Examples in the RDA Toolkit

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Overview

• Understanding RDA Toolkit examples
• Developing new examples
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Understanding RDA Toolkit examples

- Principles underlying RDA Toolkit Examples
- Review of the 4 kinds of examples
Examples illustrate elements as appropriate for the language version of RDA in which they appear. A systematic transliteration may be used in examples for some elements when appropriate. For example, the \textbf{ALA-LC romanization tables} are used in the English RDA.

The data are correct in the context of the instruction, and may not necessarily reflect the forms found in databases of agents using RDA.

From \textit{Introduction to RDA, Examples}
RDA Toolkit Example Basics

There are four types of examples in RDA:

- **Basic examples** illustrate an element using an applicable recording method. Basic examples may contain explanatory notes.
- **Recording methods examples** show multiple recording methods applied to the same instance of an element.
- **View as relationship examples** provide a linked data visualization of an element using RDA registry labels and IRIs.
- **View in context examples** contain a set of elements repeated throughout RDA to demonstrate how elements identify an entity. When a view in context example appears on an element page, that element name appears in bold. View in context examples use RDA registry labels.

From *Introduction to RDA, Examples*
Example preferences

- Views ➔ Manage views
Basic examples:
Single example with basic note

Two or more titles of manifestation

**CONDITION**
Two or more values of a title appears in sources of information.

**CONDITION OPTION**
Record the value that appears first.

Example

MapEasy's guidemap to Philadelphia

**Recording method:** unstructured description

**Note:** Variant form of title appears second on source of information: Welcome to Philadelphia
Basic examples:

Multiple examples

CONDITION
A work is a record of the collective thought of a corporate body (e.g., a report of a commission, committee; an official statement of position on external policies; a standard).

CONDITION OPTION
Record a value for a corporate body.

Example 1:
VES source always specified when recording method is “structured description” or identifier

Example 2:
Two values of corporate body recorded
Recording method examples

- Recording methods examples show multiple recording methods applied to the same instance of an element
  - Seen most often when
    - All 4 recording methods are applicable
    - The options are straightforward and limited in number
Recording method examples

Expression > language of expression

Instance of expression *has language of expression*:

- Chinese
  - unstructured description
- Chinese (language)
  - structured description from Getty AAT
- 300388113
  - Identifier, from Getty AAT
- http://vocab.getty.edu/aat/300388113
  - IRI
Recording method examples

Work > category of work

Instance of work *has category of work*:

- Play
  - unstructured description
- Drama
  - structured description from LCGFT
- Q25379
  - Identifier, from Wikidata
- http://www.wikidata.org/entity/Q25379
  - IRI
View as relationship examples

**View as Relationship Example**

**Expression**
Piave, Francesco Maria, 1810-1876. La traviata. English

- **has language of**
- **expression** English

- Access point for an instance of an expression equivalent to VIAF IRI: https://viaf.org/viaf/315186343

- **http://rdaregistry.info/Elements/e/P20006**

- **http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/languages/eng**

- Verbalized RDA element name equivalent to RDA Registry IRI

- RDA element value presented as a text string and as IRI from LC vocabulary
View in context examples

- View in context examples contain a set of elements repeated throughout RDA to demonstrate how elements identify an entity. When a view in context example appears on an element page, that element name appears in bold. View in context examples use RDA registry labels.
Latent examples

- A **latent example** is defined here as data illustrating RDA text but that is not itself an instruction, “e.g.,” “for example” or other such terms. The RDA Examples editor works with the RDA Secretary to update these when found in the RDA Toolkit.
Developing new examples

• Moving examples for equivalent Original RDA Toolkit and Official RDA Toolkit instructions

• Creating examples
  ▪ For instructions that never had examples in the Original RDA Toolkit
  ▪ For elements not found in the Original RDA Toolkit
Moving examples from the Original RDA Toolkit to their equivalent instruction in the Official RDA Toolkit

