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Community Resources

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NARDAC
North American RDA Committee

- NARDAC Update Forum – 2021-08-30
https://youtu.be/SY1Ssl78YFw

NARDAC members:

American Library Association
   Stephen Hearn, Robert Maxwell

Canadian Committee on Cataloguing
   Thomas Brenndorfer, Thi Bao Tran Phan (Library and Archives Canada)

Library of Congress
   Melanie Polutta, Clara Liao

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RSC Assessment Group

- Formed as an outcome of the RSC April 2021 meeting

- Addresses issues beyond routine editorial decisions, which are often in the territory of broader questions and principles

- Membership
  - RSC Secretary, RSC regional representatives

- Responsibilities of the group
  - Analyzes the issue and then…
    - Refers it for action to an appropriate person or group (to create a proposal, fast track, etc.), *or*
    - Determines that the change cannot be accommodated in base RDA

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Assessing and fixing these cases...

Minimum description of an item

A minimum description of an item must include the following set of elements:

- Item: appellation of item ⮕
  - or Item: title of item ⮕
    - or Item: preferred title of item ⮕
  - or Item: access point for item ⮕
    - or Item: authorized access point for item ⮕
  - or Item: identifier for item ⮕
- Item: manifestation exemplified ⮕ with a value of:
  - Manifestation: appellation of manifestation ⮕
    - or Manifestation: title of manifestation ⮕
      - or Manifestation: title proper ⮕
    - or Manifestation: access point for manifestation ⮕
      - or Manifestation: authorized access point for manifestation ⮕
    - or Manifestation: identifier for manifestation ⮕
  - or IRI for a manifestation

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A minimum description of an item must include <u>one of the following elements</u>:

Item: **appellation of item**

or Item: **title of item**

or Item: **preferred title of item**

or Item: **access point for item**

or Item: **authorized access point for item**

or Item: **identifier for item**

or IRI for an item

A minimum description of an item must also include <u>the following element</u>:

Item: **manifestation exemplified** with a value of:

Manifestation: **appellation of manifestation**

or Manifestation: **title of manifestation**

or Manifestation: **title proper**

or Manifestation: **access point for manifestation**

or Manifestation: **authorized access point for manifestation**

or Manifestation: **identifier for manifestation**

or IRI for an manifestation

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Assessing more issues …

- Person: **place of residence** – remove scope note "A place where a person has worked or studied is included".

- Ongoing discussion on principle of "uniformity". The objective of "internationalization" points to a wider issue:

    Given the flexibility of the guidance and recording methods, the metadata provided by different agents will not necessarily be identical, but as well-formed data it will be understood by any agent when shared. The emphasis is on data harmonization rather than strict compatibility.

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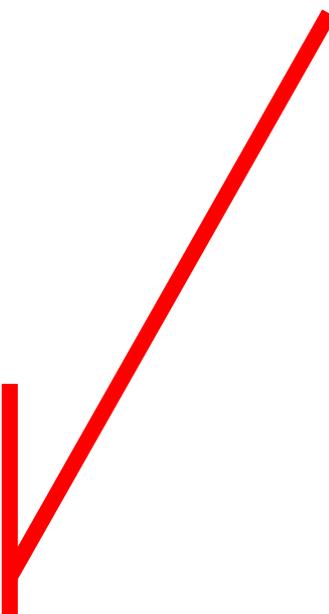Resource Description & Access

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Moving English language content to new location in Toolkit

- Sept. 2020: Abbreviations, capitalization, initial articles, etc.

- April 2021: Legacy Anglo-American instructions for pseudo-elements (legal, musical, religious works, and official communications)

- July 2021: Community refinements content, principally string encoding scheme instructions

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Where it all began …

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Appendices

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EURIG Meeting

2021-09-14

Original RDA Toolkit

- Appendices
  - **A:** Capitalization
  - **B:** Abbreviations and Symbols
  - **C:** Initial Articles
  - **D:** Record Syntaxes for Descriptive Data
  - **E:** Record Syntaxes for Access Point Control
  - **F:** Additional Instructions on Names of Persons
  - **G:** Titles of Nobility, Terms of Rank, Etc.
  - **H:** Dates in the Christian Calendar

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Original RDA Toolkit: Capitalization, Abbreviations, and Symbols …

