

Toolkit Development

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Getting Started

- 3R Project
 - rdatoolkit.org/3RProject
- RDA Toolkit Beta site
 - beta.rdatoolkit.org
- RDA Toolkit channel on YouTube

September Release

- Improvements to HTML editor
- Updates to Tools
- Improvements to search
- Changes to the home page
- Removal of subdivisions in element lists
- Improvements to MARC Mapping

End of Year Goals

- **Accessibility** – working toward AA rating on W3C guidelines
- **Graphic Browser** – for browsing of entities and elements
- **Relationship Matrix** – improvements to presentation of relationship designators
- **AACR2** – included without links
- **Citation Numbers** – for referencing RDA text when linking is not an option

Community Feedback

- Feedback has already spurred improvements to beta Toolkit
- Submit feedback at...
 - rdatoolkit.org/form/3r-feedback
 - rdatoolkit@ala.org

RDA Toolkit Content

Gordon Dunsire, Chair, RDA Steering Committee

Beta release

Foundational structure for the organization of elements, instructions, and guidance

Combines

- The organization of entities, attributes, and relationships in the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM)
- The extension of RDA as an implementation of the LRM and resolution of gaps and inconsistencies in RDA
- Explicit provision of recording methods to improve support for RDA data applications



Modular structure

Instructions are grouped by element and recording method

Finer granularity is more flexible for a wider range of applications

Every element page has the same basic structure

RDA Reference data are maintained and displayed separately from guidance and instructions

Reference data are extracted from the RDA Registry

Element page structure

Definition and Scope
Element Reference

Prerecording

Recording

Recording an unstructured description

Recording a structured description

Recording an identifier

Recording an IRI

Related Elements

Instructions

RDA Reference

R | D | A
Resource Description & Access

Boilerplate

Guidance, instruction, and navigation content components that are re-used in multiple pages in the Toolkit

Re-usable components are updated once
And translated once

Repetition is a desirable feature of the new Toolkit

- Improves consistency and understanding
- Supports a modular editorial infrastructure
- Reduces costs

Optional instructions

Internationalization

No “one way” of describing and accessing a resource



Two or more recording methods are valid for many elements



No element is mandatory [except “nomen string”]
Same as original Toolkit



Most instructions are optional

Application profile is required to manage choice

Conditions

Many instructions apply only when one or more conditions is met

- Kind of resource being described
- Specific characteristic of resource being described
- Existence of pre-recorded data
- Etc.

“Alternative” = option for the same set of conditions

“Exception” = different set of conditions

CONDITION

A work is created by one or more agents who are responsible for the intellectual or artistic content of the work.

OPTION

Record information about one or more of the creators using Work:

note on work .

OPTION

Relate the work to each of one or more of its creators using Work:

creator of work .

Adding content

Move original and valid content to the new structure

Different level of granularity

Reword content to meet design goals

Internationalization

Create content for existing gaps as well as new entities and elements

Aggregates and serials

Appellation elements

Retain legacy “redundancy”

Current RSC Activity

Kathy Glennan, Chair-Elect, RDA Steering Committee

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Appellation elements (96 elements)

- Being reviewed for consistency and clarity by Thomas Brenndorfer, NARDAC Representative to the RSC
- Includes:
 - appellation of [entity]
 - preferred name of [entity]
 - access point for [entity]
 - identifier for [entity]
- Will be reviewed by RSC in October

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Aggregates and serials

- Ongoing work by the RSC Aggregates Working Group, which incorporates
 - Modeling of aggregates in IFLA-LRM
 - Recommendations from the ad hoc Serials Task Force
- Will be reviewed by RSC in October

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Stabilizing the English text

- RSC members reviewing selected elements and making recommendations for clarity
- Need to complete so that work can start on policy statements and translations

Guidance chapters

- Development by RSC members
- Feedback from Toolkit users

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Navigating the LRM/RDA semantic structure

- Relationship Matrix
 - A text-based browser for all entities and “relationship” elements in hierarchical order
- Graphic Browser
 - A means to show context for an element page
 - Replaces the expand/collapse browse of the table of contents in the original Toolkit

RSC members currently reviewing both of these;
look to finalize styles before the end of the year

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Examples

- Ongoing work by the Examples Editor
 - More examples coming in each Toolkit release
 - Translations can use different examples

