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



RDA Toolkit Example Principles

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



RDA Toolkit Example Basics

There are four types of examples in RDA:

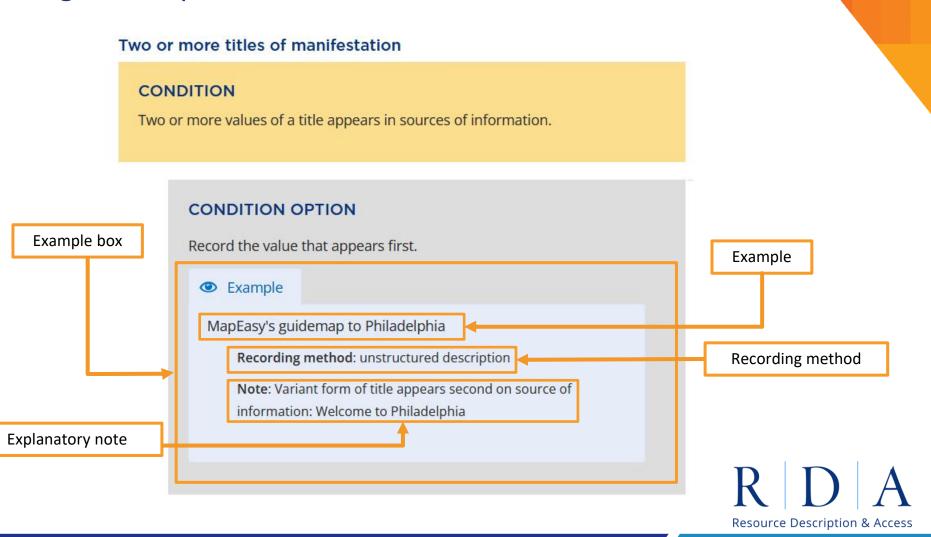
- Basic examples illustrate an element using an applicable recording method. Basic examples may contain explanatory notes.
- Recording methods examples show multiple recording methods applied to the same instance of an element.
- View as relationship examples provide a linked data visualization of an 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



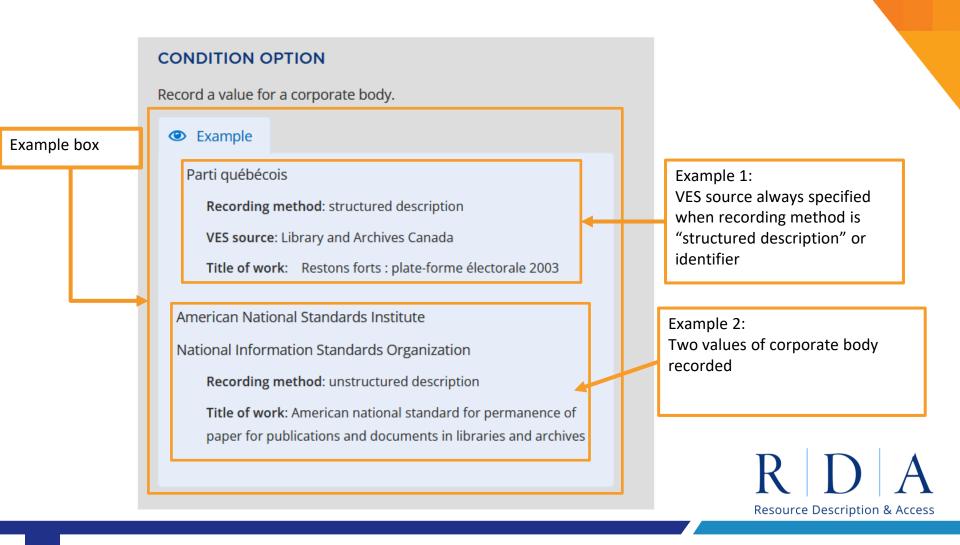
Basic examples:

Single example with basic note



Basic examples:

Multiple examples



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

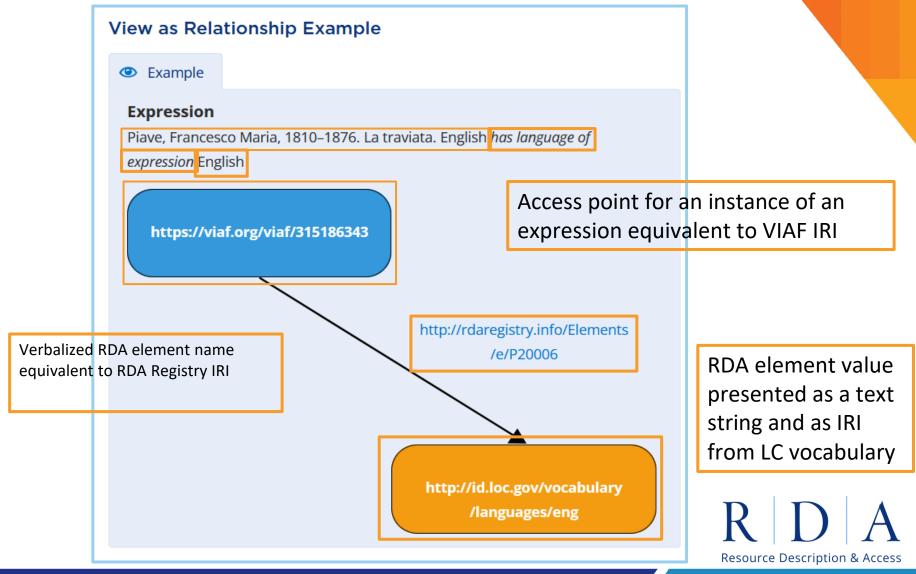
Work > category of work

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

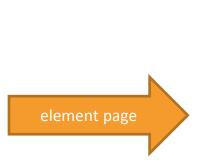


View as relationship examples



View 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 View in Context Example



