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RDA in Austria

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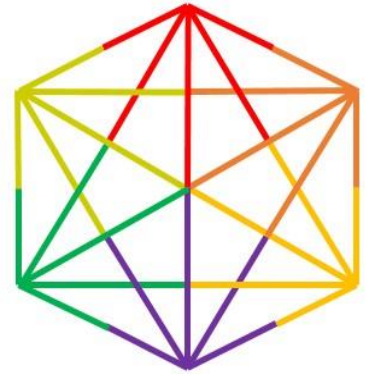
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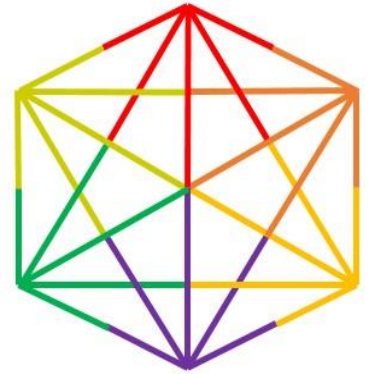
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Austrian Library Network

- cataloguing and services consortium
- largest network of scientific and administrative libraries in Austria
- 70 participants representing more than 90 individual institutions, including
 - Austrian National Library
 - university libraries
 - colleges of education
 - individual ministries
 - numerous technical colleges
 - other important collections
- cooperative cataloguing using RDA, MARC 21 and Alma
- RDA implementation together with Germany and German-speaking Switzerland in 2015
- as of September 2023: 15 million bibliographic records --> 1.8 million records are RDA records

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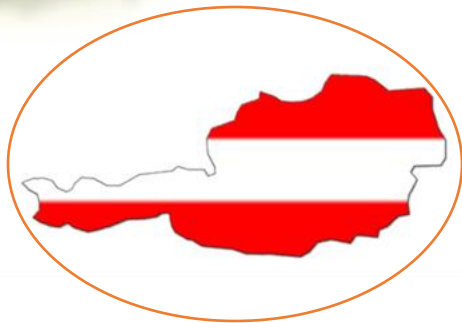
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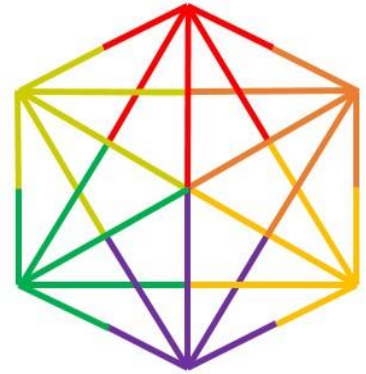
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Austrian Cataloguing Committee



- Austrian cataloguing committee nominates members for working groups in the DACH region and for EURIG
- Austrian cataloguing committee is comprised of members of its subdivisions
 - committee for descriptive cataloguing
 - committee for subject cataloguing
 - committee for cataloguing unique resources
 - committee for serials cataloguing
 - committee for the integrated authority file GND

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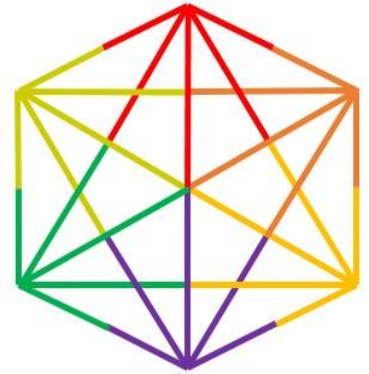
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RDA in GND

- Integrated Authority File (Gemeinsame Normdatei = GND)
- created in 2012 by merging authority files for persons, corporate bodies, subject headings and music titles
- managed by the German National Library
- records are collaboratively created and edited by regional library networks and other partners e.g. archives, museums, cultural and scientific institutions in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- data records are used for descriptive and content cataloguing to permit the definitive referencing of entities

