

To: RDA Steering Committee  
From: Anne Welsh, RSC Secretary  
Subject: Proposal to add glossary definitions for *fictional entity* and *non-human entity*

The text below sets out decisions taken by the RSC in their meeting in November 2024.

[RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1](#) was submitted and published on 28 August. Written responses were received through October and [RSC/ExamplesEditor/2024/1/summary](#) was prepared on 11 November and published on 12 November.

After extensive discussion as Item 486 in the November Meeting ([RSC/Minutes/483-499](#)), the proposal was approved with amendments.

**Recommendation 1:** Add a glossary definition for *fictional entity*.

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See also: **non-human entity**.

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**Recommendation 2:** Add a glossary definition for *non-human entity*.

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