



FAST Policy & Outreach Committee

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What is FAST



Faceted Application of Subject Terminology



Subject terminology schema in libraries



The target of service is March 2019



The broad purpose of adapting the LCSH with a simplified syntax to create FAST is to retain the very rich vocabulary of LCSH while making the schema easier to understand, control, apply, and use. The schema maintains upward compatibility with LCSH, and any valid set of LC subject headings can be converted to FAST headings.

Vision Statement

FAST will be a fully supported, widely adopted and community developed general subject vocabulary derived from LCSH with tools and services that serve the needs of diverse communities and contexts.

FAST Policy & Outreach Committee (FPOC)



Joint Committee of OCLC and FAST implementers



To move FAST from experimental and research environment to production



Established in September 2018



Advisory and outreach body



12 members, including 4 from OCLC and 8 from institutions



The first priority is to support OCLC in delivering a stable and sustainable service to FAST users



<https://www.oclc.org/en/fast.html>

Purposes of FPOC: Policy

Establish	Establish editorial policies regarding terms, including scope, definitions and application.
Set	Set priorities for ongoing development of the vocabulary.
Recommend and prioritize	Recommend and prioritize directions and goals for development/improvements.
Provide	Provide recommendations for tools and conversion services when appropriate.
Inform	Inform strategic directions to support the FAST business model.
Establish and oversee	Establish and oversee working groups as needed to accomplish these or other tasks.

Oversee	Oversee the community engagement, term contribution and procedures.
Engage	Engage the community in developing and maintaining documentation; oversee the process.
Facilitate	Facilitate the dissemination and collocation of training resources, documentation, and guidance for use.
Establish	Establish framework for testing of interfaces and services by the community.
Provide or facilitate	Provide or facilitate outreach, promotion and marketing to different communities as appropriate.

Purposes of FPOC: Outreach

FPOC: COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Name	Affiliation	Country	Role
Alan Danskin	British Library	UK	Co-Chair
Judy Jeng	ALCTS Subject Analysis Committee	USA	Co-Chair
Chew Chiat Naun	Harvard Library	USA	Member
Kate Harcourt	Columbia Library	USA	Member
Jason Kovari	Cornell Library	USA	Member
Amanda Lawrence	Analysis & Policy Observatory	USA	Member
Steve McDonald	Program for Cooperative Cataloging	USA	Member
Jeanette Norris	Brown Library	USA	Member
Jody DeRidder	OCLC	USA	Liaison
Sandi Jones	OCLC	USA	Liaison
Nathan Putnam	OCLC	USA	Liaison
Diane Vazine-Goetz	OCLC	USA	Liaison

FPOC: committee membership

Members of the committee were appointed by OCLC from representatives nominated by institutions that have implemented FAST and have advocated a FAST service

Members serve for terms of 1 or 2 years

Terms of current members serving 1 year term expire in September 2019

Nominations for new members will be opened to the community in summer/fall 2019

Elections for co-Chair will be held in September 2019

Who do we communicate with?



FPOC ACTS AS A BRIDGE
BETWEEN THE FAST
COMMUNITY AND OCLC



THE INTERNATIONAL FAST
COMMUNITY



PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
(WIDER COMMUNITY) AND
PROSPECTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBERS



PROVIDERS OF OTHER
VOCABULARIES



PROVIDERS OF SYSTEMS
AND SERVICES

WHAT HAS FPOC DONE?



Agreed a vision for FAST



Discuss desired features of FAST



Met with OCLC FAST team



Field Trip to LC Policy and Standards Division



Outreach to ALA Big Heads, Faceted Subject Access IG, IFLA, and UK Bib. Standards Group



Met with Janis Young and Libby Dechman at Policy and Standards Division of LC on Oct. 11-12, 2018.



The objective of the visit was to learn more about the editorial process of proposed terms and the intellectual review of proposals.