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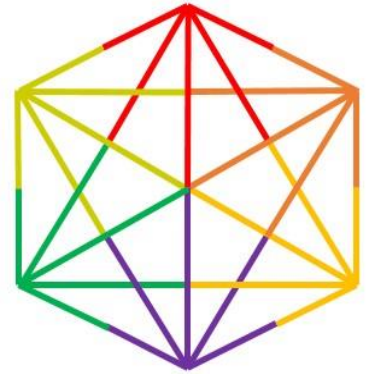
RDA in GND

- RDA was introduced in 2014
- in case of editing, records created before 2014 should be revised according to RDA

	Records in the GND	created/edited according to RDA
Person	6.116.355	2.294.938
Corporate body	1.545.048	322.639
Event	876.709	170.598
Work	536.725	350.329
Geographic unit, buildings, subject headings	533.774	-
Total	9.608.612	3.196.270

(Sept. 29, 2023)

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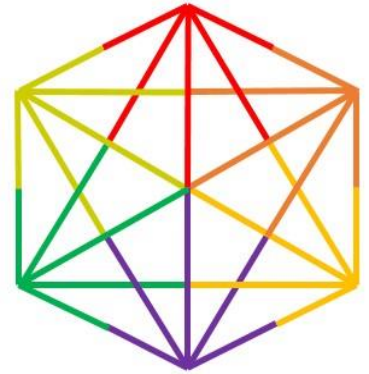
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Cataloguing unique resources with RNAB

- **RNAB** – Rules for handling and cataloguing unique resources in personal, family and corporational archives
- RNAB was approved by the Committee for Library Standards of the German-speaking countries and is considered the first application profile of RDA in the DACH region
- established 2019, RNAB is the successor of RNA which was based on RAK-WB
- RNAB is based on RDA, but also on ISAD-G and EAD
- the hierarchy of WEMI had to be abandoned because of the uniqueness of the resources
- RNAB uses relationships of RDA as well as its own set of controlled vocabularies for relationships and the form of resources

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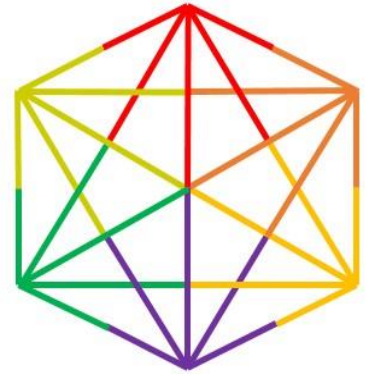
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RDA and ZDB

- German Union Catalogue of Serials (Zeitschriftendatenbank = ZDB)
- central bibliographic database for title and holdings records of ongoing collections in Germany and Austria
- cooperation of more than 4.000 libraries
- managed by Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin in cooperation with the German National Library
- about 2 million bibliographic records for serials and 18.5 million holdings records
- RDA implementation in 2015
- 279.050 RDA records (as of Oct. 10th 2023)

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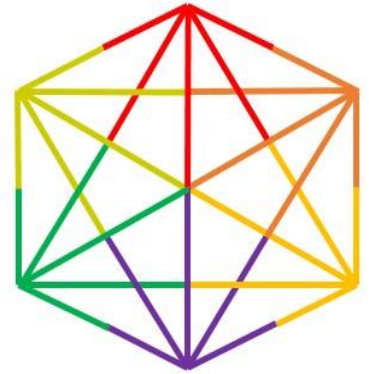
NAK – Catalogue for holdings and manuscripts

- 24 departments of 18 Austrian cultural institutions actively work in NAK
- close to 1 million records
- contains records of holdings, manuscripts, letters, personal documents of writers, artists, scholars etc.

NLV – Index of cultural and scientific holdings in Austria

- close to 230 Austrian Institutions are represented
- close to 7.400 records
- contains only records of holdings (complete, fragmented etc.)

