

The British Library Application Profile

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Description: This document lists all the elements and element refinements (terms) that can be used when creating metadata according to the BL Application Profile. It will be supplemented with a listing of the "Role" terms referred to and a listing of encoding schemes. There are two proposed uses for this application profile at the British Library. The first is to provide a metadata standard for use in digitisation projects where MARC records are not going to be created. The second is as a format that encompasses enough of the common elements from other BL databases to allow conversions that will enable high level cross-searching. The profile is scheduled to undergo testing against sample datasets shortly, at the time of writing it is untested.

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v1.1	2003-11-18 Draft. Editorial changes made pending testing. Index added, namespace listing added, further constraint characteristics added, 'Defined by' fields completed as far as possible, all 'Obligation' and 'Occurrence' fields given default values, "Role" placeholder table removed (thus term no.6 no longer exists), comment added on title page, minor editorial changes and corrections applied.
v1.2	2005-02-23 Draft. Reformatted according to the DC-Lib Application Profile. Definitions and comments checked against source documents. Addition of encoding schemes tables. 2005-06-22 Minor edits. Some obligation values changed from Optional to Recommended. General review and consistency check.
v1.2.1	15/02/2006 Correct URIs addresses for TEL terms and TEL application profile entered.

Structure of this Document.

The terms in this application profile are described using the attributes defined in the Guidelines for Dublin Core Application Profiles produced by the CEN MMI-DC Working Group. The home page of this workshop and the guidelines can be found at: <http://www.cenorm.be/sh/mmi-dc>

Namespaces used in this Application Profile

DCMI Metadata Terms <http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/>

MODS elements <http://www.loc.gov/mods>

TEL terms <http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/metadatahandbook/telterms.html>

BL Terms <http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html>

Acknowledgements: In some cases, text included in BLAP comments has been taken from other namespaces.

Notes

Terms are either mandatory (**M**), recommended (**R**) or optional (**O**).

Any text string may have a language identifier, if required.

Index of Terms

Title (M)	Identifier (M)
Alternative	BibliographicCitation
Edition	Source
Creator (R)	Item Number
Contributor (R)	Language
Publisher	Relation
Place of Publication	Is Version Of
Subject (R)	Has Version
Description (R)	Is Replaced By
Abstract	Replaces
Table of Contents	Is Required By
Thumbnail	Requires
Date	Is Part Of
Created (R)	Has Part
Valid	Is Referenced By
Available	References
Issued (R)	Is Format Of
Modified	Has Format
dateCaptured	Conforms To
Type	Coverage
Format	Spatial
Extent	Temporal
Extent Original	Rights (R)
Medium	Location
Medium Original	Record ID

Encoding schemes

DCMIType	ISO8601
DDC	ISSN
DOI	LCSH
IMT	OpenURL
ISBN	RFC3066
ISO3166	SICI
ISO639	URI
ISO639-2	W3CDTF
ISO690	

1	Name of Term	title
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/title
	Label	Title
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A name given to a resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Typically, a Title will be a name by which the resource is formally known.
	BLAP Comments	If no title is available give a constructed one derived from the from the resource or supply [no title]. Follow normal cataloguing practice for recording title in other languages using the 'Alternative' refinement.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	Alternative
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	M
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Not repeatable	

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2	Name of Term	alternative
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/alternative
	Label	Alternative
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Any form of the title used as a substitute or alternative to the formal title of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	This qualifier can include Title abbreviations as well as translations.
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Title
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	As needed	

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3	Name of Term	edition
	Term URI	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/mods-userguide-elements.html#edition
	Label	Edition
	Defined By	also defined at http://dublincore.org/documents/2002/09/24/library-application-profile/#Edition
	Source Definition	information relating to the edition or version of the resource
	BLAP Definition	Information designating the version or edition of a work.
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	This is not to be used of version in the sense of different physical formats (e.g. the PDF version of a textual resource).
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Not repeatable	

