

ISBDM and RDA

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What is ISBDM?

ISBD for Manifestation (ISBDM) covers only the Manifestation entity in the IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM).

ISBDM provides stipulations for describing a single manifestation and relating it to other manifestations and to other LRM entities.

What is RDA?

RDA provides guidelines and instructions about the user-focused entities, elements, and vocabulary encoding schemes intended for an agent who creates metadata.

RDA is designed to take advantage of the efficiencies and flexibility in data capture, storage, retrieval, and display made possible with new database technologies. RDA is also designed to be compatible with the legacy technologies still used in many resource discovery applications.

RDA	ISBDM
Extensive	Kept brief
General	Prescriptive
All LRM entities	Manifestation entity
RDA Governance	IFLA standard

Why different standards?

Different user communities need different standards. However, they must harmonise with each other. The LRM is the starting point for this. The strict use of the specifications from the LRM guarantee the compatibility of standards.

Who ensures compliance with the specifications?

Official protocol between IFLA Committee on Standards and the RDA Steering Committee since this year guarantees cooperation and compatibility between the two standards.

Thank you for your attention and grateful
for your input!

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