

3R is Almost Done – What's Next?

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3R Project – Final Milestones

- September RDA Toolkit release
 - More policy statement examples from LC and the British Library
 - Partial translations published in Finnish and Norwegian
 - Mapping of RDA elements to LRM elements
- Switchover date: **December 15, 2020**
 - Beta Toolkit ceases being beta and becomes the authorized version of RDA
 - New URL: access.rdatoolkit.org
 - Original Toolkit still available
 - New URL: original.rdatoolkit.org
 - No date set yet for retiring the original Toolkit
 - You will have at least a one-year notification

Timeframe for Implementation

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- Up to communities, based on
 - Availability of their own application profiles, policy statements, best practices, etc.
 - Completion of local training initiatives
 - Possibly: implementation of additional RDA-related content designation in MARC 21, BIBFRAME, or other encoding standard
- There may be a coordinated implementation date among some national libraries world-wide
 - This happened with the original RDA

A Few Things to Remember

- RDA was never designed to meet all your metadata needs
 - Administrative metadata, resource management metadata, and rights management metadata are all out of scope of RDA
 - As is subject access, unless it's for an RDA entity
 - RDA can point out to other standards with *related entity of RDA entity* or something more specific (e.g., *related entity of [agent, place, work, etc.]*) as attributes of an RDA entity
- “Core elements” not part of beta RDA
 - Required elements are quite minimal at the RDA (or international) level
 - More specific guidance/requirements expected in application profiles, policy statements, and/or best practices

A Few Things to Remember

***Just because an element is defined in RDA
does not mean catalogers have to use it***

What does RDA Require?

- Coherent description of an information resource
 - [Required] A description of at least one of its entities
 - [Recommended] Relationships between WEMI entities for the information resource, using specific relationship elements with the appropriate cardinality, such as the following (full list at 07.04.34.92):
 - *expression manifested* [minimum = 1; maximum not specified]
 - *manifestation of work* [minimum number = 1; maximum not specified]
 - This relationship implies the existence of at least one expression
- Description of a WEMI entity
 - [Required] An appellation element (appellation, title/preferred title, access point/authorized access point, identifier, or IRI)
 - [Recommended] Other elements to support LRM user tasks

What Will Communities Require?

- Cataloging communities will determine for themselves
 - Choices in granularity (e.g., *agent* vs. a more specific entity like *person*)
 - Recording method(s) for a given element
 - unstructured, structured, identifier, IRI
 - Which additional elements are required, and which of these are repeatable (beyond what is already in RDA)
 - Which elements will not be used

What's Next for the RSC?

- October 2020 meeting changed from in-person to virtual
 - Expanded from one week to two weeks
 - Will be a mix of synchronous and asynchronous meeting styles
 - Will hold 4 two-hour synchronous meetings at different times to accommodate the different time zones of RSC members
 - Investigating how to accommodate observers
 - Agenda items may cross over between both meeting styles
 - Papers, reports, etc. to be posted on the RSC website no later than three weeks before the meeting
- 4 meetings planned for 2021
 - 3 asynchronous (January, April, July)
 - 1 in person – in New Zealand

RDA Development Goals 2020-2021

- Continued collaboration with MARC/RDA Working Group
 - More proposals and discussion papers related to new RDA elements expected for MARC Advisory Committee meeting in January 2021
- Receive and act on initial recommendations from RSC's Application Profiles Working Group
- Consider proposals from RDA communities as they arise
 - Currently under development by NARDAC
 - curator agent of work/curator agent of work of
- Support for new RSC member to represent Latin America and the Caribbean (anticipated no later than 2021)

RDA Development Goals 2020-2021

- Ongoing review and update of RDA to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, Western focus
 - Current work on developing community-based string encoding schemes is part of this effort
- Continued development of and support for “community resources” in the Toolkit
 - Including identifying what constitutes a “community” and what their relationship is with the RSC
- Create a self-service checklist of conformance conditions
- Respond to user feedback

More Information – all free!

- RSC website: <http://rda-rsc.org/>
 - RSC news and announcements: <http://rda-rsc.org/news>
 - RSC documents (2020): <http://rda-rsc.org/node/633>
(RSC papers, agendas, minutes, working group charges, etc.)
 - RSC presentations (2020): <http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/634>
- RDA Toolkit site: <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/>
 - Toolkit news: <https://www.rdatoolkit.org/news>
- RDA Toolkit YouTube channel
 - <https://www.youtube.com/c/RDAToolkitVideo>
(contains instructional videos on how to use the RDA Toolkit and recordings of RDA-related presentations)
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Questions??

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