RDA 3R Project: Status Report

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What is the 3R Project?

- **RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign**
- Restructure of underlying data to reflect current data management best practices
- Redesign Toolkit interface to address longstanding problems
- Update RDA to reflect IFLA Library Reference Model
Why?

- Need for redesign of Toolkit
- Current structure not sustainable for increasing number of policy statements and translations
- Now have ability to synch with RDA Registry
- RDA content is based on conceptual models that have changed
Who?

+ RSC+ (RDA Steering Committee and RDA Working Group Chairs)
+ 3R Core Team (RSC Chair, Chair Elect, Secretary, Examples Editor, Director of ALA Digital Reference, and Wider Community Engagement Officer)
+ Dakota Systems for content management
+ GVPi for Toolkit design
+ Design for Content consultants for user-experience design
Redesign

+ Design from 10 years ago was a “book on the web” not a website
+ Meet accessibility standards for websites
+ Entity view navigation and display
+ Preview pane to show policy statements and related instructions
+ Mouseover for vocabulary definitions
+ Dropdown menus and collapsible sections in instructions
Toolkit Navigation: Current and New

**Current**

- Contains “general guidelines” chapters and instructions throughout
- Instructions organized by section then chapter
- Table of contents expands
- Link to another instruction or policy statement replaces current instruction

**New**

- Will contain general guidance section separate from entities
- Instructions organized by entity
- Entity view diagram expands to show elements
- Preview pane allows viewing current instruction and related instructions or PS

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Current Toolkit: RDA Contents

Pop Quiz: Which elements are for work and which are for expression?
RDA-MARC Mappings

- No more long tables
- Listed under element in Element Reference section
- Also exploring a look-up tool
Imagine a preview pane with relevant LC-PCC PS here
This section expands and collapses when you click on the eye

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IRI for media type from RDA Registry

Alternate label from RDA Registry
back to back
A layout in which the same image is represented in more than one language on each side of a sheet. This term applies to cartographic images.

bar by bar
This term applies to tactile music resources. A layout consisting of music displayed in indented paragraphs with all of the parts for each measure written consecutively.

bar over bar
A layout consisting of measures displayed in units called parallels and that the beginning of each part’s measure is vertically aligned with the beginning of the same measure for the other part or parts. This term applies to tactile music resources.

base material
An underlying physical material of a manifestation.
Restructure

- Content will be encoded using Darwin Information Typing Architecture (DITA)
- New translation software Trados
- Some synchronization between RDA Registry and Toolkit
  - started in 2016
  - RDA value vocabularies (e.g., content type)
  - RDA elements
    - Attributes and relationships
    - Called “Properties” in Registry (e.g., Work properties)
New Entities

- RDA Entity
- Agent
- Collective Agent
- Timespan
- Nomen
RDA Entity

- Not defined in LRM, but can be considered refinement of LRM entity “Res”
- Will not be as broad as “Res”
- A superclass for all RDA entities (e.g., Work, Place, Agent)
Agent and Collective Agent

**Agent**
- person and collective agent
- in RDA instructions since 2017 as shorthand way of saying “person, family, or corporate body”
- must be one or more real human beings

**Collective Agent**
- corporate body or family
Timespan

- LRM definition: “a temporal extent having beginning, end, and duration”

- a timespan can be expressed more generally or specifically
  - 20 March 2018–21 March 2018
  - 17th century
  - 1922

- latent entity in RDA as an attribute for other entities
  - date of work
  - period of activity of corporate body
Nomen

- Not the same concept as the Latin word
- LRM definition: An association between an entity and a designation that refers to it
- Agents are “things” that we often use “nomen strings” to represent
Shortcutting Through Nomen

RDA Entity

has appellation

Nomen

M1

has title proper

N1

has nomen string

“My title”

has title proper

N2

has nomen string

“0123-4567”

has identifier ...

M1

has identifier ...

N2

has nomen string

“0123-4567”

has identifier ...
LRM and RDA Entities

RDA refines LRM relationships as element sub-types (RDF sub-properties)
Changes to Elements

+ New elements
  + Representative expression
  + Relationship designators are element sub-types
+ Attributes and relationships together with entity
+ Verbalized labels from Registry available
+ Three elements moving from work to expression: medium of performance, key, and intended audience
Representative Expression Nutshell

+ A work attribute
  + Work *has representative expression attribute*
    “expression attribute value”
  + Hamlet *has representative expression attribute* English

+ “a pragmatic way to ‘park’ information under the work, and in this way avoid the need to record the information in association with any specific expression”
Representative Expression in RDA