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4	Name of Term	creator
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/creator
	Label	Creator
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	An entity primarily responsible for making the content of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Examples of a Creator include a person, an organisation, or a service. Typically, the name of a Creator should be used to indicate the entity. Use only where the Creator element is not refined with a role. Otherwise use Contributor.
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	Can also be used as refinement of Contributor.
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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5	Name of Term	contributor
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/contributor
	Label	Contributor
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	An entity responsible for making contributions to the content of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Examples of a Contributor include a person, an organisation, or a service. Typically, the name of a Contributor should be used to indicate the entity.
	BLAP Comments	Note that table 6 in version 1.0 of this profile, which held a placeholder for "Role" terms has been deleted since the role terms can be referenced as a group held in a separate list.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	All terms from the subset of LC Relators that have been designated as refinements of dc:contributor. The use of any other roles will entail its definition as a term in its own right. All terms from BL Roles lists. The terms in these lists are itemised separately.
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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7	Name of Term	publisher
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/publisher
	Label	Publisher
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	An entity responsible for making the resource available
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Examples of a Publisher include a person, an organisation, or a service. Typically, the name of a Publisher should be used to indicate the entity
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	Can be used as refinement of Contributor
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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8	Name of Term	placeOfPublication
	Term URI	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html#placeOfPublication
	Label	Place of Publication
	Defined By	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html
	Source Definition	Place of publication of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	With Publisher and Date Issued this gives full imprint information
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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9	Name of Term	subject
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/subject
	Label	Subject
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The topic of the content of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Typically, a Subject will be expressed as keywords, key phrases or classification codes that describe a topic of the resource. Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary or formal classification scheme.
	BLAP Comments	If a geographic or temporal aspect is recorded use the element Coverage. It may also be repeated in Subject if desired. If there is a subject string with elements in addition to a geographic, include the entire string in Subject with geographic element also in Coverage.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	All DC approved schemes. All BL recommended schemes. These will be listed separately.
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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10	Name of Term	description
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/description
	Label	Description
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	An account of the content of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Description may include but is not limited to: an abstract, table of contents, reference to a graphical representation of content or a free-text account of the content.
	BLAP Comments	It is permitted to link one or more external descriptions using a URI, but to facilitate keyword indexing of the content of the description, it is recommended that a text description also be included.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	Abstract, Table of Contents, Thumbnail
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string or URI
Occurrence	Not repeatable unless refinement or encoding scheme used.	

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11	Name of Term	abstract
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/abstract
	Label	Abstract
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A summary of the content of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	Recommended to use text instead of or as well as a URI to describe the resource.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Description
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string or URI
Occurrence	Not repeatable unless using URI as well as text.	

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12	Name of Term	tableOfContents
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/tableOfContents
	Label	Table of Contents
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A list of subunits of the content of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	Use text as well if using a URI
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Description
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string or URI
	Occurrence	Repeat only if supplying a URI as well as text.

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13	Name of Term	thumbnail
	Term URI	http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/metadatabase/tel/terms.html#Thumbnail
	Label	Thumbnail
	Defined By	http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/metadatabase/tel_ap_v1.1.html
	Source Definition	The URL linking to a small image meant for display as part of the object description
	BLAP Definition	A (link to a) visual representation of the resource.
	Source Comments	This may be used by the presentation software to present the thumbnail as a part of the record presentation. For collections this may be a logo for branding purposes.
	BLAP Comments	A thumbnail is seen as being the visual equivalent of a textual abstract. It may be used by presentation software to present the thumbnail so as to facilitate selection or as part of a record display.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	description
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	URI
	Occurrence	Not repeatable

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14	Name of Term	date
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/date
	Label	Date
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A date associated with an event in the life cycle of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Typically, date will be associated with the creation or availability of the resource. Recommended best practice for encoding the date value is defined in a profile of ISO 8601 [W3CDTF] and follows the YYYY-MM-DD format
	BLAP Comments	Date should not be used in its unqualified form for record creation at the BL. Recommended best practice is to use a specific refinement and, where possible, an encoding scheme.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	Created, Valid, Available, Issued, Modified, Captured
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless using a refinement.

