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Subject: Formal response to RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/2 - Proposal to correct the terms "multipart monograph" and "serial"

NARDAC believes the proposal does not go far enough to truly achieve the goal of clarity of vocabulary and conditions/options. The suggestions below, we think, would resolve this problem significantly.

Given the large number of revisions that may result from the RSC's review of constituent comments, we would ideally like an opportunity to review and comment on another draft.

The most substantive comments below come from the Canadian Committee on Cataloguing, and are identified as "CCC Comments". LC and ALA support the CCC comments. Other comments are identified as "ALA Comments".

Before commenting on specific recommendations CCC had several general observations about the proposal:

Point one. Use the word "unit" for both "part" and "issue".

Replacing the word "part" with "unit" should extend to using "unit" as a replacement for the word "issue" as well.

If the objective is to use the phrase "multiple unit manifestation" to refer to manifestations of either multipart monographs or serials, then both cases can be described using only the term "unit", and the term "issue" can be dropped in that context.

"Issue" is defined as a work-to-work relationship element in the official Toolkit. Therefore, it is not an "issue" per se but a *manifestation of an issue* that is being used for a description in the affected instructions. The word "unit" can substitute for "manifestation of an issue" in the same way "unit" substitutes for the word "part" in the context of a multipart monograph. Both "part" and "issue" are used in other contexts.

The CCC noted that for integrating resources (where the extension plan involves replacement) the basis of a description is the entire iteration. An iteration can be one unit or more than one unit, but the manifestation in focus is the manifestation of the entire integrating resource.

Therefore, one can use the phrase "unit or iteration" to cover all the cases for multiple unit manifestations and integrating resources.

Replacing "issue" with "unit" leads to a better and more concise name for the element:

Manifestation: **note on unit or iteration used as a basis for identification of manifestation.**

Point two. Use boilerplate text for the condition of two or more units issued successively and a separate condition line for whether a determinate or indeterminate work is embodied.

In examining this proposal the CCC noted that cataloguers frequently face the condition where units have been issued successively (whether a multipart monograph or a serial), as distinct from when the units have been issued in a single act of publication (where the multiple unit manifestation embodies a static work).

Therefore, the phrase "two or more units issued successively" in a condition statement for diachronic works would highlight a key condition to which cataloguers need to respond. Instead of the phrase "A manifestation consists of two or more issues" (as offered in the proposal), the phrase should be "A manifestation consists of two more units issued successively". This would be consistent with replacing the word "issue" with "unit", while retaining the Extension plan condition of units being issued successively.

A second condition statement would specify whether the manifestation of the diachronic work embodies a successive determinate work or a serial work (a successive indeterminate work).

Following this organization of pairing two condition statements would allow the official Toolkit to use its terminology more consistently, and there would be a more straightforward method of mapping back to the legacy categorizations of multipart monographs and serials.

Example of boilerplate condition statements for a multipart monograph where units are planned to be issued over time before concluding:

A manifestation consists of two or more units issued
successively. A manifestation embodies a successive
determinate work.

Example of boilerplate condition statements for a serial where units are planned to be issued over time indefinitely:

A manifestation consists of two or more units issued
successively. A manifestation embodies a serial work.

Point three. Separate out hybrid conditions that combined multipart monographs and serials.

In the original Toolkit the hybrid conditions, such as in combining “multipart monograph or serial” into a condition set, had utility in providing for a single instruction for several related situations at once.

But with the need to utilize the official Toolkit terminology arising from Work: **extension plan** and the recast Manifestation: **mode of issuance** elements, the CCC viewed this proposal as an opportunity to separate out the hybrid conditions so as to more easily consider distinct conditions one at a time. The space available on an element page and the lack of instruction numbers should be exploited to provide simpler boilerplate text, even if it means some repetition with instructions for conditions where only one variable has changed.

Separating out hybrid conditions would permit more use of boilerplate text, potentially ease translation efforts, and could simplify policy statements, as a policy statement would no longer need to attend to hybrid conditions, where qualifications and exceptions may arise for one case but not the other.

