Examples and examples development in the RDA Toolkit

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Overview

• Understanding RDA Toolkit examples
• Developing new examples
• Examples Working Group and future work
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 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 Introduction to RDA, Examples
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*
Basic examples:
Single example with basic note

Two or more titles of manifestation

CONDITION
Two or more values of a title appear 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

Explanatory note

Example box

Recording method
Basic examples: Multiple examples

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

Parti québécois
Recording method: structured description
VES source: Library and Archives Canada
Title of work: Restons forts : plate-forme électorale 2003

American National Standards Institute
National Information Standards Organization
Recording method: unstructured description
Title of work: American national standard for permanence of paper for publications and documents in libraries and archives

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

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

Verbalized RDA element name equivalent to RDA Registry IRI

Access point for an instance of an expression equivalent to VIAF 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 and in blue. View in context examples use RDA registry labels.

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Example

Corporate Body
has preferred name of corporate body
League of Nations
has date of termination
1946
has successor of corporate body
United Nations
has related corporate body of corporate body
Permanent Court of International Justice
has chief executive
Drummond, Eric, 1876–1951
has chief executive
Avenol, Joseph, 1879–1952
has chief executive
Lester, Sean, 1888–1959
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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
    - Some valid examples are replaced with equivalent examples to increase the diversity of resources and resource creators represented in the examples
    - 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

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(Book of manifestation of manifestation Title

Body

Draft Comment author="EE" Comment by EE: set 1 typos, as is Draft Comment

Division id="div_bnv_3qc_zpb"
Paragraph id="p_mnxv_3qc_zpb" Heirarchy in organizations Paragraph

Note id="note_mnxv_3qc_zpb" type="other" othertype="Recording method" Recording method: unstructured description Note

Note id="note_nxxv_3qc_zpb" Note: Title misspelled and should read: Hierarchy in organizations

Division outputclass="basic_set" id="div_m5w_3qc_zpb"

Draft Comment author="EE" Comment by EE: set 2 typos, corrected Draft Comment

Division id="div_n5w_3qc_zpb" Paragraph id="p_oxw_3qc_zpb" Hierarchy in organizations Paragraph)
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Record a value that includes a typographical error.

Record a value that corrects a typographical error.

Comment by EE: set 1 typos, as is

Recording method: unstructured description

Note: Title misspelled and should read: Hierarchy in organizations
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
RDA Examples Working Group

- **Terms of reference**
- **Current membership:**
  - Sita Bhagwandin, Netherlands
  - Gabriele Göser, Germany
  - Jessica Grzegorski, USA
  - Christoph Steiger, Austria
  - Anne Welsh, UK
  - Elisa Sze, RDA Education and Orientation Officer, ex officio
  - Szabolcs Dancs, Translations Team Leader, ex officio
  - James Hennelly, Director of ALA Digital Reference, ex officio
RDA Examples Working Group

- Supports the work of the RDA Examples Editor
  - Maintaining examples in RDA for existing instructions
  - Identifying and implementing changes to examples resulting from changes to the RDA text
  - Identify new contextual examples for inclusion in RDA in conjunction with approved RSC proposals and in existing RDA text, as needed
  - Identify and coordinate with external experts for the translation, transcription, localization and contextualization of RDA examples
RDA Examples Working Group

- Increased capacity for larger scale projects
  - String encoding schemes in RDA examples
  - Evaluation of Recording Methods as a category of examples
  - Development of examples for entity boundaries
  - Form based examples creation
    - Internal use
    - Enable RDA community members to easily suggest new examples
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

Thank you!