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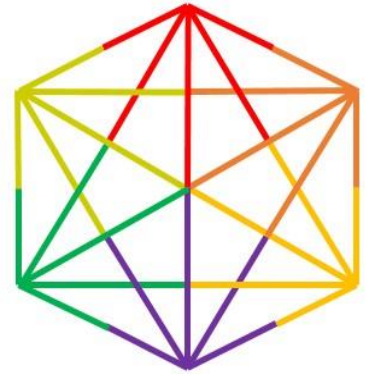
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Austria's role in the 3R DACH project

- Involved in the project's conception from the beginning (2019/2020)
- Contributions to the DACH platform in all three main areas
 - General section
 - Element descriptions
 - Resource types
- 49 descriptive cataloguers participated
 - Limited time & responsibilities per individual to avoid project fatigue
 - Central contact point for questions and help with implementation
 - Yearly project updates on the "Verbundtag" (~Austrian Library Network Day)

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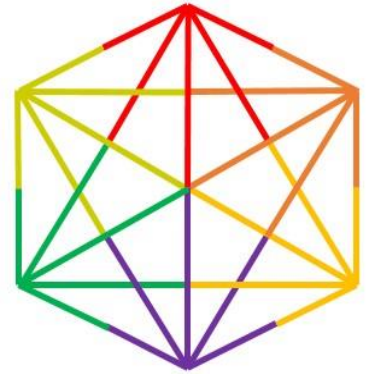
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Before RDA: RAK-WB

RAK (Regeln für die alphabetische Katalogisierung) „Rules for alphabetical cataloguing“

- family of cataloguing rules: editions for scientific libraries (**RAK-WB**), public libraries (RAK-ÖB) and specific rules for specific types of materials (music, non-book materials, cartographic materials, component parts...)
- based on Paris Principles and ISBD; originally designed for the use with card catalogues
- introduced in Austria with first integrated library management system BIBOS-2 (from 1988 onwards; from 1999 onwards: Aleph 500)

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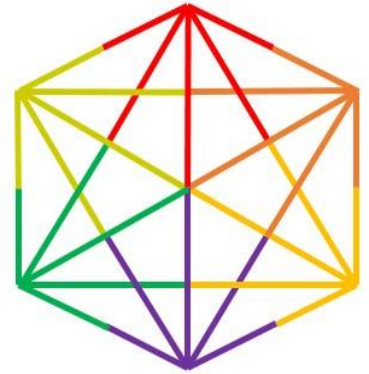
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- bibliographic format used with RAK-WB: MAB2 („Maschinelles Austauschformat für Bibliotheken“) / ASEQ (Aleph Sequential Format) - used also with RDA until switch to Alma (completed in 2021)
- August 2015: [announcement](#) that [first RDA-record](#) was entered into the network database of the Austrian Library Network (OBV)

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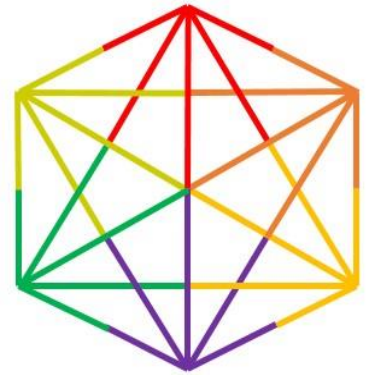
From RAK-WB to RDA

- initial idea: bibliographic records should be either RAK or RDA, but no "mixed records" (records containing RDA as well as RAK components) -> unfeasible in practice

OBV-Guideline (2016/2019):

- all records for resources published 2016 or later must be RDA
- new records for resources published until 2015 can be either RDA or RAK
- RAK records may be converted to RDA records, but RDA must not be converted to RAK records
- only records that exclusively use RDA elements should be coded "rda" in MARC 040
- RAK records may be enriched with RDA elements

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Hierarchical description

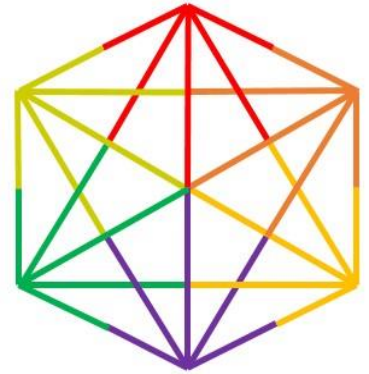
- hierarchical description is used for recording multipart monographs
- i.e. we create a comprehensive description for the whole resource (functions as a hub) and analytical descriptions for its parts
- parts may have titles that are sufficient or insufficient to identify the manifestation
- hierarchical description was specified with policy statements etc.; now it is part of the standard RDA DACH