One example where separating out hybrid conditions would be useful is in the conditions for an instruction for Manifestation: **note on statement of responsibility**, where what is meant by "subsequent unit" can vary based upon whether the embodied work is static or diachronic.

The proposal has:

CONDITION

A manifestation consists of two or more units.

A manifestation embodies a static work or a successive determinate work.

OPTION

Record notes on differences in statements of responsibility that occur on a subsequent unit, if considered important for identification or access.

CONDITION

A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a serial work.

OPTION

Record notes on changes in statements of responsibility that occur after the first/earliest issue or unit, if considered important for identification or access.

By separating out the conditions, a "subsequent unit" in the case of a static work would mean a unit other than the first one in the sequence. For a static work, it would not make sense to say there was an "earliest" unit. A "subsequent unit" for a diachronic work would mean all extant units other than the first unit, but also all future units.

However, which unit is used as a basis for a description for the static or diachronic work as a whole can vary, given that a library may not have all units, or units may not be numbered or

lettered, so determining what is first/earliest may not be straightforward. What "subsequent" means varies based upon the context.

Instead of using the word "subsequent" it would be simpler to specify the recording of differences that occur on units other than the unit used as the basis for a description.

In addition, the phrase "if considered important for identification or access" can be dropped throughout, as choosing any option in the official Toolkit is done so for that reason, and so that added phrase is redundant.

Combining all of these suggestions would lead to the following for Recommendation 4, with the hybrid condition for multipart monographs separated out, and "subsequent" and "after the first/earliest" replaced by "on units not chosen as the basis for a description":

CONDITION

A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a static work.

OPTION

Record notes on differences in statements of responsibility that occur on **units not chosen as the basis for a description.**

CONDITION

A manifestation consists of two or more units **issued successively**. A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work.

OPTION

Record notes on differences in statements of responsibility that occur on **units not chosen as the basis for a description.**

CONDITION

A manifestation consists of two or more units **issued successively**. A manifestation embodies a serial work.

OPTION

Record notes on changes in statements of responsibility that occur **on units not chosen as the basis for a description.**

Point four. The manifestation in focus can vary. The manifestation may refer to a unit or the manifestation embodying the diachronic work as a whole.

The CCC noted that while condition statements like "A manifestation embodies a serial work" refers to the manifestation of the diachronic work as a whole (that is, all units issued over time), there are occasions when the manifestation in focus is the manifestation that is only a single unit.

An example of where a manifestation of just a single unit appears to be intended is in Recommendation 5 for changes in Manifestation: **title proper**: "A manifestation embodies a part, issue or iteration of a diachronic work". That line contains several problems addressed elsewhere in the proposal, and it needs to be clarified what manifestation is in focus. The CCC suggests clarifying this condition to refer to the diachronic work as a whole, as in "A manifestation embodies a diachronic work". A title proper would vary across two or more units, so it is not logical to have a condition statement where only a single unit manifestation is in focus.

The CCC suggestions on this point are presented in full for Recommendation 5 in the table below.

Point five. Use the term "iterations" instead of "updates" for manifestations embodying integrating works.

The CCC noticed one case of the word "update" used in the context of integrating resources. Since an "update" refers to any iteration other than the first one, the word may not be necessary. Unless there is a reason to skip over the first iteration, the CCC recommends using the word "iteration" instead of "update".

Point six. Units that have parts (and parts that have units in the context of Extent of Manifestation)

While the CCC approves of using the word "units" instead of "parts" to avoid the conflict with the use of the word "part" for musical resources, there are still elements that retain the sense of parts for manifestation ("Manifestation: part manifestation").

Moreover, the Guidance section (**Guidance. Describing a single unit manifestation that has two or more parts**) covers the case of a single unit manifestation that has two or more parts.

The CCC views that the point that a single unit manifestation can still have parts needs to be addressed for clarity in relevant sections. One section is the glossary term for "single unit", where there is already an elaboration that a single unit includes "a single volume, a file available online, etc." A further elaboration that a single unit can consist of identifiable parts is warranted.

