

Recent MARC Coding Changes


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Highlights of the MARC coding changes loaded by OCLC in the WorldCat validation installation, September 2021, and other changes.

Topics

- New RDA registry lists and source codes
- MARC Bibliographic format changes



New RDA registry lists and source codes

New RDA Registry lists have been established:

RDA aspect ratio designation

(<http://www.rdaregistry.info/termList/AspectRatio/>)

Use source code rdaar in \$2 in 34X fields

RDA mode of issuance

(<http://www.rdaregistry.info/termList/ModelIssue/>)

Use source code rdami in \$2 in 34X fields

RDA sound content

(<http://www.rdaregistry.info/termList/soundCont/>)

Use source code rdasco in \$2 in 34X fields



MARC bibliographic format changes

Fixed field element

Type of continuing resource

OCLC: SrTp

Polaris: Type con't resource

Definition of code *p* has been revised

p—Periodical

Revised definition:

Broad category of publications ... that are published or distributed generally more frequently than annually, including journals, magazines, newsletters, and blogs. ... Use this code if less granularity is needed. Otherwise, prefer codes for the specific types of periodicals.

Fixed field element

Type of continuing resource

New codes have been established.

New codes are not available in Polaris yet.

Can use general code *p*.

g—Magazine

Definition:

Periodical addressing non-scientific, non-professional general interest topics.

j—Journal

Definition:

Periodical addressing readers interested in a specific subject or profession. Often includes original research and current developments.

Fixed field element

Type of continuing resource

Additional new codes

s—Newsletter

Definition:

Periodical that can be issued by an organization, generally to its members or to a specific audience, to give current information about a topic or sphere of activity.

t—Directory

Definition:

Itemized listing of information for the identification or location of persons, objects, organizations, or places, arranged alphabetically, chronologically, or in some other systematic order, and updated over time.

For SHARE cataloging Type of continuing resource

- ❖ Continue to use code *p* for all periodicals until new codes are available in Polaris

MARC tag 046

Special coded dates

- **New first indicator: Type of entity**

- Blank—No information provided
- 1—Work
- 2—Expression
- 3—Manifestation

- **New subfields**

- x—Nonpublic note
- z—Public note
- 3—Materials specified

Example: **046** _ _ \$k2020\$zRelease date\$2edtf

For SHARE cataloging MARC tag 046

- ❖ Code the first indicator as appropriate. If you're not sure which indicator applies, leave it blank
- ❖ Add nonpublic or public notes in \$x or \$z as desired
- ❖ Use \$3 to indicate a specific component of the resource if needed
- ❖ OK to use these in OCLC records

MARC tag 082 Dewey Decimal Classification number

Definition of the field has been revised:

The Dewey Decimal call number taken from the *Dewey Decimal Classification*, accessed through the electronic or printed version...

MARC tag 082 Dewey Decimal Classification number—\$2

Definition of \$2 (Edition information) has been revised:

Information on the edition from which the DDC number was assigned. ...

If the DDC number is assigned from a printed version, record edition number (use “23” for print-on-demand), a slash (/), the language of the edition, a slash (/), and the year of publication or printing.

Example: 082 04 \$a616.5\$223/eng/2011

MARC tag 082 Dewey Decimal Classification number—\$2 cont.

Definition of \$2 (Edition information) has been revised:

If a DDC number is assigned from an electronic version, record edition number (use “23” or “22” for WebDewey, as appropriate), a slash (/), the language of the edition, a slash (/), and the date on which the DDC number was assigned by the cataloger ... Dates are recorded according to Representation of Dates and Times (ISO 8601) in the pattern `yyyymmdd`.

Example: 082 04 \$a616.5\$223/eng/20211025

For SHARE cataloging MARC tag 082

Record Dewey numbers in either MARC tag 082 with 2nd indicator 4, or MARC tag 092 (Locally assigned Dewey call number).

Both are used for Dewey numbers assigned by agencies other than LC.

\$2 is required in 082 _4. Format as in the example.

\$2 is optional in MARC tag 092. If included, format \$2 the same as in the 082.

You don't need to change \$2 in existing records.

New MARC tag 334

Mode of issuance

Definition:

A categorization reflecting whether a manifestation is issued in one or more units.