… **English language conventions dominate**

- Appendices
  - A: Capitalization
    - A.0 Scope
    - A.1 General Guideline
    - + A.2 Names of Agents and Places
    - + A.3 Title of Work
    - + A.4 Titles of Manifestations
    - A.5 Edition Statement
    - A.6 Numbering of Serials
    - A.7 Numbering within Series and Subseries
    - A.8 Notes
    - A.9 Details of Elements
    - A.10 General Guideline for English Language Capitalization
    - + A.11 Personal Names
    - A.12 Names of Peoples, Etc.
    - + A.13 Place Names
    - A.14 Names of Structures, Streets, Etc.
    - A.15 Derivatives of Proper Names
    - + A.16 Names of Corporate Bodies
    - + A.17 Religious Names and Terms
    - A.18 Names of Documents
    - A.19 Names of Historical and Cultural Events and Periods
    - A.20 Decorations, Medals, Etc.
    - A.21 Names of Calendar Divisions
    - A.22 Names of Holidays
    - A.23 Scientific Names of Plants and Animals
    - A.24 Geologic Terms
    - A.25 Astronomical Terms
    - A.26 Soil Names
    - A.27 Trade Names
    - A.28 Single and Multiple Letters Used as Words or Parts of Compounds
    - A.29 Hyphenated Compounds
    - A.30 Hyphenated Prefixes
    - A.31 General Guideline on Capitalization for Languages Other Than English
    - A.32 Capitalization of Transliterated Names and Titles
    - + A.33 Bosnian
    - + A.34 Bulgarian

- B: Abbreviations and Symbols
  - B.0 Scope
  - B.1 General Guideline
  - B.2 Names of Agents and Places
  - B.3 Title of Work
  - B.4 Transcribed Elements
  - B.5 Other Elements
    - B.5.1 Dimensions
    - B.5.2 Extent of Storage Space
    - B.5.3 Duration
    - B.5.4 Numeric Designation of Musical Work
    - B.5.5 Numbering of Part
    - B.5.6 Medium of Performance of Musical Content
    - B.5.7 Additional Scale Information
    - B.5.8 Right Ascension
    - B.5.9 Date
    - B.5.10 Other Distinguishing Characteristic of a Legal Work
    - B.5.11 Other Elements
  - B.6 Corresponding Words in Another Language
  - B.7 Latin Alphabet Abbreviations
  - B.8 Cyrillic Alphabet Abbreviations
  - B.9 Greek Alphabet Abbreviations
  - B.10 Hebrew and Yiddish Abbreviations
  - B.11 Names of Certain Countries, States, Provinces, Territories, Etc.

Followed by other languages …

- A: Capitalization
  - + A.33 Bosnian
  - + A.34 Bulgarian
  - + A.35 Croatian
  - + A.36 Czech (Bohemian)
  -   A.37 Danish
  - + A.38 Dutch
  - + A.39 Finnish
  - + A.40 French
  - + A.41 German
  - + A.42 Hungarian
  - + A.43 Italian
  -   A.44 Latin
  -   A.45 Norwegian
  - + A.46 Polish
  - + A.47 Portuguese
  - + A.48 Russian
  - + A.49 Scandinavian Languages
  - + A.50 Serbian
  -   A.51 Slovak
  - + A.52 Slovenian
  - + A.53 Spanish
  -   A.54 Swedish
  -   A.55 Ukrainian

- F: Additional Instructions on Names of Persons
  -   F.0 Scope
  - + F.1 Names in the Arabic Alphabet
  - + F.2 Burmese and Karen Names
  - + F.3 Chinese Names Containing a Non-Chinese Given Name
  - + F.4 Icelandic Names
  - + F.5 Indic Names
  - + F.6 Indonesian Names
  - + F.7 Malay Names
  - + F.8 Roman Names
  - + F.9 Romanian Names Containing a Patronymic
  - + F.10 Thai Names
  - + F.11 Recording Surnames That Include an Article and/or Preposition

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New RDA Toolkit – under the RESOURCES tab

Resources > Community resources

Community resources

This area of **RDA toolkit** holds content that conforms to the RDA standard but is specific to language or specialist communities rather than international in scope.

