

**Response to:**

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**Title: Proposal to improve consistency in “supertype” elements**

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**Recommendation 1:**

I support the recommendation to move the option in Prerecording to Recording for Work: coordinates of cartographic content.

**Recommendation 2:**

I support the recommendation to move the option in Prerecording to Recording for Work: numeric designation of musical work.

**Recommendation 3:**

I support the recommendation to move the option in Prerecording to Recording for Expression: capture information.

**Recommendation 4:**

I support the recommendation to move the option in Prerecording to Recording for Expression: form of notation.

**Recommendation 5:**

I support the recommendation to separate the existing text, and to move the option in Prerecording to Recording, for Manifestation: projection characteristic of motion picture film.

**Recommendation 6:**

I support the recommendation to add the option to Recording, for Manifestation: groove characteristic.

**Recommendation 7:**

I support the recommendation to adjust the wording in Prerecording and to move the option to Recording, for Manifestation: video characteristic.

**Recommendation 8:**

I support the recommendation to adjust the wording in Prerecording and to add a Condition/Option to Recording, for Manifestation: sound characteristic.

**Recommendation 9:**

I support the recommendation to adjust the wording in Prerecording, remove the existing option from Recording, and adding the “standard” option (“Recording the values of one or more of the element subtypes”) to Recording, for Manifestation: digital file characteristic.

**Recommendation 10:**

I support these recommendations for Manifestation: digital representation of cartographic content:

- Adjust the wording in Prerecording
- Add three options to Recording
- Add Manifestation: cartographic data type as a narrower element

As others on RSC have noted, under the revised Prerecording section, there will only be one element subtype listed; therefore, I support rewording the proposed phrase from “use one of the following element subtypes...” to “use the following element subtype.”

**General comment:**

While I support the recommendations set out in this proposal, I wonder if there is an opportunity to clarify the distinction (if any) between “broader elements” and “element supertypes”. According to the RDA Toolkit Glossary, “broader element” and “element supertype” are treated as synonyms. If these terms are truly synonymous, perhaps future maintenance efforts could include harmonizing the use of one of these terms, rather than both, across element pages. If, on the other hand, these terms are intended to be used in different contexts, the distinction between them could perhaps be made explicit somewhere in the Guidance chapter on Data Elements, and in the Glossary.