Indicators: Blank

Subfields:

a—Mode of issuance term

b—Mode of issuance code

2—Source of term

For SHARE cataloging MARC tag 334

- ❖ This field is optional
- ❖ Do not delete from OCLC records
- ❖ Optional to add to OCLC or Polaris records

New MARC tag 353 Supplementary content characteristics

Definition:

Encoded information for the presence of supplementary content such as one or more bibliographies, discographies, filmographies, indexes, instructional materials, etc., in a described resource or in accompanying material.

This field applies only when the supplementary content represents a significant part of the resource described.

New MARC tag 353 Supplementary content characteristics—cont.

Field is required if applicable

Indicators: Blank

Subfields:

a—Supplementary content term

b—Supplementary content code

2—Source of term

3—Materials specified

Use term and code from Library of Congress supplementary content list—see link in Bib formats entry.

Example: **353** __ **\$**abiography of creator**\$b**creatorbio

For SHARE cataloging MARC tag 353

- ❖ Record significant supplementary content in this field
- ❖ Continue to record supplementary content in MARC tag 500 and/or 504 if not a significant part of the resource
- ❖ Continue to code fixed field elements *Nature of Contents, Accompanying Matter, and Index* accordingly

MARC tag 344

Sound characteristics

Revised definition:

Specifications relating to the encoding of sound or the absence of sound in a resource.

New subfield: i—Sound content

Use term *sound* or *silent* from RDA registry list: *RDA Sound Content*

Include \$2 with code rdasco

Example: 344 __ \$isound\$2rdasco

For SHARE cataloging MARC tag 344 \$i

- ❖ Use in addition to the term *sound* or *silent* in MARC tag 300 \$b

MARC tag 345

Moving image characteristics

Subfield c: Aspect ratio value

Record the aspect ratio value if it appears on the item

There is no RDA registry list for this subfield; omit \$2

Subfield: d—Aspect ratio designator

Use term from RDA registry list: *RDA Aspect Ratio Designation*

Include \$2 with code rdaar

Example: 345 __ \$c2.38:1

345 __ \$dwide screen\$2rdaar

For SHARE cataloging MARC tag 345 \$c and \$d

- ❖ Use 345 \$c and \$d instead of recording aspect ratio information in a note field
- ❖ Record “wide screen” as two words
- ❖ Do not record aspect ratio designator, i.e., full screen, wide screen, etc. as an edition statement unless the resource states “edition,” “version,” etc.
- ❖ Do not use 345 \$a or \$b in records for videos

Example 34X fields

340 _ _ **#b4** ¾ in.
340 _ _ **#gcolor**
341 0 _ **#aauditory#b**captions
344 _ _ **#adigital#2rdatr**
344 _ _ **#boptical#2rdarm**
344 _ _ **#gsurround#2rdacpc**
344 _ _ **#isound#2rdasco**
344 _ _ **#3DVD#h**Dolby Digital 5.0
344 _ _ **#3Blu-ray#h**DTS Master Audio
345 _ _ **#c**16:9
345 _ _ **#dwide screen#2rdaar**
346 _ _ **#bNTSC#2rdabs**
347 _ _ **#avideo file#2rdaft**
347 _ _ **#bDVD video**
347 _ _ **#bBlu-ray**
347 _ _ **#eall regions#2rdare**

Other MARC coding changes

- ❑ **MARC tag 348 (Notated music characteristics):**
Field has been renamed (Formerly *Format of notated music*)
Definitions of the field and some subfields have been revised
New subfields *c* (Form of musical notation term) and *d* (Form of musical notation code) have been defined
- ❑ **MARC tag 383 (Numeric designation of musical work)**
Definition of subfield *a* (Serial number) has been revised

Other MARC coding changes— cont.

- ❑ **MARC tag 546 (Language note)**
Definitions of the field and subfield \$b have been revised
- ❑ **MARC tag 852 (Location)**
Definition of first indicator value 1 (Dewey Decimal Classification) has been revised



Questions?

Resources

- [OCLC Validation Release Notes, Update no. 32](#)
- [SHARE Editing Checklist for Video Recordings](#)
- [OCLC's Bibliographic Formats and Standards](#)
- [MARC21 Format for Bibliographic Data](#)
- [Original RDA Toolkit](#)
- [RDA Registry Reference Value Vocabularies](#)