Community resources is subarranged into two areas:

- **Community refinements** → provides additional guidance and instructions for existing RDA elements that are applicable to specific communities

- **Community vocabularies** → provides controlled terms for use as values of specific RDA elements using specialized community-based vocabularies or language-based vocabularies.

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Landing page for *Community refinements*

Resources > Community resources > Community refinements

Community refinements

Community refinements provide more granular community-based refinements of RDA instructions to support string encoding schemes, transcription rules, and other string processing functions.

The refinements are not maintained as part of RDA, but are pertinent to RDA toolkit user communities.

Some refinements are legacy instructions that may have been used in RDA metadata statements in the past. Some are instructions that pertain to the formulation of a specific string encoding scheme.

- Work refinements
- Expression refinements
- Manifestation refinements
- Person refinements
- Corporate Body refinements
- Family refinements
- Place refinements

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Manifestation Refinements...

Resources > Community resources > Community refinements > Manifestation refinements

Manifestation refinements

These refinements contain instructions for specific RDA elements for particular communities.

The refinements are not maintained as part of RDA, but are pertinent to RDA toolkit user communities.

Some refinements are instructions that pertain to the formulation of a specific string encoding scheme.

- authorized access point for manifestation: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥
- distribution statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥
- edition statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥
- manufacture statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥
- production statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥
- publication statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥
- series statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions ⇥

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String encoding scheme – formulation of series statement…

series statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions

Recording

Recording a structured description ⊞

Apply this string encoding scheme:

Record a value that includes, in this order:

1. a value of Manifestation: title of series ⊞
2. a value of Manifestation: other title information of series ⊞
3. a value of Manifestation: statement of responsibility relating to series ⊞
4. a value of Manifestation: numbering within sequence ⊞

Apply a local string punctuation pattern.

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String encoding scheme – formulation of publication statement…

publication statement: legacy Anglo-American instructions

Recording

Recording a structured description ⇥

Apply this string encoding scheme:

Record a value that includes, in this order:

1. a value of Manifestation: place of publication ⇥
2. a value of Manifestation: name of publisher ⇥
3. a value of Manifestation: date of publication ⇥

Apply a local string punctuation pattern.

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Landing page for *Community vocabularies*

Resources > Community resources > Community vocabularies

Community vocabularies

These vocabularies contain controlled terms for use as values of specific RDA elements.

The vocabularies are not maintained as part of RDA, but are pertinent to **RDA toolkit** user communities.

Some vocabularies may have incomplete coverage, or lack definitions or notations.

Some are legacy vocabularies that contain terms that may have been used in RDA metadata statements in the past.

- **General abbreviations**
- **Abbreviations for units**
- **Terms in specific languages**

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Terms in specific languages

- Terms in Afrikaans
- Terms in Albanian
- Terms in Arabic
- Terms in Baluchi
- Terms in Basque
- Terms in Bosnian
- Terms in Brahui
- Terms in Breton
- Terms in Bulgarian
- Terms in Burmese
- Terms in Catalan
- Terms in Chinese
- Terms in Croatian
- Terms in Czech
- Terms in Danish
- Terms in Dutch
- ⭐ Terms in English
- Terms in Esperanto
- Terms in Fijian
- Terms in Finnish
- Terms in French

- Terms in Galician
- Terms in German
- Terms in Greek
    - ○ Terms in Ancient Greek
    - ○ Terms in Modern Greek
- Terms in Hawaiian
- Terms in Hebrew
- Terms in Hungarian
- Terms in Iban
- Terms in Icelandic
- Terms in Indonesian
- Terms in Irish
- Terms in Italian
- Terms in Malagasy
- Terms in Malay
- Terms in Maltese
- Terms in Maori
- Terms in Neapolitan
- Terms in Niuean
- Terms in Norwegian
- Terms in Occitan
- Terms in Old Provençal

- Terms in Panjabi
- Terms in Persian
- Terms in Polish
- Terms in Portuguese
- Terms in Rarotongan
- Terms in Romanian
- Terms in Russian
- Terms in Samoan
- Terms in Scots
    - ○ Terms in Shetland dialect
- Terms in Scottish Gaelic
- Terms in Serbian
- Terms in Slovak
- Terms in Slovenian
- Terms in Spanish
- Terms in Swedish
- Terms in Tagalog
- Terms in Tahitian
- Terms in Thai
- Terms in Tokelau
- Terms in Tongan
- Terms in Turkish
- Terms in Ukrainian
- Terms in Urdu
- Terms in Walloon
- Terms in Welsh
- Terms in Western Frisian
- Terms in Western Panjabi
- Terms in Yiddish

