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A quick primer on key RDA concepts in the new Toolkit ...
The bibliographic Work entity

Definition and scope:

A distinct intellectual or artistic creation, that is, the intellectual or artistic content.
The bibliographic Work entity

The term work may refer to:

- an individual work
- a part of a work
- an aggregating work
- an augmented work
- an augmenting work
- a diachronic work
- an integrating work
- a metadata work
- a serial work
- a single work
- a static work
- a successive work

A work that is categorized by its intended content or context may be referred to as:

- a cartographic work
- a choreographic work
- a legal work
- a moving image work
- a musical work
- an object work
- an official communication
- a photographic work
- a religious work
- a still image work
- a textual work
- a vocal work
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The work as a “plan”
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The work as a “metadata statement” or a “metadata description set”
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Proposal for Realignment of Expression to Expression Relationship Elements

Comparing

• RDA – Expression: based on expression

and

• LRM R24 – “is derivation expression of” – a relationship between two expressions of the same work
All expressions of the same work are equal – the exact source expression of any one expression may not be known.
WORK

EXPRESSION
Language=Greek

EXPRESSION
Language=Arabic

RDA Expression: translation of /
translated as

EXPRESSION
Language=Latin
But... RDA had some elements for expressions that were derived from expressions of different but related works

Examples:
• Abridgement of expression
• Adaptation of expression
• Expanded version of expression
• Free translation of expression
• Imitation of expression
• Paraphrase of expression
• Remake of expression
• Variations based on expression
Shortcuts to the rescue...

WORK

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ADAPTATION OF EXPRESSION
Expression: adaptation of expression

Prerecording
This element is a shortcut for the following chain of relationships:

1. Expression: **work expressed** for a work that is an adaptation that is realized by the expression
2. Work: **adaptation of work** for a work that is used as the source of the adaptation work
3. Work: **expression of work** for an expression that is the realization of the source of the adaptation work

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Expression (Domain) | Element | Work | Element | Work | Element | Expression (Range)
---|---|---|---|---|---|---
Expression being described | Expression: work expressed | Derivative work that is realized by the expression being described | Work: adaptation of work | Work that is used as the source of the derivative work | Work: expression of work | Expression that realizes the source of the derivative work

Shortcut around describing or naming related works
Final result – renaming top elements for new definitions with shortcuts

Expressions derived from expressions of different but related works:

Expression: **expression of source work**
An expression of a work that is modified to create an expression of a derivative work

Reciprocal:
Expression: **expression of derivative work**
An expression of a work that is a modification of a source expression of a different work
Final result – new elements for LRM alignment

Expressions derived from an expression of the same work:

Expression: **source expression**
An expression that is modified to create a new expression of the same work.

Reciprocal:

Expression: **derivative expression**
An expression that is a modification of another expression of the same work.

arrangement of; revision of; translation of
Final result – labels for consistency elsewhere

Work: **source work**
[Alt label – “based on work”]
A work that is modified to create a new work.

Reciprocal:
Work: **derivative work**
A work that is a modification of another work.
Leftovers...

Expression: **abstract of expression**
Expression: **abstracts for expression**
Expression: **indexing for expression**
Expression: **summary of expression**

... for further evaluation in a future proposal for collection-level description in RDA
What does a catalog describe?

Work – an exhibition catalogue

Collections / Exhibitions
The role of a curator of a collection

Collections / Exhibitions

Work – an exhibition catalogue

Item

Item: curator agent
The collections model proposal

The collection work is a plan for selecting items to be gathered together for some purpose

(Collection) work
(Collection) expression
(Collection) manifestation
(Collection) item
Subcollections

(Collection) manifestation

subcollection

(Collection) manifestation
Holdings

(Collection) manifestation

subcollection

holding

(Collection) manifestation

holding

Item

Item
Locations of collections and items

(Collection) manifestation holding

Manifestation: location of manifestation

Item

Item: location of item (based on Manifestation: location of collection)
Collection manifestations can cover many cases for connected items

(Collection) manifestation

holding

Item: bound with

Item: on manifestation with (items reproduced as components of manifestations – covers “Item: filmed with item”, “on disc with item”)

Item: held with (replaces Item: accompanied by item – now held together in a collection manifestation)
How to describe a collection?

(Collection) manifestation

Manifestation: **subject manifestation of** [Work]
- Manifestation: **manifestation described by metadata by** [(metadata) Work]
  - Manifestation: **finding aid** [(metadata) Work]
  - Manifestation: **catalogue** [(metadata) Work]
  - Manifestation: **hierarchic finding aid** [(metadata) Work]
So there are two works here...

The catalogue of the collection
- Work: *metadata description of* [collection manifestation]
  - Work: *catalogue of* [collection manifestation]

The collection work
- Work: *manifestation of work* [collection manifestation]
Agents responsible for the works

Work = Collection work

Work: collector agent
An agent who is responsible for creating a collection work by selecting and arranging items that exemplify the embodiment of other works.

Replaces current collector agent and curator agent, which were item relationship elements.
Agents responsible for the works

Work = Metadata description set

Work: compiler agent
An agent who is responsible for creating a metadata description set.

A metadata description set includes a bibliography of works, expressions, or manifestations, a directory of agents and places, and an analytic finding aid.

➢ Work: collection registrar agent
An agent who is responsible for creating an analytic finding aid.

Alternate label: cataloguer agent
Thank you!

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