

To: RDA Steering Committee
From: Linda Barnhart, RSC Secretary
Subject: Proposal to improve consistency in “supertype” elements

The text below reflects the decisions made by the RDA Steering Committee during its July 2022 meeting.

RSC decisions resulted primarily in changes to the wording and order of RDA text within an element. These changes will appear in the next Toolkit release. There were, however, two small changes needed to RDA Registry data, which will appear in the next GitHub release.

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Changes to RDA Text

Work: [coordinates of cartographic content](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- For terrestrial cartographic content, record Work: [longitude and latitude](#)

- For terrestrial cartographic content that is more precise than longitude and latitude coordinates, record Work: [strings of coordinate pairs](#)
- For celestial cartographic content, record Work: [right ascension and declination](#)

Recording

Record this element as a value of Place: [appellation of place](#) or as an IRI.

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

[...]

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Work: [numeric designation of musical work](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Work: [serial number of musical work](#)
- Work: [opus number](#)
- Work: [thematic index number](#)

Recording

Record this element as a value of Nomen: [nomen string](#) or as an instance of a [Nomen](#).

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

[...]

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Expression: [capture information](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Expression: [date of capture](#)
- Expression: [note on capture](#)

- Expression: [place of capture](#)

[...]

Recording

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

[...]

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Expression: [form of notation](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Expression: [form of musical notation](#)
- Expression: [form of notated movement](#)
- Expression: [form of tactile notation](#)
- Expression: [script](#)

[...]

Recording

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

[...]

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Manifestation: [digital file characteristic](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Manifestation: [digital representation of cartographic content](#)
 - Manifestation: [cartographic data type](#)
- Manifestation: [encoded bitrate](#)
- Manifestation: [encoding format](#)
- Manifestation: [file size](#)
- Manifestation: [file type](#)
- Manifestation: [regional encoding](#)
- Manifestation: [resolution](#)

For instructions on recording the colour characteristics of a digital file, see Manifestation: [colour content](#).

Recording

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

[...]

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Manifestation: [digital representation of cartographic content](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use the following *element subtype* if appropriate:

- Manifestation: [cartographic data type](#)

Recording

OPTION

Record a value of the element subtype.

OPTION

Record the object type.

OPTION

Record the number of objects used to represent spatial information.

Recording an unstructured description

[...]

Related elements

For broader elements, see Manifestation: [digital file characteristic](#).

For narrower elements, see Manifestation: [cartographic data type](#).

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Manifestation: [groove characteristic](#)

Recording

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

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Manifestation: [projection characteristic of motion picture film](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Manifestation: [presentation format](#)
- Manifestation: [presentation speed](#)

For the aspect ratio of a motion picture film, see Expression: [aspect ratio](#).

[...]

Recording

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

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Manifestation: [sound characteristic](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Manifestation: [configuration of playback channels](#)
- Manifestation: [groove characteristic](#)
 - Manifestation: [groove pitch](#)
 - Manifestation: [groove width](#)
- Manifestation: [playing speed](#)
- Manifestation: [recording medium](#)
- Manifestation: [special playback characteristic](#)
- Manifestation: [track configuration](#)
- Manifestation: [tape configuration](#)
- Manifestation: [type of recording](#)

For instructions on recording additional characteristics of digitally encoded sound (e.g., audio encoding formats such as MP3), see Manifestation: [digital file characteristic](#).

Recording

CONDITION

A manifestation consists primarily of recorded sound.

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

CONDITION

A manifestation does not consist primarily of recorded sound.

OPTION

Record sound characteristics if considered important for identification or selection.

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Manifestation: [video characteristic](#)

Prerecording

This element is an *element supertype*.

For a more specific description, use one of the following element subtypes if appropriate:

- Manifestation: [broadcast standard](#)
- Manifestation: [video format](#)

For an aspect ratio of a video, see Expression: [aspect ratio](#).

[...]

Recording

OPTION

Record the values of one or more of the element subtypes.

[...]

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Changes to RDA Registry

Manifestation: [cartographic data type](#)

For broader elements, see Manifestation: [digital representation of cartographic content](#).

Manifestation: [digital representation of cartographic content](#)

For narrower elements, see Manifestation: [cartographic data type](#).