

LRM and RDA 3R

Ch-ch-ch-changes

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Why the Library Reference Model (LRM)?

- o In the beginning, there was FRBR
 - o Then FRAD
 - o Then FRSAD
- o But they conflicted: a need for harmonization
 - o Major conflicts
 - o Names
 - o Subjects

What is LRM?

- o High-level, conceptual, E-R model
 - o The harmonization of the three FR models
 - o In development since 2010 or so
 - o Adopted in 2017 by IFLA
- o Aims to not only consolidate, but also generalize the three previous models
 - o Eliminates "administrative" focus in FR models
 - o Removes emphasis on authority work found in FRAD

Changes in LRM

- o User Tasks Redefined
 - o **Find, Identify, Select,** and **Obtain** remain
 - o **Explore** added
 - o **Justify** and **Contextualize** deprecated
- o Users of interest redefined
 - o Patrons only
 - o Catalogers/Staff removed from consideration

Entities have changed

Table 4.1 Entity Hierarchy

Top Level	Second Level	Third Level
LRM-E1 Res		
--	LRM-E2 Work	
--	LRM-E3 Expression	
--	LRM-E4 Manifestation	
--	LRM-E5 Item	
--	LRM-E6 Agent	
--	--	LRM-E7 Person
--	--	LRM-E8 Collective Agent
--	LRM-E9 Nomen	
--	LRM-E10 Place	
--	LRM-E11 Time-span	

Attributes and Relationships also have changed

- o Hierarchy allows for:
 - o inherited attributes
 - o inherited relationships
- o What's true for **Agent** in Tier 2 ...
 - o ...is also true of its subclasses in Tier 3 (**Person, Collective Agent**)
- o More emphasis on relationships
 - o Less concern about attributes

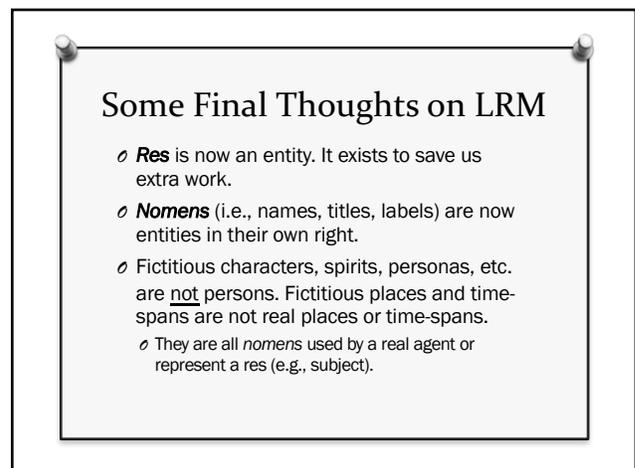
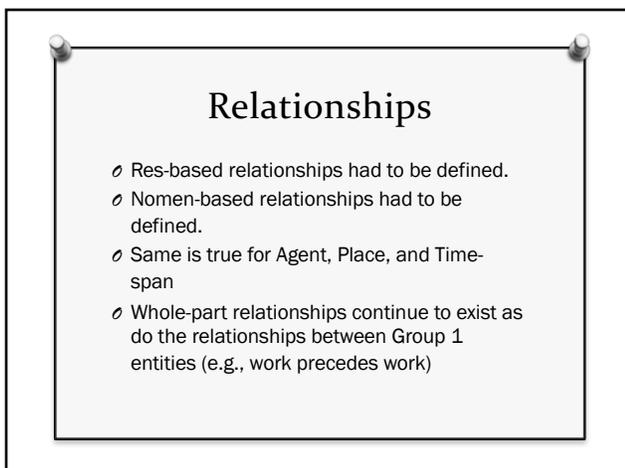
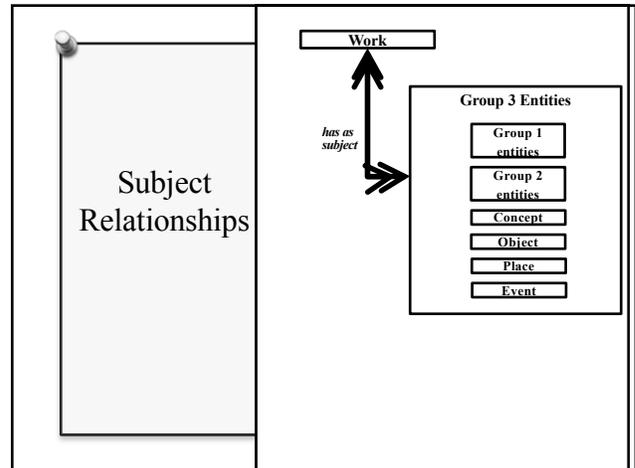
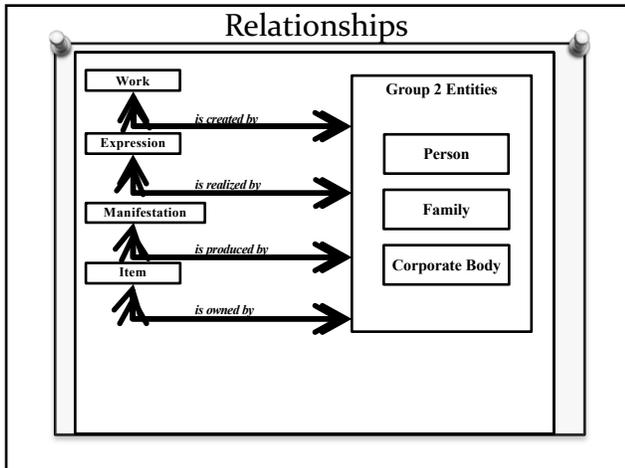
Attributes