RDA and MARC 21

- the Austrian Library Network uses MARC 21 as the primary metadata format since 2018
- MARC 21 dialect with idiosyncrasies
 - ISBD punctuation is omitted
 - we only use the MARC code list for relators for recording RDA relationship designators for agents
 - 249 for additional titles of manifestations, if the manifestation lacks a collective title
 - country of publishing is recorded in MARC 044 with ISO codes, not in MARC 008

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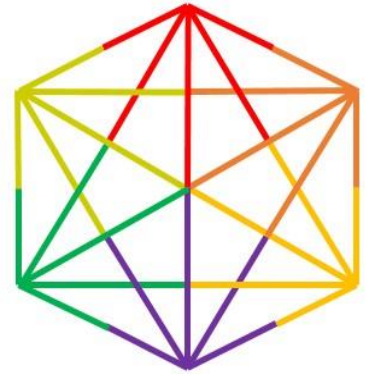
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- "Handbook for cataloguing"
- development started in 2018 by members of Austrian libraries
- the goal was the creation of an online platform for storing documents and information which are necessary for the daily work in the fields of:
 - descriptive cataloguing
 - subject cataloguing
 - Integrated Authority File (GND)
 - cataloguing of unique resources (PFKA)
 - cataloguing of continuous collective works (periodicals, serials)

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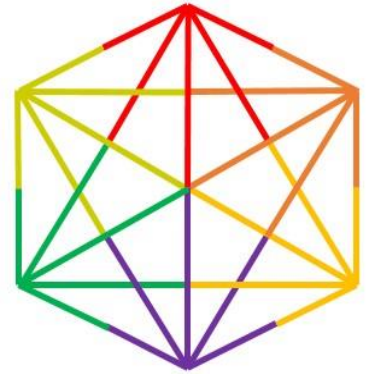
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Contains:

- guidelines for the library system ALMA
- descriptions of MARC fields
- guidelines for recording different types of resources according to RDA (cartographic resources, multipart monographs, electronic resources, games, compilation of works, legal works, ...)
- collection of RDA-examples
--> especially for the use in the Austrian Library Network
- the introduction of RDA DACH makes it necessary to update and relink our documents and guidelines ...

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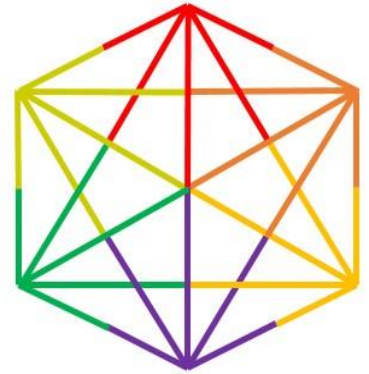
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RDA in Austria's LIS programmes

- 5 LIS programmes in Austria (3x Vienna, 1x Graz, 1x Innsbruck)
 - RDA is taught as descriptive cataloguing standard since the 2015/2016 academic year
 - Mainly face to face teaching (except during the pandemic)
 - 3 ECTS/40 "Unterrichtseinheiten" ~ 1 week of lessons
 - Final exam covers resources of medium complexity
- 1 programme for continuing education in Austria (established 2019)
 - RDA is part of a beginner's crash course to descriptive cataloguing
 - Remote teaching
 - 12 "Unterrichtseinheiten" total ~ 1 ½ days of lessons
 - No final exam, only resources of basic complexity covered

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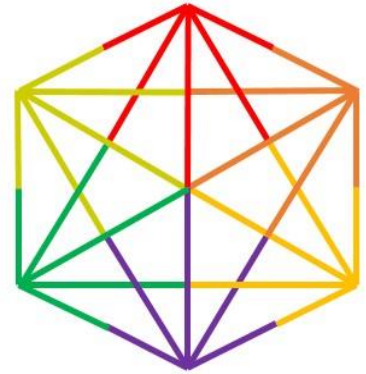
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