

To: Gordon Dunsire, Chair, RDA Steering Committee
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Subject: Revision of RDA 3.21.2.9 Note on Extent of Manifestation, Early Printed Resources

Related Document: RSC/RareWG/1 Early Printed Resources and Rare Printed Resources

Abstract

This proposal recommends the reorganization of instructions and examples currently in RDA 3.21.2.9 Early Printed Resources [Note on Extent of Manifestation]. It recommends the following changes:

1. Delete mention of “type measurements,” moving the example to 3.13.1.3 Recording Font Size
2. Delete mention of “frame measurements,” moving the example to 3.21.3.3 Details of Dimensions of Manifestation
3. Move the remaining instructions from 3.21.2.9 to 3.21.2.11 Other Details of Extent, and add several pertinent examples.

Justification

As part of its tasks for 2016, the Rare Materials Working Group was asked to examine RDA guidelines for early printed resources and propose revisions, as needed. For RDA 3.21.2.9 Early Printed Resources (Note on Extent of Manifestation), the working group identified issues described below.

Issues requiring resolution

RDA 3.21.2.9 provides supplementary instructions for early printed resources to “make notes about details of the extent of the manifestation (e.g., details of pagination, aspects of collation, the layout of sheets).” The broad gist of this section is correct, but a number of details merit reconsideration.

Issue #1: Type measurements

The second instruction in 3.21.2.9 allows the cataloger to make notes on “type measurements,” with example “type 24G.” It would be more appropriate to record information about type measurements in RDA 3.13 Font Size.

In change #1, the type measurement example in 3.21.2.9 is moved to RDA 3.13.1.3 Recording Font Size. The variety of type measurements in the present example are most commonly recorded with *early* printed resources. The proposal recommends a comment on the example: “Font size (type measurements) for an early printed resource.”

Issue #2: Frame measurements

The second instruction in 3.21.2.9 allows the cataloger to make notes on “frame measurements,” with example “Within single border (23.0 × 16.3 cm).” It would be more appropriate to record information about frame measurements in RDA 3.21.3.3 Details of Dimensions of Manifestation (“... a note providing information on the dimensions of a manifestation that is not recorded as part of the dimensions element.”).

In change #2, the frame measurement example in 3.21.2.9 is moved to RDA 3.21.3.3 Details of Dimensions of Manifestation. Such measurements are most commonly recorded with *early* printed resources. The proposal recommends a comment on the example: “Details of dimensions of manifestation for an early printed resource.”

Issue #3: Overlap between 3.21.2.9 and 3.21.2.11

The proposal suggests that there is insufficient justification for maintaining 3.21.2.9 and 3.21.2.11 as separate instructions. The current redundancy is most evident in the opening paragraph of each instruction:

3.21.2.9 Early Printed Resources

For early printed resources, make notes about details of the extent of the manifestation (e.g., details of pagination, aspects of collation, the layout of sheets) if these details are:

not recorded as part of the extent element (see [3.4.5.2–3.4.5.13](#))

and

considered important for identification or selection.

3.21.2.11 Other Details of Extent

Make notes providing other details of the extent of the manifestation if these details are:

not recorded as part of the extent element

and

considered important for identification or selection.

Consolidation of the two instructions would serve to simplify RDA. Sufficient guidance for early/rare printed resources could be preserved by carrying over the pertinent examples to 3.21.2.11 and by adding one instruction for early/rare printed resources (and manuscripts) to make “notes on aspects of collation,” as reflected in Change #3, below.

For the first instruction in 3.21.2.11, the proposal suggests three new examples:

- “The first and last leaves are blank” provides an example of the note called for in the exception for early/rare printed resources in 3.4.5.2.
- “Page 392 is misnumbered ‘329’” provides an example clarification for a case of misleading numbering.
- “A folded sheet with 16 panels on each side when unfolded. All panels are unnumbered” provides an example of the note called for in the exception for early/rare printed resources in 3.4.5.14.

For the instruction on aspects of collation, the proposal carries over one of the example signature statements from 3.21.2.9. In addition, the proposal suggests two new examples, to illustrate aspects of collation not present in the current examples.

Change #4, below, deletes all content from 3.21.2.9 Early Printed Resources.

Impact of the revisions

The recommended revisions will serve user needs to identify resources based on details of extent. Consolidation of 3.21.2.9 and 3.21.2.11 will serve to simplify RDA instructions. The addition of examples will help clarify the instructions. Moving examples concerning type measurements and frame measurements will help make better use of the RDA elements intended for such data.

Change #1

Marked-up version:

3.13.1.3 Recording Font Size

Record the font size of the resource if considered important for identification or selection.

EXAMPLE

agate

11-point font

2em

type 24G

Font size (type measurements) for an early printed resource

[remainder of 3.13.1.3 unchanged]

Clean-copy version:

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Change #2

Marked-up version:

3.21.3.3 Details of Dimensions of Manifestation

Make notes providing additional information on the dimensions of the manifestation if this information is:

not recorded as part of the dimensions element

and

considered important for identification or selection.

Record dimensions as instructed at **3.5.1.3**.

EXAMPLE

Printed area measures 30 × 46 cm

Impressed on rectangular surface 20 × 20 cm

Within single border 23.0 × 16.3 cm

Details of dimensions of manifestation for an early printed resource

[remainder of 3.21.3.3 unchanged]

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Details of dimensions of manifestation for an early printed resource

[remainder of 3.21.3.3 unchanged]

Change #3

Marked-up version:

3.21.2.11 Other Details of Extent

Make notes providing other details of the extent of the manifestation (e.g., details of pagination, the layout of sheets, the number of columns or lines) if these details are:

not recorded as part of the extent element

and

considered important for identification or selection.

EXAMPLE

Numbers 263–267 are repeated in foliation

Numbers 237–238 are omitted from foliation

The first and last leaves are blank

Other details of extent for an early printed resource

Page 392 is misnumbered “329”

Extent recorded as: 329, that is, 392 pages

Leaves are joined end to end and folded accordion style

Leaves are printed on both sides

Numbered leaves are printed on both sides

A folded sheet with 16 panels on each side when unfolded. All panels are unnumbered.

For early printed resources, rare printed resources, and manuscripts, make notes on aspects of collation, if considered important for identification or selection.

EXAMPLE

Signatures: A–Z⁸, ²A–M⁸

Signatures: pi1 A² chi² B-2O² 3A-3O²; 2M1 missigned 'LI'.

Signatures: A-H⁸; A1, H8 blank.

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Change #4

Marked-up version:

~~3.21.2.9 Early Printed Resources~~

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~~not recorded as part of the extent element (see ~~3.4.5.2–3.4.5.13~~)~~

~~**and**~~

~~considered important for identification or selection.~~

EXAMPLE

Signatures: A-Z⁸,²A-M⁸

Signatures: a-v⁸-x⁶

~~Make notes on the number of columns or lines, type measurements, frame measurements, etc., if considered important for identification or selection.~~

EXAMPLE

24 line; type 24G

Within single border (23.0×16.3 cm); text in 11 vertical lines

[This instruction has been deleted as a revision to RDA. For further information, see RSC/RareWG/5]

Clean-copy version:

3.21.2.9 Rare Printed Resources

[This instruction has been deleted as a revision to RDA. For further information, see RSC/Rare WG/5]

Other changes in RDA

If instructions and examples from 3.21.2.9 are consolidated into 3.21.2.11, then references to 3.21.2.9 (all within 3.4.5) must be revised to point to 3.21.2.11.

Changes to the RDA Element Set

No changes needed.