LRM and RDA 3R
Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes

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Why the Library Reference Model (LRM)?
- In the beginning, there was FRBR
- Then FRAD
- Then FRSAD
- But they conflicted: a need for harmonization
  - Major conflicts
    - Names
    - Subjects

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

Changes in LRM
- User Tasks Redefined
  - Find, Identify, Select, and Obtain remain
  - Explore added
  - Justify and Contextualize deprecated
- Users of interest redefined
  - Patrons only
  - Catalogers/Staff removed from consideration
Entities have changed

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Attributes and Relationships also have changed

- Hierarchy allows for:
  - inherited attributes
  - inherited relationships

- What’s true for Agent in Tier 2...
  - ...is also true of its subclasses in Tier 3 (Person, Collective Agent)

- More emphasis on relationships
- Less concern about attributes

Attributes

- 36 relationships identified in LRM
  - Still includes some relationships from previous models

- Work realized in an expression.
- Expression embodied in a manifestation.
- Manifestation exemplified by an item

- Some relationships have been deprecated
- The specialized relationships between Agents and Group 1 entities have changed

Relationships
Work Item Manifestation

Agents:
- Persons
- Collective Agents (e.g., corporate bodies and families)

Expression is created by

Work is created, produced, distributed by

is owned by

Expression is owned by

is realized by

Relationships

Subject

Group 2 Entities
- Person
- Family
- Corporate Body

Group 3 Entities
- Group 1 entities
- Group 2 entities
- Concept
- Object
- Event

O Res-based relationships had to be defined.

O Nomen-based relationships had to be defined.

O Same is true for Agent, Place, and Time-span

O Whole-part relationships continue to exist as do the relationships between Group 1 entities (e.g., work precedes work)

Some Final Thoughts on LRM

O Res is now an entity. It exists to save us extra work.

O Nomens (i.e., names, titles, labels) are now entities in their own right.

O Fictitious characters, spirits, personas, etc. are not persons. Fictitious places and time-spans are not real places or time-spans.

O They are all nomens used by a real agent or represent a res (e.g., subject).
RDA 3R
The soon-to-be national nightmare

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

What does all this mean???

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

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

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

Application Profiles

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

Changes

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