The process of organizing the community vocabularies for the new RDA Toolkit…

	Language or script	Abbreviations	Capitalization	Initial article	Name of person	Terms of rank
Arabic	Script			Yes	Yes	
Hungarian	Language		Yes	Yes		
Iban	Language					Yes
Italian	Language		Yes	Yes		
Latin script	Script	Yes				
Romanian	Language			Yes	Yes	

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Terms in English

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- RDA Entity
  - Names of RDA entities →
- Work
  - Preferred titles of works →
  - Titles of works →
- Expression
  - Medium of performance of musical content →
- Manifestation
  - Manifestation statements →
  - Titles of manifestations →
- Person
  - Access points for persons →
  - Gender →
  - Names of persons →
- Corporate Body
  - Names of corporate bodies →
- Place
  - Names of places →
- Timespan
  - Names of timespans →

Terms in English – organized by RDA <u>entity</u>, and then by <u>element</u>

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  - Names of timespans →

Names of RDA entities

Apply the following guidance when recording a value of RDA Entity: name of RDA entity → or *element subtype*.

Initial articles of names of RDA entities in English

Treat the following words and prefixes as initial articles.

- *a*
- *an*
- *d'*
- *de*
- *the*
- *ye*

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Terms in French

Table of Contents

- RDA Entity
  - Names of RDA entities
- Work
  - Preferred titles of works
- Manifestation
  - Access points for manifestations
  - Manifestation statements
  - Titles of manifestations
- Person
  - Access points for persons
  - Names of persons
  - Terms of rank
- Corporate Body
  - Names of corporate bodies
- Place
  - Names of places
- Timespan
  - Names of timespans

Terms in French, organized by entities:

- RDA Entity
- Resource entities (WEMI)
- Agent entities
- Place
- Timespan

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Terms in French

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Names of RDA entities

Apply the following guidance when recording a value of RDA Entity: name of RDA entity → or *element subtype*.

Initial articles of names of RDA entities in French

Treat the following words and prefixes as initial articles.

- *l'*
- *la*
- *le*
- *les*
- *un**
- *une**

An asterisk (*) indicates that the same form may be used in other contexts so that care should be taken to determine the meaning before treating the word as an initial article.

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From AACR2 to the new RDA Toolkit

AACR2 – Appendix A for Capitalization [English language context]

A.28 SOIL NAMES

A.28A. Capitalize the name of a soil classification.

Alpine Meadow   Half Bog
Chernozem   Prairie

New RDA Toolkit – Capitalization of manifestation statements in English [language: *English*; entity: *Manifestation*]

Capitalize a name of a soil classification.

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Where are the examples?

AACR2 – Appendix A for Capitalization [English language context]

A.28 SOIL NAMES

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New RDA Toolkit – Capitalization of manifestation statements in English [language: *English*; entity: *Manifestation*]

Capitalize a name of a soil classification.

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Community Resources – Further Refinements and Vocabularies

- Normalizing data found in manifestations (capitalization, etc.)

- Access point construction (string encoding schemes)

- Community vocabularies (e.g., Gender)

- Extensions to carrier and content type (see the "how-to" guidance for making these)

- Subtypes of RDA entities and elements (including new "shortcut" relationship elements)

- Community application profiles

- Suggested friendly labels for elements

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Where we stand today with community resources…

For the Anglo-American catalog(u)ing community

… by the Anglo-American catalog(u)ing community

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Community Resources has content – Now What?

- Hand off "ownership" from RSC to other groups
  - For English: some Anglo-American community (or group of communities)
    - NARDAC + ORDAC + British Library, etc.? [not yet settled]
  - For Finnish:
    - Ready to translate the English text of Community Resources for their purposes

- Communities implementing Community Resources need to
  - Figure out how this part of RDA Toolkit works for them in concert with base RDA, policy statements, application profiles, etc.
  - Commit to regular review and revision
  - Ensure the content remains compatible with RDA
  - Update the CMS (Content Management System), or provide content for someone else to add

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Thank you!

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