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15	Name of Term	created
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/created
	Label	Created
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Date of creation of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	Use for creation of the intellectual content
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Date
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless giving date using more than one encoding scheme

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16	Name of Term	valid
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/valid
	Label	Valid
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Date (often a range) of validity of resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Date
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless giving date using more than one encoding scheme

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17	Name of Term	available
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/available
	Label	Available
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Date (often a range) that the resource will or did become available.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	Possibly for administrative use rather than resource discovery.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Date
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless giving date using more than one encoding scheme

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18	Name of Term	issued
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/issued
	Label	Issued
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Date of formal issuance (e.g. publication) of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP comments	
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Date
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless giving date using more than one encoding scheme

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19	Name of Term	modified
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/modified
	Label	Modified
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Date on which the resource was changed
	Comments	This is not the same as the content being changed see Edition
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Date
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless giving date using more than one encoding scheme

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20	Name of Term	dateCaptured
	Term URI	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/mods-userguide-elements.html#datecaptured
	Label	Captured
	Defined By	also defined in http://dublincore.org/documents/2002/09/24/library-application-profile/#Date
	Source Definition	the date on which the resource was digitized or a subsequent snapshot was taken
	BLAP Definition	Date that the resource was captured
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	This includes the date that a snapshot was taken (especially of a dynamic resource) as well as the date of digitisation.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Date
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	ISO 8601 (without hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601 W3C-DTF (with hyphens) - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless giving date using more than encoding scheme

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21	Name of Term	type
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/type
	Label	Type
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The nature or genre of the content of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Type includes terms describing general categories, functions, genres, or aggregation levels for content. Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary (for example, the DCMIType vocabulary). To describe the physical or digital manifestation of the resource, use the FORMAT element.
	BLAP Comments	Should not be used without encoding scheme for BL metadata creation - retained for use where existing records have no encoding scheme. Best practice is to use two instances of the Type element - the first for a value taken from DC Type list and the second from a BL list. BL lists will be defined as required.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	DCMIType - http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/ BL Type lists, other standards lists.
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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22	Name of Term	format
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/format
	Label	Format
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The physical or digital manifestation of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Typically, Format may include the media-type or dimensions of the resource. Format may be used to identify the software, hardware, or other equipment needed to display or operate the resource. Examples of dimensions include size and duration. Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary (for example, the list of Internet Media Types [MIME] defining computer media formats).
	BLAP Comments	BL rule: this element has been included for conversions where there may be no qualifier - generally in creating metadata a refinement or encoding scheme should be used.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	extent, extentOriginal, medium, mediumOriginal
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Uses Encoding Scheme	IMT - http://purl.org/dc/terms/IMT , other standard encoding schemes.
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
	Occurrence	Not repeatable unless qualified.

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23	Name of Term	extent
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/extent
	Label	Extent
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The size or duration of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Because the refinement Extent is used in a variety of situations, it generally consists of both a numeric value and a caption that is needed to interpret the numeric value. Best practice is to separate the numeric value and the caption with a space, whether the caption appears before or after the value.
	BLAP Comments	Use for file size and/or duration if a sound file.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	format
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	Standard encoding schemes for expressing time and size
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable (if needed for different encoding schemes)

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24	Name of Term	extentOriginal
	Term URI	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html#extentOriginal
	Label	Extent Original
	Defined By	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html
	Source Definition	The physical measurements or time duration of the original object that was digitised expressed as a string in a standard form.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Format
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	Standard encoding schemes for expressing time and size
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable (for size/duration)

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25	Name of Term	medium
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/medium
	Label	Medium
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The medium or physical carrier of the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Medium is generally used when the resource is of a physical nature, for instance a painting or model, where the physical carrier or material used is relevant to the user. For instance, if the resource is a movie on DVD, and is only available as a physical object, it should be described as such. If it is available digitally, its format would be reflected in the Format element
	BLAP Comments	This is retained in its unqualified form but for metadata creation should always be used with an encoding scheme
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	format
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	BL Medium lists, other standard lists.
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
	Occurrence	Repeatable (if needed for different encoding schemes)

