

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
CC: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary
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Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/6 - Proposal for Manifestation: duration of embodied content

This proposal addresses the issue of RDA allowing cataloguers to record the total running time of a collection at the **Expression** level, despite aggregating expressions not having a duration. The duration should instead be recorded at the **Manifestation** level, where the content is embodied, correcting a modeling inconsistency and aligning RDA with international standards.

Recommendation 1: Remove the condition and options under Expression: duration on aggregating expressions.

Approve.

Recommendation 2: Remove the condition and options under Work: duration of representative expression regarding aggregating works and expressions.

Approve.

Recommendation 3: Create a new element, Manifestation: duration of embodied content. Add Manifestation: duration of embodied content as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content

Approve.

Manifestation: duration of embodied content records the playing time of content as embodied in a resource and, as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content, correctly treats duration as a measurable aspect of presentation rather than of the abstract work or expression (for example, a streaming video with a duration of 90 minutes).