While the official Toolkit covers cases where units have parts, there are also the seemingly paradoxical instructions for Extent, where parts are indicated as having units, as in:

Number of units or subunits in a part (17.43.16.47)

https://access.rdatoolkit.org/en-US_ala-8754c7a9-c38c-3735-9cf9-865df717f81b/p_lks_4cz_xdb

Option

Record an extent of the part by giving the number of units or number of subunits, as appropriate ...

In this case "units" refers to "extent units" or "extent subunits", and this will likely be revised for clarity when Extent is reviewed in general.

An example of how the instruction could be reworded:

Number of extent units or extent subunits in a part manifestation

Option

Record an extent of the part manifestation by giving the number of extent units or number of extent subunits, as appropriate...

The following instruction heading would also benefit by this kind of clarification: **Location of a part within a larger manifestation.**

This could become: **Location of a part manifestation within a larger manifestation.**

The CCC does not recommend changing the wording in the Extent of Manifestation element page at this point, but notes that situations where units are said to have parts, and parts are said to have units, is an aspect of the current language of the Toolkit that needs to be considered as part of this proposal and with future revisions of the text.

Point seven. Expressions and units

Since "units" are to be associated with manifestations, editorial modifications should occur in the official Toolkit wherever expressions are described as consisting of units. This would require scanning the Toolkit for other cases where "units" are applied to resource entities other than Manifestation.

Example for the element Expression: **duration** (https://access.rdatoolkit.org/en-US_ala-e81074b3-0244-33c5-9dce-7bbcdbeea191/div_f4z_y3p_v2b):

CONDITION

An expression consists of two or more units.

OPTION

Record the duration of each part.

...

OPION

Record both the total duration and the duration of each part.

This should be made consistent with the idea that manifestations have units:

CONDITION

A manifestation of an expression consists of two or more units.

OPTION

Record the duration ~~of each part~~ for each unit.

...

OPTION

Record both the total duration and the duration ~~of each part~~ for each unit.

The phrase "duration for each unit" may be better than "duration of each unit" since a unit would not have duration as a property. Rather, the expression manifested has a duration (which is an extent of expression property). By comparison, one could say "height of each unit", as height would be an extent property of the manifestation.

Recommendation 1:

ALA Comments:

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Consider making the wording more clear for this new option (p. 9 marked up version)

- **Record a note identifying the unit on which the identification of the manifestation is based or its number or publication date, as appropriate.**

The "or" seems to be implying that recording a note identifying the manifestation on which the description is based and recording a number or publication date of the manifestation on which the description is based are separate concepts, where similarly worded instructions in the current text make it clear that the number/date are to be included in the information recorded in the note. If "note" and "number/publication date" are really supposed to be separate, this should be two (or even three?) options:

- Record a note identifying the unit on which the identification of the manifestation is based
- Record the number or publication date of the unit on which the identification of the manifestation is based.

Otherwise it could be rephrased to remove the impression that these are distinct choices:

- Record a note identifying the unit on which the identification of the manifestation is based. Include the number or publication date of the unit, as appropriate.

ALA Comment 2:

A correction is needed on page 11: "**parts**" should be changed to "units."

CONDITION

A manifestation consists of two or more units.

A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work.

Two or more **parts** have been consulted.

CCC Comment:

The recommended improvements cover the use of the phrase "units issued successively" and removing the term "issues", as well as splitting apart any instructions with hybrid conditions.

The CCC accepts all other changes in this recommendation.

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
<p>CONDITION</p> <p>A manifestation consists of two or more issues or units.</p> <p>A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work or a serial work.</p> <p>The identification of a manifestation is not based on the first released issue or unit (see Resource description. Describing a manifestation).</p> <p>OPTION</p> <p>Record a note identifying the issue or unit used as the basis for the identification.</p>	<p>CONDITION</p> <p>A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively.</p> <p>A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work.</p> <p>The identification of a manifestation is not based on the first released unit (see Resource description. Describing a manifestation).</p> <p>OPTION</p> <p>Record a note identifying the unit used as the basis for identification.</p> <p>CONDITION</p> <p>A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively.</p> <p>A manifestation embodies a serial work.</p> <p>The identification of a manifestation is not based on the first released unit (see Resource description. Describing a manifestation).</p> <p>OPTION</p> <p>Record a note identifying the unit used as the basis for identification.</p>