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26	Name of Term	mediumOriginal
	Term URI	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html#mediumOriginal
	Label	Medium Original
	Defined By	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html
	Source Definition	The medium of the original object that was digitised.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Use a term from a controlled vocabulary.
	BLAP Comments	
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Format
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	BL medium lists.
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
	Occurrence	Not repeatable

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27	Name of Term	identifier
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/identifier
	Label	Identifier
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	An unambiguous reference to the resource within a given context
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Recommended best practice is to identify the resource by means of a string or number conforming to a formal identification system. Formal identification systems include but are not limited to the Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) (including the Uniform Resource Locator (URL)), the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and the International Standard Book Number (ISBN).
	BLAP Comments	BL rule: always use an encoding scheme when creating metadata. This will be the identifier for the digital resource being described. To identify the original, whether physical or digital use Source or Relation.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	bibliographicCitation
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI, URL, OpenURL, DOI, ISBN, ISSN and many others from a list that will be compiled. This will include a BL identifier which may be or incorporate the shelf mark.
	Obligation	M
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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28	Name of Term	bibliographicCitation
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/bibliographicCitation
	Label	Bibliographic Citation
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A bibliographic reference for the resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Recommended practice is to include sufficient bibliographic detail to identify the resource as unambiguously as possible, whether or not the citation is in a standard form.
	BLAP Comments	BL recommendation is always to use a citation standard. Where this is not possible, include sufficient bibliographic detail to identify the resource as unambiguously as possible. See DCMI Guidelines for Encoding Bibliographic Citation Information in Dublin Core Metadata for further details.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Identifier
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme For	ISO 690, other citation standards
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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29	Name of Term	source
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/source
	Label	Source
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A reference to a resource from which the present resource is derived.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Recommended best practice is to reference the resource by means of a string or number conforming to a formal identification system.
	BLAP Comments	Use for any source item whether physical or digital original. Consider if a Relation element may be more suitable for digitised source objects. A constructed or derived ID of a local nature may be supplied including specification of the supplying organisation in the absence of a globally unique one. Where appropriate use the shelfmark and name of holding organisation.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	Item Number
	Has Encoding Scheme	See Identifier. Includes all DC approved encoding schemes (SICI, ISSN etc if not expressed as URI). Also BL string.
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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30	Name of Term	itemNumber
	Term URI	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html#itemNumber
	Label	Item Number
	Defined By	http://labs.bl.uk/metadata/blap/terms.html
	Source Definition	
	BLAP Definition	An identifier given to an individual item where that item is part of a larger source object.
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	For use when multiple items share the shelfmark (or other identifier) of an object. For example when a digitised image is only one of several images on a printed page. It can be concatenated with a shelfmark in Source for record conversions.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	Source
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	BL Item Number format
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Not repeatable.

