

Rethinking metadata design and management

M3 for metadatists

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“Metadata modelling is hard
... and time-consuming”

- Julie Allinson, Randall Floyd, and Ned Henry

Terminology differences

You say obligation, I say
cardinality...



Sharing and reusing

Do I *really* have to be the 33rd person to build it from scratch?

Documentation

Data Dictionary

Superclass	Class	Subclass	Sub-Subclass	Property	Definition	Value(s) / Format(s)	Links to	
DAMS Thing				ID (anyURI, required)	Parent of all DAMS classes.		DAMS Event (event 0-m)	In the linked-data the subject URI.
	Administrative Unit			ID (required)	The identification of a library unit (or non-library data provider) that is responsible for supplying content to the DAMS and for administering that content over time, including answering queries from users.		Object (hasObject 0-m) DAMS Event (event 1-m)	Mandatory event unit record creation

Property Label	DPLA mapping	DC mapping	DAMS
subject:spatial	Place	dc:spatial	Geogra
subject:temporal	Temporal Coverage	dc:temporal	Subject

date

date:created

date:event

date:collection

date:contribution

Creator required

The person or group responsible for the work. Usually this is the author of the content. Personal names should be entered with the last name first, e.g. "Smith, John."

[+ Add another Creator](#)

Title	Person:Creator
Ranktaker Comforts Child	Rodman, William L. Critchlow, Margaret, 1947-
James Liu	Rodman, William L. Critchlow, Margaret, 1947-
Run before Kill	Rodman, William L. Critchlow, Margaret, 1947-
Dragging Pig to the Sara	Rodman, William L. Critchlow, Margaret, 1947-
Joseph Maori 2	Rodman, William L. Critchlow, Margaret, 1947-

Controlled Values Lists for DAMS Metadata

These lists are for data providers who want to use controlled values in their collections. These lists are contained here because they are to [Practices For Data Provider's Document](#), and these lists should be used with guidance. Any questions or problems can be directed at the [Digital Unit](#).

- [Identifier Types](#)
- [Roles for Creators/Contributors](#)
- [Types of Resource](#)
- [Subject Types](#)

Identifiers

Publicly viewable:

- accession number
- basket number
- DOI
- EDM
- event ID
- IGSN
- locus number
- registration number
- sample number

Curator only:

- ARK



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Developing a shared terminology

we both say:

minimum_occurrence: "minimum number of values the property must have"

maximum_occurrence: "maximum number of values the property may have"

Example from the working document <http://bit.ly/M3Spreadsheet>

Property	Definition	Example	Expected Value	Additional Attributes	Potential Uses	Priority
usage_guidelines	description of how the defined property should be used (helper text, hints, deposit text, etc.)	Record in lastname, firstname order.	free text string	language	documentation (data entry audience), hints/helper text	yes

Standardized syntax

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71 - property_method_name: rights_statement
72   display_label: "Rights Statement"
73   definition: "Information about copyright, usage and access rights of the digital objects."
74   # usage_guidelines:
75   requirement: required
76   controlled_values:
77     controlled_value_format: http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#anyURI
78     controlled_value_sources:
79       - http://rightsstatements.org/
80       - http://creativecommons.org/
81   sample_value: http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/InC/1.0/
82   property_uri: http://www.europeana.eu/schemas/edm/rights
83   available_on_object:
84     - GenericWork
85     - Image
86   validations:
87     range: http://purl.org/dc/terms/RightsStatement
88     data_type: http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#anyURI
```

Examples <https://github.com/samvera-labs/houndstooth/tree/M3-branch/examples>

Documentation generation

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name	definition	predicate	range	system_obligation
agent:contributor	A person or organization responsible for making contributions to the resource.	http://dublincore.org/2012/06/14/dcelements#contributor	{"uri"=>"ucsd:Agent"}	none
agent:creator	A person or organization responsible for creating the resource.	http://dublincore.org/2012/06/14/dcelements#creator	{"uri"=>"ucsd:Agent"}	none

What's Next?

- WG Update
- Contribute your own docs to help
- Give feedback on what does/doesn't work!