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Subject: Formal response to RSC/RSCSecretary/2022/2 - Proposal to correct the terms
“multipart monograph” and “serial”

In general it feels as though there is still a lack of clarity about 'issues', 'units' and 'iterations' -- which belongs to the Work level and which to the Manifestation. For example, recommendations 6 & 7 show that 'issues' is related to Work, and recommendation 8 shows that 'unit' is as well, but recommendation 1 shows that a manifestation consists of issues or units.

Recommendation 1:

Approve the intent but I see problems with inconsistent wording, references back to guidance practices which are not explicit in the guidance (what description should be based on), the supposition that 'first released issue or unit' is manifestly obvious and not a matter of entity boundary, the use of 'resource' (as in 'online resource') to refer just to a manifestation, and the use of terminology which is not defined elsewhere in the Toolkit.

Recommendation 2:

Approve with the caveat that there should be a definition of 'integrating manifestation' in the Toolkit.

Recommendation 3:

Approve

Recommendation 4:

Approve

Recommendation 5:

Approve

Recommendation 6:

Approve

Recommendation 7:

Approve

Recommendation 8:

Approve the spirit, but note the general concern at the start of this response re: usage of same terminology on the Work and Manifestation levels.

Recommendation 9:

Disapprove. The level of messiness creates more problems than it solves. In addition, the term 'multiple unit serial' is not a commonly-used term and its inclusion in the Glossary runs counter to the idea that the Glossary is neither a training tool nor a repository of terms which were not well-established. Perhaps the problem is less the glossary than the RDA Mode of Issuance VES page which only gives the multipart monograph as a synonym. If a scope note were substituted it might be sufficient for purpose.