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31	Name of Term	language
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/language
	Label	Language
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A language of the intellectual content of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Recommended best practice is to use RFC 3066 [RFC3066], which, in conjunction with ISO 639 [ISO639], defines two- and three-letter primary language tags with optional subtags. Examples include "en" or "eng" for English, "akk" for Akkadian, and "en-GB" for English used in the United Kingdom.
	BLAP Comments	Follow current cataloguing practice of using three letter codes or use the element unqualified for languages that have no code e.g. Karoshti.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	RFC 3066, ISO 639, ISO 639-2, other standard encoding schemes for language
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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32	Name of Term	relation
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/relation
	Label	Relation
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A reference to a related resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Recommended best practice is to reference the resource by means of a string or number conforming to a formal identification system
	BLAP Comments	Relation should not be used in its unqualified form for record creation at the BL. Where the value is an identifier an encoding scheme conforming to a formal identification scheme should be used.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	isVersionOf, hasVersion, isFormatOf, hasFormat, isReplacedBy, Replaces, isPartOf, hasPart, requires, isReferencedBy
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI , other standard encoding schemes
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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33	Name of Term	isVersionOf
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/isVersionOf
	Label	Is Version Of
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource is a version, edition or adaptation of the referenced resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comment	Changes in version imply substantive changes in content rather than differences in format. Use only in cases where the relationship expressed is at the content level.
	BLAP Comments	See hasVersion
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI , other standard encoding schemes
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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34	Name of Term	hasVersion
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/hasVersion
	Label	Has Version
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource has a version, edition, or adaptation of the referenced resource.
	BLAP Definition	The described resource has a version, edition or adaptation, namely, the referenced resource
	Source Comments	Changes in version imply substantive changes in content rather than differences in format.
	BLAP Comments	It is not expected that metadata creators will go back to a record to add successive 'hasVersion'. It is an implementation issue, but the entering of an 'isVersion' should allow the system to automatically add 'hasVersion' to the record of the referenced resource.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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35	Name of Term	isReplacedBy
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/isReplacedBy
	Label	Is Replaced By
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource is supplanted, displaced or superseded by the referenced resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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36	Name of Term	replaces
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/replaces
	Label	Replaces
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource supplants, displaces or supersedes the referenced resource
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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37	Name of Term	isRequiredBy
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/isRequiredBy
	Label	Is Required By
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource is required by the referenced resource either physically or logically.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	It is not anticipated that this element will be used by metadata creators, but is included for possible system use. See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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38	Name of Term	requires
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/requires
	Label	Requires
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource requires the referenced resource to support its function, delivery or coherence of content.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	it is assumed that this element is to record software or system requirements, not internal parts of the object. See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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39	Name of Term	isPartOf
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/isPartOf
	Label	Is Part Of
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource is a physical or logical part of the referenced resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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40	Name of Term	hasPart
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/hasPart
	Label	Has Part
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource includes the referenced resource either physically or logically.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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41	Name of Term	isReferencedBy
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/isReferencedBy
	Label	Is Referenced By
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource is referenced, cited or otherwise pointed to by the referenced resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	This element can contain the URI for the original record for the object or for the identifier of another existing description. See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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42	Name of Term	references
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/references
	Label	References
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource references, cites or otherwise points to the referenced resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comment	
	BLAP Comments	It is not anticipated that metadata creators will use this term very often: it is used to point to other objects that are referred to by the object being described. It implies a more analytical level of investigation. See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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43	Name of Term	isFormatOf
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/isFormatOf
	Label	Is Format Of
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource is the same intellectual content of the referenced resource, but presented in another format.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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44	Name of Term	hasFormat
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/hasFormat
	Label	Has Format
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The described resource pre-existed the referenced resource, which is essentially the same intellectual content presented in another format.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	Use only when the described resource references alternative formats. E.g. in the metadata for a home page for a dissertation that references that dissertation in various alternative formats - PDF, Postscript etc. See comment about two-way linking in Has Version.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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45	Name of Term	conformsTo
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/conformsTo
	Label	Conforms To
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	A reference to an established standard to which the resource conforms.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	The standards referenced might be educational standards, accessibility standards, or any other established standard that is relevant to the use of the resource.
	BLAP Comments	This term may be used for accessibility metadata.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	relation
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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46	Name of Term	coverage
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/coverage
	Label	Coverage
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	The extent or scope of the content of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Coverage will typically include spatial location (a place name or geographic coordinates), temporal period (a period label, date, or date range) or jurisdiction (such as a named administrative entity). Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary (for example, the Thesaurus of Geographic Names [TGN]) and that, where appropriate, named places or time periods be used in preference to numeric identifiers such as sets of coordinates or date ranges.
	BLAP Comments	In metadata creation do not use this element without a spatial or temporal refinement.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	Spatial, Temporal
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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47	Name of Term	spatial
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/spatial
	Label	Spatial
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Spatial characteristics of the intellectual content of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Coverage will typically include spatial location (a place name or geographic coordinates), temporal period (a period label, date, or date range) or jurisdiction (such as a named administrative entity). Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary (for example, the Thesaurus of Geographic Names [TGN]) and that, where appropriate, named places or time periods be used in preference to numeric identifiers such as sets of coordinates or date ranges.
	BLAP Comments	Use this term for geographic coverage. Spatial location (a place name or geographic coordinates). The value of this element may be included in Subject if desired.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	coverage
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	UK OS grid reference, Gazetteer, ISO3166 (geographic areas), other standard encoding schemes
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
	Occurrence	Repeatable