- RDA will contain a general guidance chapter on representative expression
- A relationship element will be defined
- Specific representative expression elements will be defined for use as work elements
- Implementation is an agency decision
- Expression elements will remain available for use unless affected by another 3R change
  - There may be changes to labels and definitions
Representative Expression Examples

+ **Relationship:** William Shakespeare’s Hamlet has representative expression F₁

+ **Relationship:** F₁ is representative expression of Hamlet

+ **Specific Attribute:** Hamlet has language of representative expression English

+ **Specific Attribute:** C.P.E Bach’s Sonata H. 579 has key of representative expression C minor
Attributes and Relationships

**Current**

- Attributes and relationships are elements
- Attributes and relationships in separate chapters
  - Identifier for Item (2.20)
  - Item relationships in chapters 17, 22, and 28

**New**

- Attributes and relationships are elements
- Attributes and relationships together
  - Item: identifier for item
  - Item: manifestation exemplified

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Attributes as Relationships

When one entity is recorded as an attribute of another, there is a relationship

+ Associated institution is a current example

New entities blur line between attributes and relationships even more

+ Amy Tan has date of birth 1952
+ Amy Tan has related timespan of person 1952
Relationship Designators as Elements

**Current**

- Creator (Chapter 19)
  - relationship designators (1.2.1)
  - instructions for relationship designators in Chapter 18
- Instructions for use in Chapters 18, 24, and 29
- Part of the relationship element

**New**

- Work: creator
  - Related elements: artist, author, cartographer, composer, etc.
- General guidance and instructions at each element
- It is the relationship element
Domain and Range Nutshell

- **Domain**: entity that the element belongs to
- **Range**: entity that a relationship element points to

The RDA Registry pattern for label definitions is “*Relates a/an {domain entity} to {Toolkit definition}***”

- Definitions for relationship designators have range entity as part of definition
Verbalized Labels from RDA Registry

You can make a simple sentence with the labels, e.g., ALA *has member* Carla Hayden
Relationship Designator: **composer**

**Work to Agent:**
- Nihon kyōsōkyoku
  - **Composer:** Ifukube, Akira, 1914–2006

**Reciprocal relationship: Agent to Work**
- Ifukube, Akira, 1914–2006
  - **Composer of:** Nihon kyōsōkyoku

*Current Chapter 18 does not allow for unstructured description of relationships between works and agents, but if it did, you could say, “Nihon kyōsōkyoku has composer Akira Ifukube.”*
Registry Label: has composer

+ Work to Agent:
  + Nihon kyōsōkyoku
    + Has composer: Ifukube, Akira, 1914–2006
    + Nihon kyōsōkyoku has composer Ifukube, Akira, 1914–2006

+ Reciprocal relationship: Agent to Work
  + Ifukube, Akira, 1914–2006
    + Is composer of: Nihon kyōsōkyoku
    + Ifukube, Akira, 1914–2006 is composer of Nihon kyōsōkyoku
Other 3R Changes

- Recording methods
- Example changes

- Other changes not discussed today (e.g., aggregates)
Recording Methods Nutshell
Recording Methods Example

- Unstructured Description
  - 평창군

- Structured Description
  - P'yŏngch'ang-gun (Korea)

- Identifier
  - LCCN n 78070187

- IRI
  - http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n78070187

- Not all methods available for all elements
Example Changes

- 4 different types of examples
  - Basic Set
    - Resembles current examples
  - Recording Methods
    - Shows the same data recorded in different ways
  - View as Relationship
    - diagram
  - View in Context
    - A set of data elements for an entity
Basic Set Examples: Relationships

+ Godzilla, King of the Monsters is an adaptation of the work Gojira
  
  **Recording method:** unstructured description

+ [http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2013021406](http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/no2013021406)
  [http://www.rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/#P10013](http://www.rdaregistry.info/Elements/w/#P10013)
  [http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n096020291](http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n096020291)

  **Recording method:** IRI

  [and others...]
Example resembles a visualization of an RDF triple. Both entities and the relationship designator can be represented with IRIs.
View in Context Example: Work

.creator: Christo, 1935–
.creator: Jeanne-Claude
.preferred title of work: The gates
.form of work: Installation
.date of work: 1979

Hopefully we will be able to show from which element you viewed this example. Here the blue text is showing that you were looking at “form of work.”
Want to know more about 3R?

+ RDA Toolkit 3R Project website: http://rdatoolkit.org/3Rproject
+ 3R FAQ page on RSC website: http://rda-rsc.org/node/551
+ Presentations on RSC website: http://www.rda-rsc.org/rscpresentations