

RDA Toolkit essentials

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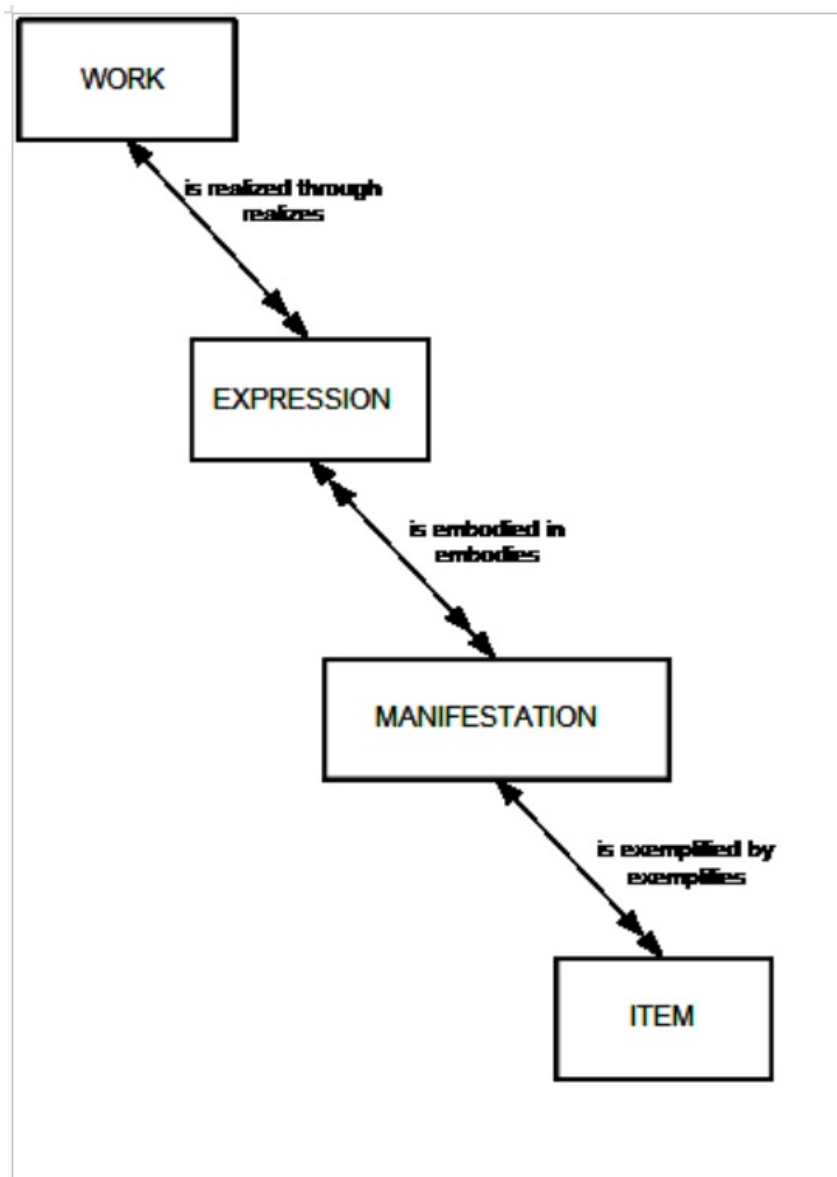
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Some background: What is RDA?

- A standard for bibliographic description (not a display standard)
- Based originally on the FRBR conceptual model (which is now part of LRM (Library Reference Model))

Four of the FRBR/LRM entities are key to RDA:

- Work—a distinct intellectual or artistic creation
- Expression—intellectual or artistic realization of a work
- Manifestation—physical embodiment of an expression of a work (roughly equivalent to edition)
- Item—single exemplar of a manifestation (in book terms, a copy)



(From IFLA Library Reference Model (IFLA LRM) <http://www.isko.org/cyclo/lrm>)

What is the RDA Toolkit?

“An integrated, browser-based online product that allows users to interact with a collection of cataloging-related documents and resources including RDA.”--James Hennelly

Includes

- RDA
- AACR2
- LC-PCC Policy Statements
- Examples of RDA cataloging
- RDA mappings
- User-created content

and more.

Free content at <http://www.rdatoolkit.org> includes

- subscription and pricing information
- blog
- development blog
- training material
- videos

Log in at <http://access.rdatoolkit.org>

Currently a two-step login: institution and individual profile (profile is optional, but needed for full functionality)

Can get a 30-day free trial

Subscription pricing based on a specified number of concurrent users (include an unlimited number of profiles)

Group discount available through RAILS? <https://www.railslibraries.info/deals>

Navigation

Several different ways to navigate, including

- Table of contents
- Links from AACR2
- Search

User-created content

- Workflows
- Mappings
- Bookmarks
- Linking

RDA Toolkit Beta Site

Beta version of a redesign of the Toolkit released on June 13

Product of the RDA Toolkit Restructure and Redesign Project (3R Project)

Purpose is to align RDA more closely with the IFLA LRM

Can access from current RDA Toolkit; we are encouraged to try it out and give feedback, but we should not use it for actual cataloging

Resources for further learning

RDA Toolkit

“RDA Toolkit Essentials,” presented by James Hennelly (ALA Publishing), September 24, 2015.

Video at <https://vimeo.com/140353377>

Slides at <https://www.slideshare.net/jhennelly/rda-toolkit-essentials-20150924>

A few things have changed since 2015, but this is still an excellent introduction to the Toolkit. I drew on it heavily for this presentation.

“Using the RDA Toolkit,” prepared by Tim Carlton (Library of Congress), 2014.

<https://www.loc.gov/catworkshop/RDA%20training%20materials/LC%20RDA%20Training/ToolkitExternal.doc>

A more in-depth course.

Training Resources (RDA Toolkit)

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/training>

Links to a number of resources from RSC (RDA Steering Committee), Library of Congress, and other institutions.

FRBR, LRM, and RDA

“FRBR Overview and Application: Understanding Conceptual Relationships” (Library of Congress), September 2012.

<https://slideplayer.com/slide/4346525/>

Haynes, David. “The Library Reference Model (LRM) and the development of RDA,” in his *Metadata for Information Management and Retrieval* (Facet Publishing, 2018), p. 40-42.

Maxwell, Robert L. *FRBR: A Guide for the Perplexed*. American Library Association, 2008.

Maxwell, Robert L. *Maxwell’s Handbook for RDA, Resource Description & Access*. ALA Editions, 2013.

Riva, Pat; Le Boeuf, Patrick; Žumer, Maja. *IFLA Library Reference Model*. August 2017.

<https://www.ifla.org/files/assets/cataloguing/frbr-lrm/ifla-lrm-august-2017.pdf>

“IFLA Library Reference Model (LRM)” (ISKO Encyclopedia of Knowledge Organization)

<http://www.isko.org/cyclo/lrm>

“IFLA Library Reference Model: What and Why?,” presented by Chris Oliver, University of Ottawa Library (slides)

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/IFLA%20LRM%20what%20and%20why.pdf>

Understanding FRBR / edited by Arlene G. Taylor. Libraries Unlimited, 2007.

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3R Project Frequently Asked Questions (RDA Steering Committee)

<http://www.rda-rsc.org/node/551>

Demo of the RDA Toolkit Beta Site, by James Hennelly (director of RDA Toolkit)

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/demo>

What to Expect from the RDA Toolkit Beta Site

<https://www.rdatoolkit.org/3Rproject/Beta>

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