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48	Name of Term	temporal
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/temporal
	Label	Temporal
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Temporal characteristics of the intellectual content of the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Temporal characteristics include those aspects of time that relate to the intellectual content of a resource and not its lifecycle. Coverage will typically include temporal period. Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary.
	BLAP Comments	Prefer standard representation of date/time but textual descriptions may also be used. The value of this element may also be included in Subject if desired.
	Type of term	Element refinement
	Refines	coverage
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	W3C-DTF - http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF , other standard encoding schemes
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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49	Name of Term	rights
	Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/rights
	Label	Rights
	Defined By	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-terms/
	Source Definition	Information about rights held in and over the resource.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	Typically, a Rights element will contain a rights management statement for the resource, or reference a service providing such information. Rights information often encompasses Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Copyright, and various Property Rights. If the Rights element is absent, no assumptions can be made about the status of these and other rights with respect to the resource.
	BLAP Comments	This should be at least a standard statement following current BL wording.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	URI - http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
	Obligation	R
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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50	Name of Term	location
	Term URI	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/mods-userguide-elements.html#location
	Label	Location
	Defined By	http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/v3/mods-userguide-elements.html
	Source Definition	identifies the institution, repository holding the resource or a remote location in form of a URL from which it is available.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	
	BLAP Comments	Use for a physical location that allows the user to access the item when a URI is not appropriate (e.g. for physical items not available electronically). This also facilitates access if the URI doesn't retrieve anything or only a poor substitute. Can also contain further identification within a location such as call number, accession number. It may be expressed as text or as a code with an encoding scheme used to designate the source of the code.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	O
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
Occurrence	Repeatable	

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51	Name of Term	recordId
	Term URI	http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/metadatabase/termlists.html#recordId
	Label	RecordId
	Defined By	http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/metadatabase/termlists.html#recordId
	Source Definition	The unique identifier of the record for the described object in the source database.
	BLAP Definition	
	Source Comments	The recordId is used for referencing the original record, linking by reference and for administrative purposes. In some cases it will allow records to be indexed without storing them centrally. It can be used in OpenURL for use by local services.
	BLAP Comments	This has been included as it is mandatory for TEL and also may be useful in other implementation of BLAP where metadata is generated from other BL databases.
	Type of term	Element
	Refines	
	Refined By	
	Has Encoding Scheme	
	Obligation	
	Datatype	string, possibly structured according to an encoding scheme
Occurrence	Not repeatable	

