by using a pencil, pen, chalk, or some other tracing instrument.

Recommendation 2.2.6

flash card

The reference to “or digital representation of a card” is dropped from the definition as this changes the carrier type from a *card*. The synonym “electronic flash card” is dropped as that is not a physical carrier.

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a card, or digital representation of a card, carrying words, numerals, pictures, etc., designed for rapid display as an aid to learning.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Synonyms: electronic flash card

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a card embodying words, numerals, pictures, etc., designed for rapid display as an aid to learning.

Recommendation 2.2.7

folded sheet

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a sheet designed to be read in pages when folded.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet that is intended to have a layout of embodied content in pages when folded.

Recommendation 2.2.8

game

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a set of objects designed for manipulation according to prescribed or implicit rules for education, entertainment, or therapy.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Related terms: toy

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object consisting of a set of objects with rules of play that is intended to support educational, entertainment, or therapeutic activities.

Related terms: toy

Recommendation 2.2.9

globe

Current definition: A unit of extent that is a depiction of the earth or other celestial body, real or imaginary, on the surface of a sphere.

Scope note: This term applies to cartographic resources.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying a representation of the earth or other celestial body on the surface of a sphere.

Scope note: The body that is represented may be real or imaginary.

Recommendation 2.2.10

jigsaw puzzle

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a picture, usually on pasteboard or wood, which has been cut into interlocking shapes intended to be reassembled.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying a still image, usually on pasteboard or wood, which has been cut into interlocking shapes intended to be reassembled.

Recommendation 2.2.11

medal

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a small piece of metal, bearing a relief design on one or both sides and having a commemorative purpose; not used as a medium of exchange.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying text or still images on one or both sides that is intended for commemorative activities only.

Recommendation 2.2.12

mock-up

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a physical representation of a device or process that may be modified for training or analysis to emphasize a particular part or function.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying a physical representation of a device or process that is intended for analysis and development of activities.

Related terms: model

Recommendation 2.2.13**model**

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a three-dimensional representation of a real or imagined object.

Scope note: This term applies to cartographic resources and three-dimensional forms.

Related terms: toy

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying a scaled-down representation of another object.

Scope note: The object represented may be real or imaginary.

Related terms: toy, mock-up

Recommendation 2.2.14**painting**

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of an item in which images are formed primarily by the direct application of pigment suspended in a medium, arranged in masses of colour onto a generally two-dimensional surface.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying images which are created primarily by the direct application of pigment suspended in a medium, arranged in masses of colour.

Recommendation 2.2.15**photograph**

This proposed revision separates the term “photograph” as a unit of a unitary structure and tied to the carrier type *sheet* from the proposed term “photographic image” for the RDA Aggregated Content Unit vocabulary and tied to the content type *still image*.

Related and more granular terms, such as “negatives” and “photomechanical prints”, could easily be added as unit of unitary structure.

Current definition of “photograph” from RDA Carrier Extent Unit: A unit of extent that consists of an image captured by a lens and carried on the surface of a sheet.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying images originally created by the interaction of light or other forms of radiation and a photosensitive material or medium.

Recommendation 2.2.16

postcard

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a card on which a message may be written or printed for mailing without an envelope.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a card on which a message may be written or printed for mailing without an envelope.

Recommendation 2.2.17

poster

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a notice, usually decorative or pictorial, intended to be posted to advertise, promote, or publicize an activity, cause, product, or service; also, a decorative, mass-produced print intended for hanging.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying text or still images intended to advertise, promote, or publicize an activity, cause, product or service, or decorate a room.

Recommendation 2.2.18

print

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a pictorial work produced by transferring an image by means of a matrix such as a plate, block, or screen, using any of various printing processes.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying a still image that is intended to reproduce a painting or drawing.

Recommendation 2.2.19

sculpture

The proposed definition separates out the context of a sculpture usually being an art object from the original definition as a scope note.

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a physical representation, usually of art, in which an image or form is produced in relief, in intaglio, or in the round.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object embodying an image or form in relief, in intaglio, or in the round.

Scope note: This term usually applies to art objects.

Recommendation 2.2.20

specimen

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of an individual unit or sample chosen to represent a larger population or aggregation.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object consisting of an individual unit or sample chosen to represent a larger population or aggregation.

Recommendation 2.2.21

study print

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of an image sometimes accompanied by text and used for education.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying a still image that is intended to support educational activities.

Recommendation 2.2.22

toy

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of an object designed for education, entertainment, or stimulation through play.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Related terms: game, model, activity card

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object intended to support educational, entertainment, or stimulation through play activities.

Related terms: game, model, activity card

Recommendation 2.2.23

wall chart

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of a tabular or graphic representation of data appropriate for display on a wall.

Scope note: This term applies to still images.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a sheet embodying a still image representation of data intended for display on a wall.

Recommendation 2.3: Adopt the term *exhibit* for **RDA Unitary Structure** from **RDA Carrier Extent Unit**. Update the definition to refer to a collection manifestation.

exhibit

Current definition: A unit of extent that consists of objects on display, along with the display environment of cases, labels, etc.

Scope note: This term applies to three-dimensional forms.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is an object consisting of a set of items that is intended for display with cases, labels, and explanatory text and still images to support educational and promotional activities.

Scope note: This term applies to collection manifestations.

Recommendation 2.4: Delete the term *atlas* from the **RDA Carrier Extent Unit** vocabulary encoding scheme. As described in the Discussion Paper RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev2 recommendation 13.1

(https://www.rdatoolkit.org/sites/default/files/uploads/RSC_ExtentWG_2024_1-rev2-updated2.pdf) the term *atlas* functions as a genre term for an aggregating work of cartographic expressions rather than as a unit of unitary structure. A value like “1 atlas (2 volumes)” would be

recorded as “Manifestation <has extent of unitary structure> 2 volumes” and “Work <has category of work> atlas”.

Recommendation 2.5: Adopt the following list of recommended new terms for the **RDA Unitary Structure** vocabulary:

Recommendation 2.5.1

sketchbook

This term has been used for volumes embodying still images. The term *sketchbook* is distinct from the term *album*, in that an *album* is a container.

Proposed definition: A unit of unitary structure that is a volume that embodies still images drawn or painted on blank pages.

Summary of recommendations

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Recommendation 2.2.1: activity card

Recommendation 2.2.2: coin

Recommendation 2.2.3: collage

Recommendation 2.2.4: diorama

Recommendation 2.2.5: drawing

Recommendation 2.2.6 flash card

Recommendation 2.2.7: folded sheet

Recommendation 2.2.8: game

Recommendation 2.2.9: globe

Recommendation 2.2.10: jigsaw puzzle

Recommendation 2.2.11: medal

Recommendation 2.2.12: mock-up

Recommendation 2.2.13: model

Recommendation 2.2.14: painting

Recommendation 2.2.15: photograph

Recommendation 2.2.16: postcard

Recommendation 2.2.17: poster

Recommendation 2.2.18: print

Recommendation 2.2.19: sculpture

Recommendation 2.2.20: specimen

Recommendation 2.2.21: study print

Recommendation 2.2.22: toy

Recommendation 2.2.23: wall chart

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Recommendation 2.5.1: sketchbook