Table 5.5. Attributes Specified in LRM.

Entity	Attribute	Entity	Attribute
Res	Category	Item	Location
	Note		Use Rights
Work	Category	Agent	Contact Information
	Representative Expression		Field of Activity
Expression	Category	Person	Language
	Extent		Profession/Occupation
	Intended Audience	Nomen	Category
	Use Rights		Nomen String
	Cartographic Scale	Scheme	
	Language	Intended Audience	
	Key	Context of Use	
	Medium of Performance	Reference Source	
Category of Carrier	Language		
Manifestation	Extent	Place	Script
	Intended Audience		Script Conversion
	Manifestation Statement	Category	
	Access Conditions	Location	
	Use Rights	Time-Span	Beginning
			Ending

Relationships

- o 36 relationships identified in LRM
- o Still includes some relationships from previous models
 - o **Work** is realized in an **expression**.
 - o **Expression** is embodied in a **manifestation**.
 - o **Manifestation** is exemplified by an **item**
- o Some relationships have been deprecated
- o The specialized relationships between Agents and Group 1 entities have changed



RDA 3R

The soon-to-be national nightmare

Why?

- o To align with LRM
- o To move toward a more linked data compatible structure
- o Greater internationalization
- o Trying to woo other communities

o What does all this mean???

Changes

- o Structure
 - o 13 entities are the focal point ("chapters?")
 - o 1700+ elements, each with own page
 - o Links to everything you want know/do about that element (definition, recording methods, relationships)
- o More work-related elements
 - o Surpassed manifestation elements
 - o Includes reverse direction of relationships
 - o Created / Created by

Changes

- o Navigation has changed
 - o No instruction numbers
 - o After much argument (yes, argument), "Citation numbers" will be randomly generated for every instruction in RDA
 - o Numbers will have no meaning/order
 - o LRM order for entities; alphabetical for elements
 - o Search for what you need
 - o Eventually, a hierarchy browser will be developed

Changes

- o Nothing is mandatory (no core)
 - o "Core is less useful at a global level."
 - o EVERYTHING is optional?! YIKES!
- o All recording methods are optional
 - o Many ways to do things
 - o No telling you what to do now; nothing will be prescribed
- o **In short:** *everything* has to be defined in an application profile
 - o RDA 2.0 is not a replacement for RDA
 - o Different functions

Application Profiles

- o What elements must be recorded?
(Mandatory)
- o What elements should be recorded?
(Desirable)
- o What may be repeated?
- o What vocabularies are used?
- o What recording methods are used?

Changes

- o Instructions have been restructured
- o Alternatives and exceptions are now just other options you might choose
- o Everything moved around (less hierarchical),
- o Added new recording methods
- o New element structure
- o Flattened nested options
- o Element names have been simplified
 - o **Publisher's name** has become **name of publisher**