

To: Renate Behrens, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

CC: Anne Welsh, Secretary, RDA Steering Committee

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Subject: Technical Working Group formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2025/7: Proposal for container and storage subelements of Manifestation: **extent of manifestation**

Recommendation 1: Retain and update the glossary entry for container from the **RDA Recording Source** vocabulary encoding scheme.

Approve.

The RDA Terms version of *container* was already identified as erroneous and deprecated since the drafting of this proposal; this proposal correctly notes that it should have been deprecated along with the other RDA Terms definitions that moved to the **RDA Recording Source** vocabulary. We agree with updating the **RDA Recording Source** vocabulary definition. One member of the Technical Working Group wondered if a *container* as a recording source should be conflated as a *container* as a component of the extent of a manifestation. The abbreviation “etc.” should be removed from the source note in according with the Toolkit editorial guidelines:

container

A source of information in a manifestation that is a housing that is physically separable from the manifestation.

A container includes a box for a disc or videocassette, a sleeve for a videodisc, ~~etc.~~ or other similar receptacle; an insert visible through the housing is part of the container.

Recommendation 2: Create the element Manifestation: **number of containers**. Associate the new vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Containers** with this element.

Provisionally approve.

There was some question among members of the Technical Working Group about the utility of the element, and it may be worth including instructions or options for when the number of containers is not necessary to record for user tasks. One member brought up the issue of containers within containers – for example, a box containing a number of audiocassettes, each in its own separate container.

Recommendation 3: Create the element Manifestation: **dimensions of container**.

Approve.

In many cases the values recorded in Manifestation: **dimensions** are going to be similar or identical to the value recorded in Manifestation: **dimensions of container**, and options or guidance should be available for this situation.

There should be instructions or options available for when containers are inside containers, such as a box containing a number of audiocassettes, each in its own separate container.

Recommendation 4: Create the element Manifestation: **extent of storage space**

Provisionally approve.

Several members of the Technical Working Group were confused by the definition. The word “amount” is ambiguous, and as written the definition could apply to digital storage as well as physical storage. If the intent is to only measure physical storage, the definition should be reworded:

extent of storage space:

A measurement of the ~~amount of~~ physical storage space occupied by a collection manifestation

Recommendation 5: Create a new vocabulary encoding scheme **RDA Containers**.

Approve.

Recommendation 5.1: case

Approve

Recommendation 5.2: portfolio

Approve.

Recommendation 5.3: album

Approve

Recommendation 5.4: box

Approve

Recommendation 5.5: bradded folder

Approve

Recommendation 5.6: folder

Approve

Recommendation 5.7: sleeve

Approve