RDA work plan: current and future activities

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What drives RDA development?

- Strategy to develop RDA communities
  - International
  - Cultural heritage (archives, museums)
  - Linked data and Semantic Web
- Consolidation of FRBR models in FRBR-LRM
  - Development of related standards, e.g. ISBD, ISSN
- Re-organization of Toolkit structure and functionality
RDA content infrastructure

- RDA Reference data is used in several RDA services, not just RDA Toolkit
  - RDA entities, relationships, designators, vocabulary encoding schemes + translations
  - RDA Reference content has open CC0 license
- New development of content management infrastructure reduces duplicate updating in multiple services
RDA Reference in Toolkit Glossary

- Expanded Glossary is a listing of all entries, definitions, scope notes, and cross-references in RDA Reference
- New vocabulary encoding scheme for terminology used in RDA instructions
  - Many terms included in previous Glossary
  - Now managed as a separate vocabulary: RDA Terms
# RDA Terms vocabulary encoding scheme

![Open Metadata Registry](image)

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## RDA Terms entry for "access point"

### Vocabulary: RDA Terms

**Concepts:** access point

### Detail

- **Preferred Label:** access point
- **Language:** English
- **URI:** [http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDATerms/1001 (RDF)](http://rdaregistry.info/termList/RDATerms/1001 (RDF))
- **Top Concept?:**
- **Status:** Published

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<td>accessibility content</td>
<td>An indication of content that provides alternative sensory modes to perceive the primary content of a resource.</td>
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<td>An accessible tactile language text that is attached to a tactile image, map or diagram.</td>
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<td>accompanied by (item)</td>
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<td>A manifestation issued with another manifestation, without any relationship to its content.</td>
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"access point" in Open Metadata Registry

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10 results

Possibility of map between RDA Terms and MulDiCat
Impact of LRM

- More entities (Nomen, Place, Time-span, Agent, Collective Agent)
- From attributes to relationships
- RDA as a refinement of LRM high-level entities, attributes, and relationships
- The four-fold path
  - Unstructure description, structured description, identifier, URI: for related entities.
FRBR-LRM and RDA

LRM “a high-level conceptual model ... intended as a guide or basis on which to elaborate cataloguing rules”

RDA guidance, instructions, elements

“operates at a greater level of generality than FRBRoo, which seeks to be comparable in terms of generality with CIDOC CRM”

RDA cultural heritage communities

LRM “this model is developed very much with semantic web technologies in mind”

RDA linked data communities
FRBR-LRM and RDA entities

- **Res**: has appellation
  - **Agent**: is created by
    - **W**, **E**, **M**, **I**: is modified by
  - **Collective agent**: is type of
    - **P**, **F**, **C**
  - **Place**: is associated with
  - **Timespan**: is type of
  - **Nomen**: has appellation

Any Thing: Covers all other types of thing

FRBR - LRM and RDA entities
RDA refines LRM

Coarse/General

Res1 is associated with Res2
Res2 has creator
Res2 has artist

Res1 is associated with Res2
Res2 is derivative (E)
Res2 is adapted as graphic novel (E)

Fine/Specific
From attributes to relationships

M has place of publication

C has publisher’s name

Timespan has date of publication

Place has manifestation statement

Publication statement has manifestation statement

Transcribed

Recorded
The 4-fold path

The “4-fold path” supports catalogue cards, flat file schema, RDBMS, and linked data (RDA database implementation scenarios)

**Describing a related entity:**
- Unstructured description
- Structured description
- Identifier
- URI

**General guidance and instructions:**
- Simple
- Less duplication
- Easier to translate
Conclusion

- There's a lot of work to plan and do
- We have made a good start with the RDA Reference infrastructure
- The next 2-3 years will bring about many more changes
- We hope you will work with us to make RDA Toolkit and other services the best they can be
Thank you!

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- RDA Toolkit
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- RDA Registry
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- Open Metadata Registry
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- RIMMF