<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more numbered issues or units. A manifestation embodies a serial work. Two or more issues or units have been consulted.</p> <p>OPTION Record a separate note identifying the latest issue or unit consulted in preparing the description.</p> <p>OPTION Do not make a note of earliest or latest issues or units consulted if they are the same as those recorded in Manifestation: <u>numbering of sequence</u>.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more numbered units issued successively. A manifestation embodies a serial work. Two or more units issued successively have been consulted.</p> <p>OPTION Record a separate note identifying the latest unit consulted in preparing the description.</p> <p>OPTION Do not make a note of earliest or latest units consulted if they are the same as those recorded in Manifestation: <u>numbering of sequence</u>.</p>
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<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more unnumbered issues or units. A manifestation embodies a serial work.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note identifying the earliest issue or unit consulted and its date of publication.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more unnumbered units issued successively. A manifestation embodies a serial work.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note identifying the earliest unit consulted and its date of publication.</p>
<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more unnumbered issues or units. A manifestation embodies a serial work. Issues or units other than the earliest have been consulted.</p> <p>OPTION Record a separate note identifying the latest issue or unit consulted and its date.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more unnumbered units issued successively. A manifestation embodies a serial work. Units other than the earliest have been consulted.</p> <p>OPTION Record a separate note identifying the latest unit consulted and its date.</p>

<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note identifying the unit on which the identification of the manifestation is based or its number or publication date, as appropriate.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively.</p> <p>A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note identifying the unit on which the identification of the manifestation is based or its number or publication date, as appropriate.</p>
<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work. Two or more parts have been consulted.</p> <p>OPTION Record a separate note identifying the latest unit consulted in making the description.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively.</p> <p>A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work. Two or more units have been consulted.</p> <p>OPTION Record a separate note identifying the latest unit consulted in making the description.</p> <p><i>Note: The word "parts" appears to have been inadvertently retained in the proposal. It is replaced by "units".</i></p>

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
<p>CONDITION A manifestation embodies an integrating work.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note identifying the latest iteration consulted in preparing the description.</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>
<p>CONDITION A manifestation is an online resource.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note identifying the date on which the manifestation was viewed for description.</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>

Recommendation 2:**CCC Comment:**

The CCC recommends simplifying the element further with "unit or iteration" and dropping "issue".

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
Element name: Manifestation: <u>note on issue or unit or iteration used as basis for identification of manifestation</u>	Element name: Manifestation: <u>note on unit or iteration used as basis for identification of manifestation</u>
Definition and scope: A note that identifies an issue, unit or iteration that is used for the base description of a multiple unit or integrating manifestation.	Definition and scope: A note that identifies a unit or iteration that is used for the base description of a multiple unit or integrating manifestation.

Recommendation 3:

CCC Comment:

The CCC notes several opportunities to use boilerplate text and more consistent language.

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
ing an unstructured description OPTION Record details or other unstructured information. OPTION Record a note giving the numbering of the first issue or unit and/or of the last issue or unit if this information is not recorded as part of Manifestation: <u>numbering of sequence</u> .	ing an unstructured description OPTION Record details or other unstructured information. OPTION Record a note giving the numbering of the first unit and/or the last unit if this information is not recorded as part of Manifestation: <u>numbering of sequence</u> .

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
CONDITION Information about numbering errors, or complex or irregular numbering of a sequence is not already specified in a value of Manifestation: <u>numbering of sequence</u> . OPTION Record notes on numbering errors, or complex or irregular numbering of a manifestation of a serial work.	<i>No change recommended.</i>

<p>CONDITION A manifestation of a serial work is issued annually or less frequently. The period covered by the volume, etc., is other than a calendar <i>year</i>.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note on the period covered by a manifestation of a serial work.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units issued annually or less frequently. A manifestation embodies a serial work. The period covered by a unit is other than a calendar <i>year</i>.</p> <p>OPTION Record a note on the period covered by a unit.</p> <p><i>Note: The CCC recommends here more use of boilerplate and replacement of legacy language ("volume, etc."). The focus in this instruction is on the period covered by a unit.</i></p>
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Recommendation 4:**CCC Comment:**

The CCC noted the problematic use of the word "subsequent" here, as there may be units issued all at once with a static work, or units that have already appeared with more to come with successive determinate works. In the original Toolkit, the instruction for Multipart Monographs (2.17.3.6.1) did not distinguish between manifestations that embody a static work and manifestations that embody a successive work, so a word like "subsequent" is broad enough to cover a variety of situations, including "first/earliest" for successive determinate works.