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



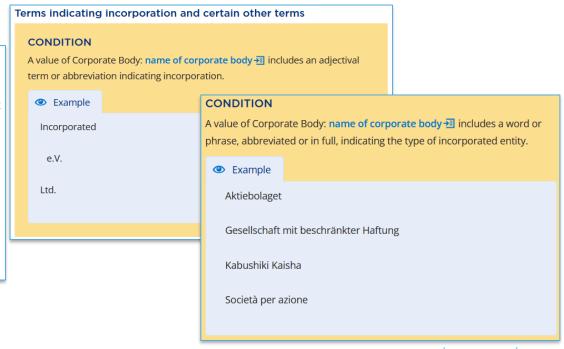
Latent examples

• 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.

11.2.2.10 Terms Indicating Incorporation and Certain Other Terms | KRESP|

Omit the following terms unless they are an integral part of the name or are needed to make it clear that the name is that of a corporate body:

- a) an adjectival term or abbreviation indicating incorporation (e.g., Incorporated, e.V., Ltd.)
- b) a term indicating state ownership of a corporate body
- a word or phrase, abbreviated or in full, indicating the type of incorporated entity (e.g., Aktiebolaget, Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Kabushiki Kaisha, Società per azione).





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

Resource Description & Access

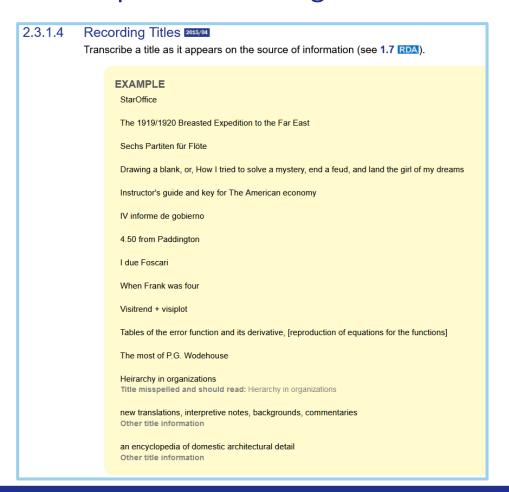
Moving examples from the Original RDA Toolkit to their equivalent instruction in the Official RDA Toolkit

- 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:

<u>Manifestation</u> > <u>title of manifestation</u> is roughly equivalent to Original RDA 2.3.1



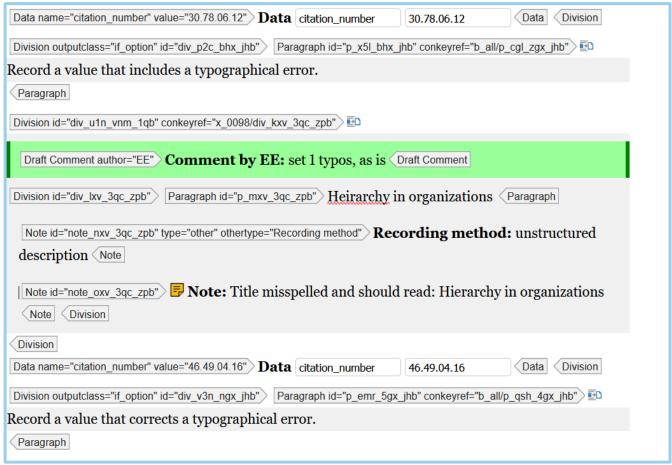


DITA Markup: Example file



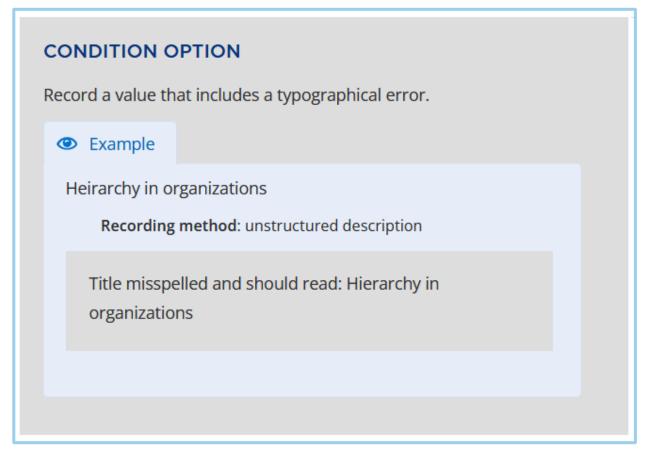


DITA Markup: Element File





Official RDA Toolkit





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

- Inreased 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



Thank you!

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

