Timespan

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The Timespan entity

Definition: A temporal extent having a <u>beginning</u>, an <u>end</u> and a <u>duration</u>.

Examples: date of publication; running time.

General entity elements are available.
   name of timespan, identifier for timespan

Usage example:
   date of capture: 1969 August 15-18

Specific elements

beginning
Definition: The time at which a timespan starts.

Examples: "0 hour"; {August 15, 1969}.

ending
Definition: The time at which a timespan ends.

Examples: {4' 33"}; {August 18, 1969}.

Duration

Represented by the difference between **beginning** and **ending**

 Examples: {4' 33"}; {4 days}.

Standard timespans

The **beginning** and **ending** of a timespan are timespans themselves.

Example: August 15, 1969 is a day, a timespan with a beginning and ending

RDA will use standard timespans based on standard units of time.

Example: "day" has a beginning of midnight, or 0 hours and 0 minutes, by convention, and an ending of 23 hours and 59 minutes.

Questions?