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Name of Term	DCMIType
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/dcmitype/URI
Label	DCMI Type Vocabulary
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	A list of types used to categorize the nature or genre of the content of the resource
Comments	
See also	http://dublincore.org/documents/dcmi-type-vocabulary/
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Type
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Name of Term	DDC
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/DDC
Label	DDC
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	Dewey Decimal Classification
Comments	
See also	http://www.oclc.org/dewey/
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Subject
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Name of Term	DOI
Term URI	URI will be provided when available
Label	DOI
Defined By	
Definition	Digital Object Identifier
Comments	May be registered as "info" URI scheme
See also	http://www.doi.org/
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Identifier, Source, IsVersionOf, IsFormatOf, HasFormat, IsReplacedBy, Replaces, IsPartOf, HasPart, Requires, IsReferencedBy, References
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Name of Term	IMT
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/IMT
Label	IMT
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	The Internet media type of the resource
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Format, Medium
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Name of Term	ISBN
Term URI	URI will be provided when available
Label	ISBN
Defined By	
Definition	International Standard Book Number
Comments	
See also	http://www.isbn.org/standards/home/isbn/international/index.asp
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Identifier, Source, IsVersionOf, IsFormatOf, HasFormat, IsReplacedBy, Replaces, IsPartOf, HasPart, Requires, IsReferencedBy, References
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Name of Term	ISO3166
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO3166
Label	ISO 3166
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	ISO 3166 Codes for the representation of names of countries
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Spatial
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Name of Term	ISO639
Term URI	http://www.w3.org/WAI/ER/IG/ert/iso639.htm
Label	ISO 639
Defined By	
Definition	ISO 639: Codes for the representation of names of languages
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Language
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Name of Term	ISO639-2
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO639-2
Label	ISO 639-2
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	ISO 639-2: Codes for the representation of names of languages
Comments	
See also	http://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Language
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Name of Term	ISO690
Term URI	http://www.collectionscanada.ca/iso/tc46sc9/standard/690-1e.htm
Label	ISO690
Defined By	http://www.collectionscanada.ca/iso/tc46sc9/standard/690-1e.htm
Definition	ISO690:1987: specifies the elements to be included in bibliographic references
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	BibliographicCitation
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Name of Term	ISO8601
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/ISO8601
Label	ISO 8601
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	International standard date and time notation
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Date, Created, Valid, Available, Issued, Modified, DateCaptured
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Name of Term	ISSN
Term URI	URI will be provided when available
Label	ISSN
Defined By	
Definition	International Standard Serial Number
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Identifier, Source, IsVersionOf, IsFormatOf, HasFormat, IsReplacedBy, Replaces, IsPartOf, HasPart, Requires, IsReferencedBy, References
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Name of Term	LCSH
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/LCSH
Label	LCSH
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	Library of Congress Subject Headings
Comments	
See also	http://www.loc.gov/cds/lcsh.html
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Subject
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Name of Term	OpenURL
Term URI	URI will be provided when available
Label	OpenURL
Defined By	http://www.niso.org/standards/standard_detail.cfm?std_id=783
Definition	a syntax to create web-transportable packages of metadata and/or identifiers about an information object. Such packages are at the core of context-sensitive or open link technology.
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Identifier, BibliographicCitation
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Name of Term	RFC3066
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/RFC3066
Label	RFC3066
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	Internet RFC 3066 'Tags for the Identification of Languages' specifies a primary subtag which is a two-letter code taken from ISO 639 part 1 or a three-letter code taken from ISO 639 part 2, followed optionally by a two-letter country code taken from ISO 3166. When a language in ISO 639 has both a two-letter and three-letter code, use the two-letter code; when it has only a three-letter code, use the three-letter code. This RFC replaces RFC 1766
Comments	
See also	http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3066.txt
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Language
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Name of Term	SICI
Term URI	URI will be provided when available
Label	SICI
Defined By	
Definition	Serial Item and Contributor Identifier
Comments	May be registered as "info" URI scheme
See also	http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/SICI/
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Identifier, Source, IsVersionOf, IsFormatOf, HasFormat, IsReplacedBy, Replaces, IsPartOf, HasPart, Requires, IsReferencedBy, References
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Name of Term	URI
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/URI
Label	URI
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	A URI uniform resource identifier.
Comments	
See also	
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Description, Identifier, Source, Relation, Rights, Abstract, TableOfContents, IsVersionOf, IsFormatOf, HasFormat, IsReplacedBy, Replaces, IsPartOf, HasPart, Requires, IsReferencedBy, References
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Name of Term	W3CDTF
Term URI	http://purl.org/dc/terms/W3CDTF
Label	W3C-DTF
Defined By	http://purl.org/dc/terms/
Definition	W3C encoding rules for dates and times - a profile based on ISO 8601.
Comments	
See also	http://www.w3c.org/TR/NOTE-datetime
Type of term	Encoding scheme
Encoding Scheme For	Date, Created, Valid, Available, Issued, Modified, DateCaptured
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