The possibility for FAST to become a SACO Funnel was raised at the meeting

to propose new terms for LCSH, which would feed through to FAST
to propose variant terms, or references for additions to LCSH
to comment on terms proposed for inclusion in LCSH

Field Trip to Library of Congress

Meeting with OCLC FAST Team



Met with OCLC FAST team (Diane Vizine-Goetz, Kerre Kammerer, and Rick Bennett) on October 30, 2018.



We learned more about what it means to deliver and maintain FAST

Synchronization process
Maintenance of FAST in WorldCat
Conversion algorithm from LCSH to FAST



We discussed implications of proposed future requirements for FAST

Currency
Support for local terms
Linking to external vocabularies
Fully Faceted terms

How is FAST Being Used?

The British Library uses FAST in projects and workflows for which LCSH would be too expensive to assign. Staff on fixed term contracts can be quickly trained to apply FAST . The Library has also mapped a subset of FAST terms to DDC to speed up assignment of subject data to some electronic official publications and grey literature.

Columbia is also using FAST.

Cornell routinely assigns FAST headings to minimal-level cataloguing.

Brown University uses FAST to autoprompt controlled terms to authors of dissertations submitted to the repository. FAST was also used for retrospective assignment of controlled terms to a dissertation collection.

Michigan State uses FAST as the backbone for subject knowledge cards.



Why is FAST BEING USED?



TO INDEX MORE RESOURCES



TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO
PRODUCTIVITY



TO INCREASE WORKFORCE
FLEXIBILITY



TO PROVIDE A LEVEL OF
GRANULARITY APPROPRIATE
TO AUDIENCE, BUDGET AND
COLLECTION



TO MAINTAIN COMPATIBILITY
WITH LCSH

What's Next?

The FAST project moves to a service infrastructure in March 2019

- Production servers
- 24/7 support

FPOC is working with OCLC on a business case for future development of the FAST Service

- Minimal Viable Product definition
- Desired Features
- Priorities
- Scope

Minimal viable product?

What do we need to deliver a sustainable, extensible FAST service

- Database served and permanently supported on OCLC production servers
- Editorial and development authority and policies
- FAST policy and procedure documentation and training resources
- Proposed management system
- Forum/communication channels for community
- Metadata validation system
- Resources to manage/evaluate proposals for changes
- Resources to manage MARC record maintenance
- Development resources
- Upgrade search FAST based on user feedback

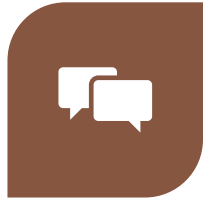
What else does the community want?

The following ideas have come from community feedback and from the FPOC members:

- Capability to propose new terms and add scope notes
- An enhanced update mechanism approach for FAST
- LCSH to FAST conversion tools or services
- Capability to insert FAST headings into MARC records in Connexion, ILS, etc. from Search FAST
- Support use of alternate terms
- Capability to link to/from other vocabularies



JOIN THE LIST (FACETVOC-
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TELL US WHAT YOU WANT



TELL US WHAT IS
PREVENTING YOU FROM
USING FAST



JOIN A WORKING GROUP.
(LOOK OUT FOR FUTURE
ANNOUNCEMENTS)



TALK TO YOUR
SERVICE/SYSTEM
PROVIDERS ABOUT FAST



NOMINATE CANDIDATES
FOR FPOC



STAND FOR ELECTION TO
FPOC

How can I be involved?

USEFUL LINKS



FAST WEBSITE:
[HTTP://FAST.OCLC.ORG/](http://fast.oclc.org/)



CAMMS FACETED SUBJECT ACCESS
IG:
[HTTP://WWW.ALA.ORG/ALCTS/MGRPS/CAMMS/GRPS/ATS-CCSIGFSA](http://www.ala.org/alcts/mgrps/camms/grps/ats-ccsigfsa)



FACETVOC-L (FACETED
CONTROLLED VOCABULARIES
DISCUSSION LIST)
[HTTP://LISTSERV.OCCLISTS.ORG/SCRIPTS/WA.EXE?A0=FACETVOC-L](http://listserv.oclclists.org/scripts/wa.exe?A0=FACETVOC-L)



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Thank you.