New Activities Arising from the 3R Project

Develop examples of application profiles

- Liaise with Policy Statement agencies
- Major work must wait until English text is stabilized

Directed development of specific topics, e.g.:

- Further refining use of Collective Agent
- Implementation of “extent” recommendations from ALA in 2013 (6JSC/ALA/Discussion 1)

RSC's New Governance Model

New members and representation

- New regions with reps:
Europe, North America, Oceania
- New regions with reps to come:
Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean

Impact of internationalization

- Regional representatives bring different cataloging perspectives to the discussion
- Instructions must be flexible while also ensuring data compatibility across cataloging agencies

RSC's New Governance Model

Develop consultation procedures and communication with RDA communities

- Reopen a proposal process
 - But it will be different from the previous model
 - Ensure outreach to wider communities and to special communities
 - For the former, in part through the new position,
Wider Community Engagement Officer
 - For the latter, participation in RSC Working Groups

RSC Working Groups

Task and finish groups created around a particular need

- Membership must be from multiple regions
- Members often have subject or format expertise
- Terms of Reference reviewed and updated annually by the RSC
- Create reports and/or proposals for RSC consideration
- The RSC expects to form an Archives Working Group in 2019



Update on NARDAC: The North American RDA Committee

Thomas Brenndorfer

NARDAC Representative to the RDA Steering Committee


1 of 2 Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC) representatives to NARDAC

1 of 2 Canadian Federation of Library Associations representatives to the CCC

Librarian, Guelph Public Library, Ontario, Canada

What is NARDAC?

- **N**orth **A**merican **RDA** **C**ommittee
- Formed in January 2018 to represent the North American region on the RDA Steering Committee (RSC)



UN Geoscheme for North America

- Bermuda
- Canada
- Greenland
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon
- United States of America



NARDAC Communities

- United States
 - American Library Association (ALA)
 - Library of Congress (LC)
- Canada
 - Canadian Committee on Cataloguing (CCC)

[Bermuda, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon: If/when they implement RDA]



NARDAC Members

ALA Representatives

- Dominique Bourassa, Yale University (3-year term)
- Kathy Glennan, University of Maryland (1-year term)

CCC Representatives

- Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library
- Nathalie Mainville, Library and Archives Canada, Standards and Systems

LC Representatives

- Damian Iseminger, Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division
- Kate James, Policy & Standards Division

Nonvoting ex-officio member

- RDA Board representative for North America, Beacher Wiggins, Library of Congress

NARDAC ROLES

Chair

- Dominique Bourassa, Yale University (3-year term)

Representative to the RSC

- Thomas Brenndorfer, Guelph Public Library (minimum 2-year term)

Representative back-up

- Kate James, LC Policy & Standards Division

Coordinator of Web content

- Damian Iseminger, LC Bibliographic Access Section, Music Division



RSC RDA Steering Committee

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North America

Welcome to the North American RDA Committee

The North American RDA Committee (NARDAC) is the entity responsible for representing the North American region (Bermuda, Canada, Greenland, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, and the United States of America) on the RDA Steering Committee.

Please see the [terms of reference](#) for more information concerning NARDAC.

NARDAC may be contacted by using the email nardacchair@rdatoolkit.org.

Source: <http://www.rda-rsc.org/northamerica>



NARDAC Charge

- Formulate North American positions on RDA proposals, discussion papers, and drafts
- Keep the North American communities informed of RDA developments and RSC decisions
- Select a member of NARDAC to serve as the North American regional representative to the RSC
- Respond to other RSC initiatives as they arise
- Support the work of RSC by helping to identify possible members for the working groups

Source: NARDAC Terms of Reference

http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/North%20American%20RDA%20Committee_TermsOfReference2017.pdf



RDA Revision Proposals

Because NARDAC is an umbrella committee...

NARDAC does not replace the successful committees already in place

Proposals for additions and revisions to RDA should be submitted through regular channels

- American proposals: CC:DA
- LC proposals: LC
- Canadian proposals: CCC

HIATUS ON REVISION PROPOSALS STILL IN EFFECT!



RDA Regions

In Place:

- Europe: European RDA Interest Group (EURIG)
- Oceania: Oceania RDA Committee (ORDAC)
- **North America: North American RDA Committee (NARDAC)**

Still to be formed:

- Africa
- Asia
- Latin America and the Caribbean



Contact

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