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Subject: Formal response to RSC/ExtentWG/2024/1/rev2 - Discussion paper on the development of extent elements in RDA

General remark

Many thanks for the hard work that Extent Working Group invested into the creation of this proposal, the new approach embodied in this paper will enable to separate different aspects of extent of resources to be described.

Beyond examples, illustrative content might be considered to be added to Guidance in order to make structure and relationships of elements concerned easy to understand and more transparent for the users of the Toolkit.

Recommendation 1.1. Convert Manifestation: extent of manifestation to a superelement. Many current instructions will become string encoding schemes in Community Resources and other instructions will be moved to new subelements of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it. I also support the new definition for the element as it is worded in the discussion paper.

Recommendation 2.1. Add Manifestation: extent of unitary structure as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 2.2. Create a new RDA Extent of Unitary Structure value vocabulary, which includes appropriate terms moved from RDA Carrier Extent Unit.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 3.1 Add Manifestation: extent of unit as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it. At the same time, it might be worth clarifying the distinction between two key terms generally used to describe extent: *leaves* and *pages*. Treating leave as a physical subunit consisting of two pages of content is an approach which might need detailing in *Guidance* chapter *Content and carrier*.

Recommendation 3.2. Add Manifestation: numbering of recording tracks as an element subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Move the instructions for Manifestation: tape configuration to this element.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 3.3. Move Manifestation: bibliographic format to become an element subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 3.4. Move Manifestation: dimensions to become an element subtype of Manifestation: extent of unit. Update the instructions to reflect the focus on structured descriptions for two to three dimensions.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.1. Add Manifestation: extent of embodied content as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it. From a practitioner cataloguer's viewpoint, distinction made between extent in terms of overall dimensions and extent that is limited only to the content embodied in the manifestation may require further clarification in the future, underpinned by examples.

Recommendation 4.2. Add Manifestation: dimensions of embodied content as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.3. Add Manifestation: designation of sound channels as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content. This partly replaces Manifestation: configuration of playback channels.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.4. Add Manifestation: number of sound channels as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content. This partly replaces Manifestation: configuration of playback channels.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.5. Replace Manifestation: configuration of playback channels with Manifestation: designation of sound channels and Manifestation: number of sound channels.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.6. Add Manifestation: reduce ratio as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.7. Add Manifestation: image resolution of as a subtype of Manifestation: extent of embodied content.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 4.8. Create an RDA Layout of Embodied Content value vocabulary. Alternatively expand the RDA Layout value vocabulary to include terms that could be used in Manifestation: extent of embodied content.

I approve of it. I support the inclusion of the term tête-bêche, as proposed, to the – preferably newly created – vocabulary.

Recommendation 4.9. Add the terms column, frame, and page to a value vocabulary for layout of embodied content.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 5.1. Add Manifestation: extent of aggregated content as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 5.2. Create a value vocabulary for RDA Extent of Aggregated Content, which will include applicable terms moved from RDA Carrier Extent Unit and RDA Format of Notated Music. Alternatively expand the RDA Content Type value vocabulary to include terms that could be used in Manifestation: extent of embodied content.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 6.1. Add Manifestation: number of containers as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it. *Guidance* should be supplemented with information on different types of containers (such as containers issued with a manifestation and containers supplied for an item), how to treat them, and their relationships to other elements.

Recommendation 6.2. Add Manifestation: dimensions of containers as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 6.3. Add Manifestation: extent of storage space as a subelement of Manifestation: extent of manifestation. This element will only be used for collection manifestations.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 6.4. Create an RDA Container Type value vocabulary for case, portfolio, and other terms commonly used for containers.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 7.1. Add a new manifestation statement element: Manifestation: manifestation extent statement.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 7.2. Add a new manifestation statement element: Manifestation: manifestation numbering of extent statement.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 7.3. Add a new set of RDA transcription guidelines “Guidelines on transcription of numbering of extent.” The guidelines will be derived from the current instructions in Manifestation: extent of manifestation related to transcribing the numbering of sequences of pages, leaves, etc.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 8.1. Review instructions and examples that may need to be added to Manifestation: note on manifestation after reworking the other extent of manifestation elements.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 9.1. Update the definition of Expression: extent of expression to parallel the definition of Manifestation: extent of manifestation.

I approve of it. However, I understand if the definition and the concept itself is unclear to some cataloguers, therefore it might require some further explanation.

Scope note in LRM can be used as a starting point
(<https://www.iflastandards.info/lrm/lrmer#E3A2>).

Recommendation 10.1. Update the definition of Work: extent of representative expression.

I approve of it. (See my comment for 9.1.)

Recommendation 11.1. No change to Expression: duration is recommended.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 12.1. No change to Work: duration of representative expression is recommended.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.1. Remove atlas from the value vocabularies for extent in RDA.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.1. No change to the definition of sheet is recommended.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.2. Update the definition of folded sheet and move the term to the new RDA Extent of Unitary Structure value vocabulary.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.3. No change to the definition of gathering is recommended.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.4. Update the definition of leaf and remove the term from value vocabularies in RDA for carrier extent units. The term leaf will remain as a glossary term and used as a value for Manifestation: extent of unit.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.5. No change to the definition of double leaf is recommended.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.6. Add folded leaf to the glossary, treating the term like a folded sheet, but bound in a volume.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.7. Update the definition of updating loose-leaf.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.8. Add panel to the glossary, treating the item similar to leaf as a unit of extent derived from a sheet that has been folded.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.9. No change to the definition of plate is recommended.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.10. Move the term page to a value vocabulary for layout of embodied content and update the definition.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.2.11. Move the term column to a value vocabulary for layout of embodied content and update the definition.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 13.3. Add the new term photographic print to the RDA Extent of Unitary Structure value vocabulary and add the term photograph to the Extent of Aggregated Content value vocabulary. The use of the term photograph in illustrative content will require a future decision for that value vocabulary for the kinds of expressions embodied in augmentation aggregates.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 14.1. Remove RDA Carrier Extent Unit value vocabulary from the Toolkit after decisions are made for each current term.

I approve of it.

Recommendation 14.2. Review RDA Format of Notated Music value vocabulary from the Toolkit after decisions are made for each existing term. Terms linked to

other extent vocabularies will include a scope note for manifestations embodying notated music.

I approve of it.