Different creators of metadata may choose different units for the basis of a description for different reasons (being subject to the availability of certain units, for example).

The CCC suggests separating out the hybrid condition for multipart monographs (as in "... embodies a static work or a successive determinate work"). The CCC suggests standardizing the recording instruction in all of these cases to say "**on units not chosen as the basis for a description**" instead of "on a subsequent unit" or "after the first/earliest issue or unit". By separating out the hybrid conditions, policy statements can be developed targeting each situation independently, based upon whether a static work or a diachronic work is involved, and whether the diachronic work is determinate or indeterminate.

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<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a static work or a successive determinate work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on differences in statements of responsibility that occur on a subsequent unit, if considered important for identification or access.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a static work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on differences in statements of responsibility that occur on units not chosen as the basis for a description.</p> <p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively. A manifestation embodies a successive determinate work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on differences in statements of responsibility that occur on units not chosen as the basis for a description.</p>
<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units. A manifestation embodies a serial work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on changes in statements of responsibility that occur after the first/earliest issue or unit, if considered important for identification or access.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively. A manifestation embodies a serial work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on changes in statements of responsibility that occur on units not chosen as the basis for a description.</p>
<p>CONDITION A manifestation embodies a serial work. Changes have been numerous.</p> <p>OPTION Record a general note.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation consists of two or more units issued successively. A manifestation embodies a serial work. Changes have been numerous.</p> <p>OPTION Record a general note.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Boilerplate first condition added for consistency. Changes can only be identified when two or more units have appeared. A serial work may have had only one issue.</i></p>

Proposed text

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<p>CONDITION A manifestation embodies an integrating work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on statements of responsibility no longer present on the current iteration of a manifestation of an integrating work or that appeared in a different form on earlier iterations, if considered important for identification or access.</p>	<p>CONDITION A manifestation embodies an integrating work.</p> <p>OPTION Record notes on statements of responsibility no longer present on the current iteration of a manifestation of an integrating work or that appeared in a different form on earlier iterations.</p> <p><i>Note: Remove "if considered important for identification or access".</i></p>
<p>CONDITION A manifestation embodies an integrating work. Changes have been numerous.</p> <p>OPTION Record a general note. OPTION Record details or other unstructured information.</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>

Recommendation 5:**CCC Comment:**

The CCC recommends additional changes in the first and second paragraphs, in addition to a change to the proposed change in the second row below, following the CCC's other recommendations for boilerplate and consistent use of the term "units".

In the CCC's recommendation for the first line, there is a change in focus to the manifestation of the diachronic work as a whole, as otherwise the first line does not make sense in context. A title proper does not vary in a manifestation of a unit—it may vary across the manifestations of all units, which prompts a change in the description of the manifestation of the diachronic work as a whole. A principle condition should be that there is a manifestation embodying a diachronic work as a whole.

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
<p>A manifestation embodies a part, issue or iteration of a <i>diachronic work</i>.</p> <p>A value of Manifestation: <u>title proper</u> varies from the values that appear on other manifestations that embody parts, issues, or iterations of a diachronic work in the following cases:</p>	<p>A manifestation embodies a <i>diachronic work</i>.</p> <p>A value of Manifestation: <u>title proper on a unit or iteration of a manifestation of a diachronic work</u> varies from the values that appear on other units or iterations in the following cases:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> two or more titles proper used on different issues of a manifestation of a serial work in a regular pattern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> two or more titles proper used on different units of a manifestation of a serial work in a regular pattern

