Your Recommended Daily Allowance of RDA

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Why Are You Doing This?

- New cataloging standard
- Better suited to a linked data environment
- DACS and RDA are complementary standards
- Need for repurposeable archival metadata
- Also, OCLC’s machine manipulation of existing records
Machine Manipulation of Existing WorldCat Records

OCLC will begin changing existing WorldCat legacy records after 31 March 2013 to incorporate various useful RDA practices. Legacy records (non-RDA records) need to be made as functional as possible in the future RDA environment to benefit catalogers, systems, and catalog end users. As a post-MARC future becomes a reality in years to come, greater consistency of practice present in existing WorldCat records will allow easier migration to another metadata format.

OCLC will initially focus changes on English language of cataloging records. Records for other languages of cataloging will likely be changed similarly at a future date as appropriate. Some records representing materials for which RDA practices have not been finalized—including, for example, records created according to Descriptive Cataloging of Rare Materials (DCRM) and its predecessors and Describing Archives: A Content Standard (DACS)—will be excluded from processing. OCLC will announce changes in some detail as they are made via the OCLC-CAT list and on an OCLC web page (link for that page will be added to this paper when the list is begun).

Anticipated changes include, but are not limited to:

- Adding 336, 337, 338 fields
- Spelling out non-transcribed abbreviations in 255, 300, 500, 504 and other fields
- Converting Latin abbreviations to English equivalents in 245, 260, and other fields
- Converting dissertation notes in 502 field to multiple subfields
- Removing GMDs (after 31 March 2016)
- Heading changes in accordance with RDA

Heading changes are anticipated to spell out abbreviations in headings like "Dept." and to change Bible and Koran headings in accordance with RDA practice.

More information on heading changes may be found in the PCC Task Group on AACR2 & RDA Acceptable Heading Categories Final Report, August 2011.

OCLC also continues the controlling headings project.
Know Your Onions!

And Your RDA Rules and MARC Fields
RDA: The Nitty-Gritty

**Identifier:** Name of repository must precede identifier.

**DACS:**

090/099 $a BC1999-065

**DACS and RDA:**

090/099 $a Boston College BC1999-065
RDA: Creators

Creator: Requires a subfield $e$ to specify relationship.

DACS:

100 1_ $a Shea, Richard G.

DACS and RDA:

100 1_ $a Shea, Richard G. $e creator.
RDA: Title and Date

**Title:** Dates no longer part of the 245 field (formerly subfields $f$ or $g$). Split into two fields, 245 and 264.

**DACS:**

245 10 $a$ Richard G. Shea papers, $f$ 1933-1984, $g$ (bulk 1943-1959).

**DACS and RDA:**

245 10 $a$ Richard G. Shea papers.
264 _0 $c$ 1933-1984, bulk 1943-1959.
**RDA: The Nitty-Gritty**

**Extent:** Extent offers three options:

– record in number of items, containers, or volumes
– record in amount of storage space
– record in number of units and a term describing the type of unit

Options 1 and 2 can be combined (and usually are for archival collections). 3 can’t be combined; use multiple statements of extent.
RDA: The Nitty-Gritty

Options 1 and 2 combined:

300 __ $a 39 $f linear ft. $a (14 $f boxes)

Option 3:

300 __ $a 50 $f letters.
### RDA: Extent

Option 3 repeated:

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245 00 |a Aaron Ziegelman Foundation collection.
300   |a 70 sound cassettes: |b analog.
300   |a 153 videocassettes (Betacam SP and Betacam SP Mega): |b sound, color.
300   |a 144 videocassettes (VHS and VHS-C): |b sound, color; |c 1/2 in.
300   |a 8 videocassettes (Hi-8): |b sound, color.
300   |a 1 film reel (8 mm)
300   |a circa 2200 photographs: |b black and white, color; |c various sizes.
300   |a 20 artifacts.
300   |a 3 manuscripts |a 25 |f linear feet.
520   |a Collection of audio and video recordings of oral histories with family members of people from Luboml, Poland conducted from 1994-2000, with transcripts of these interviews; original photographs; photographs copied from the personal archives of these family members and from other archives; original passports, immigration papers, letters (including letters of the Eiger and Ziegelman families), product labels, a few artifacts, one original 8 mm film shot in Luboml, circa 1932; and transparencies of maps of Luboml. The collection includes video and audio footage from the production of the documentary film, Luboml: My Heart Remembers (2002), with video footage of various visits to Luboml; the manuscript for the book, Luboml: The Memorial Book of a Vanished Shtetl (1997), and various files regarding the exhibition, Remembering Luboml: Images of a Jewish Community.
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RDA: Extent

300 __ $a 97 $f linear ft. $a (143 $f boxes) 
300 __ $a 3 $f terabytes.

or

300 __ $a 97 $f linear ft. $a (143 $f boxes) + $e 3 terabytes.
RDA: Extent

Example of a parallel statement:

300 __ 1,058 $f$ linear ft. $a$ (472 boxes of film, 450 film reels, 475 video reels, 4 drawers of index cards, and 145 logbooks)
RDA: The Nitty-Gritty

**Content, Media, and Carrier type:** No equivalent in DACS! Completely new!

**Content:** The form of communication through which a work is expressed.

**Media:** Reflects the general type of intermediation device required to view, play, run, etc., the content of a resource.

**Carrier:** Reflects the format of the storage medium and housing of a carrier.
RDA: The Nitty-Gritty

Content type:

336 __ $a text $2 rdacontent
336 __ $a still image $2 rdacontent
336 __ $a three-dimensional form $2 rdacontent

http://www.loc.gov/standards/valuelist/rdacontent.html
RDA: The Nitty-Gritty

Media type:

337 __ $a unmediated $2 rdamedia
337 __ $a audio $2 rdamedia
336 __ $a computer $2 rdamedia

http://www.loc.gov/standards/valuelist/rdamedia.html
RDA: The Nitty-Gritty

Carrier type:

338 __ $a volume $2 rdacarrier
338 __ $a sheet $2 rdacarrier
338 __ $a object $2 rdacarrier
338 __ $a audio disc $2 rdacarrier
338 __ $a computer tape reel $2 rdacarrier

http://www.loc.gov/standards/valnumlist/rdacarrier.html
RDA: Content, Media, and Carrier Types

Examples:

336 __ $a text $2 rdacomment
337 __ $a unmediated $2 rdamedia
338 __ $a sheet $2 rdacarrier

336 __ $a performed music $2 rdacomment
337 __ $a audio $2 rdamedia
338 __ $a audio disc $2 rdacarrier
RDA/DACS Collection-level Record

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General RDA Resources

- Library of Congress RDA training materials

- ALCTSCE RDA Series webinars (YouTube playlist)
  http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1AAFB573158DC4A1

- RDA Toolkit
  http://www.rdatoolkit.org

- Maxwell’s Handbook for RDA, especially Appendix C
Archives-specific RDA resources


  [https://www.oclc.org/support/training/partners/mcls/OriginaICatArchivesRDA.en.html](https://www.oclc.org/support/training/partners/mcls/OriginaICatArchivesRDA.en.html)
Archives-specific RDA resources

• “Forming Names According to RDA,” SAA webinar

• Program for Cooperative Cataloging RDA record examples, including archival records