• Identify corresponding instructions with examples in the original RDA Toolkit
  • Assess examples to confirm that they are still valid examples in the official RDA Toolkit, adjusting or replacing as needed
    o Some valid examples are replaced with equivalent examples to increase the diversity of resources and resource creators represented in the examples
    o If there are multiple equivalent examples, not all will be moved
  • Reformat text using DITA in RDA Toolkit content management system
  • Embed examples in the appropriate Toolkit file and location
From Original to Official:
**Manifestation** > **title of manifestation** is roughly equivalent to Original RDA 2.3.1

2.3.1.4 Recording Titles

Transcribe a title as it appears on the source of information (see 1.7 RDA).

EXAMPLE

StarOffice

The 1919/1920 Breasted Expedition to the Far East

Sechs Partiten fur Flote

Drawing a blank, or, How I tried to solve a mystery, end a feud, and land the girl of my dreams

Instructor's guide and key for The American economy

IV informe de gobierno

4.50 from Paddington

I due Foscan

When Frank was four

Visitrend + visiplot

Tables of the error function and its derivative. [reproduction of equations for the functions]

The most of P.G. Wodehouse

Hierarchy in organizations

Title misspelled and should read: Hierarchy in organizations

new translations, interpretive notes, backgrounds, commentaries

Other title information

an encyclopedia of domestic architectural detail

Other title information
DITA Markup: Example file

EX BS title

of manifestation

Comment by EE: set 1 typos, as is

Heirarchy in organizations

Recording method: unstructured description

Note: Title misspelled and should read: Hierarchy in organizations

Comment by EE: set 2 typos, corrected

Hierarchy in organizations
DITA Markup: Element File

Record a value that includes a typographical error.

Record a value that corrects a typographical error.
Official RDA Toolkit

CONDITION OPTION

Record a value that includes a typographical error.

Example

Heirarchy in organizations

Recording method: unstructured description

Title misspelled and should read: Hierarchy in organizations
Additional criteria for examples

• Currency
  ▪ Many examples in the original Toolkit are carried over from AACR2, and some of them are *really* dated

• Representation
  ▪ Do the resources used in examples represent the full diversity of cultural heritage resource creators?
  ▪ Are the examples culturally appropriate?

• Examples can be made up, but I prefer to use real examples whenever possible
  • Cataloging standards are a posteriori constructs
  • The richness of the bibliographic universe is one of the things I like best about being a cataloger!
Creating New Examples

- New elements
  - Search for likely examples
    - WorldCat (via Connexion)
    - HOLLIS (Harvard Library catalog)
    - HathiTrust
    - VIAF
    - Wikidata/Wikipedia
  - Materials waiting to be cataloged at the office
  - Records I come across during the course of my day job
Future work

- Creation of new examples using Google Forms
- New and updated examples for authorized access points specifying the string encoding scheme used
Creation of new examples using Google Forms

Draft form:
- Will likely require substantial testing and adjustments before it is fully operational
- The idea is simple, implementation is much harder!
The RSC Wants You!

RSC will be recruiting a new RDA Examples Editor later this year

- See [RSC/Operations/2 RSC Position Responsibilities (pdf)](#) for more information on position responsibilities
- Term begins January 2024, but there will be a 4-6 month training period to get you up to speed
Recruiting a new RDA Examples Editor

Do you have these skills and knowledge?

- Knowledge of RDA content and basic familiarity with the official RDA Toolkit
- Knowledge of the practical interpretation and application of RDA
- Comfort with bibliographic description for multiple formats (e.g., books, manuscripts, maps, etc.)
- Experience in providing examples for cataloging documentation or training
- Experience with XML and XML editors
- Fluency in English and bibliographic knowledge of some other languages, ideally including a non-Latin script language
- Good communication skills
Ending Q&A

Questions or suggestions for examples?

- Use the “Submit Feedback” link from within the RDA Toolkit
- Email the Examples Editor, honor@rdatoolkit.org