Recommendation 6:**CCC Comment:**

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
<p>Prerecording Persons considered to be creators of a serial work</p> <p>OPTION A person is considered to be a creator of a serial work if they are responsible for the work as a whole, not a few issues. Indications that a person may be considered responsible for a serial work as a whole include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a value of Person: <u>name of person</u> is included in a value of Manifestation: <u>title proper</u> of a serial work 2. a person is a publisher of a serial work 3. the scope of a serial work consists of personal opinions, etc. 4. no other agent is associated with a serial work. 	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The use of the word "issues" here is correct in its context in referring to a work for which a creator is responsible. This is in line with keeping the word "issue" for works and the term "unit" for manifestations of those issues.</i></p>
<p>CONDITION Different issues of a serial work are likely to be created by different persons.</p> <p>OPTION Do not consider a person to be a creator.</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>
<p>CONDITION It is likely that a serial work would continue without the responsibility of a person.</p> <p>OPTION Do not consider a person to be a creator.</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>
<p>For a person who is a government or religious official, see Work: <u>creator corporate body of work. Government and religious officials considered to be creator corporate bodies of work.</u></p> <p>Recording Record this element as a value of Person: appellation of person or as an IRI.</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>

Recommendation 7:

ALA Comment:

A correction is needed on page 26: "**person**" should be changed to "family."

Clean version:

CONDITION

It is likely that a serial work would continue without the responsibility of a family.

OPTION

Do not consider a **family** to be a creator.

Recommendation 8:**ALA Comment:**

The Definition and Scope section of Work: frequency also uses the term "part." Does this also need to be corrected to "unit"?

CCC Comment:

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
<p>OPTION Record a <i>frequency</i> of the release of issues or units of a serial work or the frequency of updates to an integrating work.</p>	<p>OPTION Record a frequency of the release of units of a serial work. OPTION Record a frequency of the release of iterations of an integrating work.</p> <p><i>Note: This is another hybrid case where splitting the instructions makes them easier to follow.</i></p> <p><i>An "update" of an integrating work is an iteration that is not the first one—there is no benefit in using the term "update" vs "iteration" in this case.</i></p>

Recommendation 9:**ALA Comment:**

In general, comments received ALA indicate that this recommendation needs "more thought" before the proposal can be approved. Several concerns were raised:

1. "Multiple unit serial" and "serial, multiple unit" are not satisfactory as *see/use for* references;
2. Cross-references are not necessary because mode of issuance is a separate concept from whether something is a diachronic or static work;
3. Distinguishing between the direct entry form for the term "Multiple unit serial" and the indirect form of the phrase "Serial, Multiple unit" is potentially confusing;
4. Creating a cross reference from "Serials, Multiple unit" to "Multiple unit" creates a problem with semantic relations;

The terminology in general is confusing to "rank-and-file" catalogers

CCC Comment:

The CCC recognizes the awkwardness of the pointing the old Mode of Issuance terms to the new terms, but does not recommend changes, other than expanding on *single unit*. Guidance exists for single units that have identifiable parts, and so it would be incumbent upon the Glossary to make it clear how the Mode of Issuance term "single unit" is applied in that context.

Proposed text	CCC recommendations
<p>multiple unit A mode of issuance of a manifestation that is issued as a multipart physical unit or intangible multipart logical unit. <i>Use for:</i> multipart monograph <i>Use for:</i> serial, multiple unit</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>
<p>serial work A successive work that is planned to be realized by multiple distinct aggregating expressions over an indeterminate timespan. <i>Use for:</i> serial <i>Use for:</i> main series <i>Use for:</i> multiple unit serial</p>	<p><i>No change recommended.</i></p>

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<p>single unit A mode of issuance of a manifestation that is issued as a single physical unit or intangible single logical unit. A single volume, a file available online, etc., are included.</p>	<p>single unit A mode of issuance of a manifestation that is issued as a single physical unit or intangible single logical unit. A single volume, a file available online, etc., are included. A single unit may consist of identifiable parts (see <u>Guidance. Describing a single unit manifestation that has two or more parts</u>). <i>Note: The CCC recommends adding the line that references that units may have parts, as covered in Guidance.</i></p>
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