Developing UNIMARC to fit the new standards

The French experimental approach to a working format



UNIMARC nationally used for production and exchange

France and UNIMARC



• UNIMARC is and has been the official national data exchange format since 1993. It is also the production format of most public libraries, and of the university library shared catalogue network.



FLA, FRBR and LRM

Strong involvement in IFLA and in the work surrounding the shift in conceptual models (from 1992 and FRBR to IFLA-LRM in

2017)



• In 2010, creation of the French UNIMARC Committee by the FULBI and the BnF



Programme national Transition bibliographique

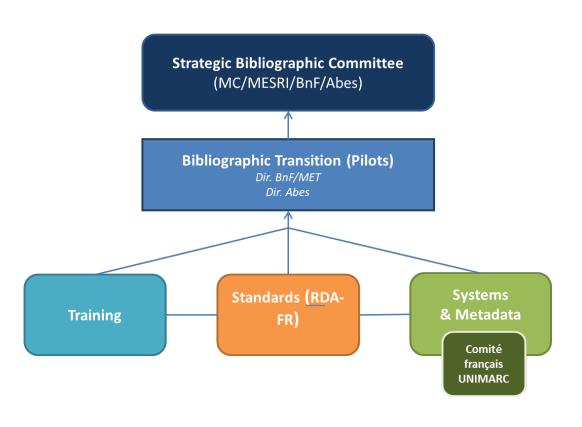
- In 2015, launch of the national Transition Bibliographique programme.
- In 2016, the CfU is attached to the TB programme.

The Transition Bibliographique National Program

Aims

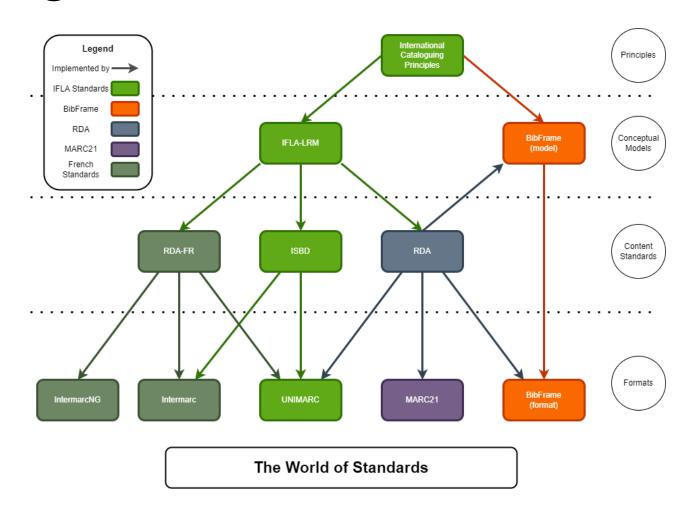
- Adopting IFLA LRM into French catalogues using automatic data processing as well as the technologies and standards of the semantic web.
- Deriving new cataloguing rules from RDA in RDA-FR: A French Transposition of RDA. These new rules have been implemented gradually since 2015.
- Supporting all stakeholders in France through the drastic changes induced by such a major normative and technological evolution.

Structure



Method 1 Mapping RDA-FR to UNIMARC ER

- Systematic review of RDA-FR published sections: first work and expression (2020), more recently agents and places (2023)
- Proposals for all missing data in the content standard
- In accordance with RDA

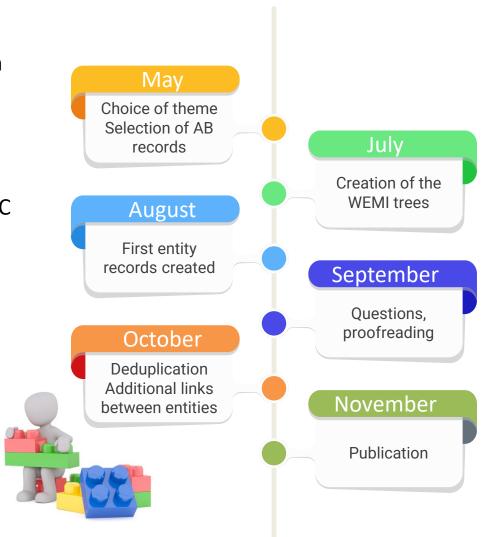


Method 2 Creating an experimental dataset (2022)

Created by the Systems & Metadata group of the Bibliographic Transition Programme in 2022, checked by the Standards group.

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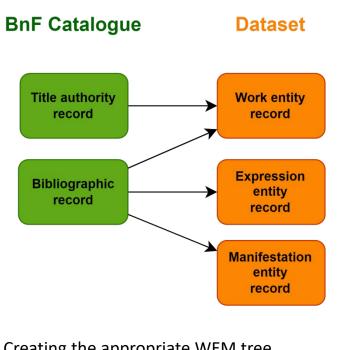
- Is it possible to create UNIMARC records for IFLA-LRM core entities, what adjustments are still necessary?
- How well do such records integrate in LIS? What impact does this new structure (especially the WEMI tree and richer link structure) have on public and professional interfaces?



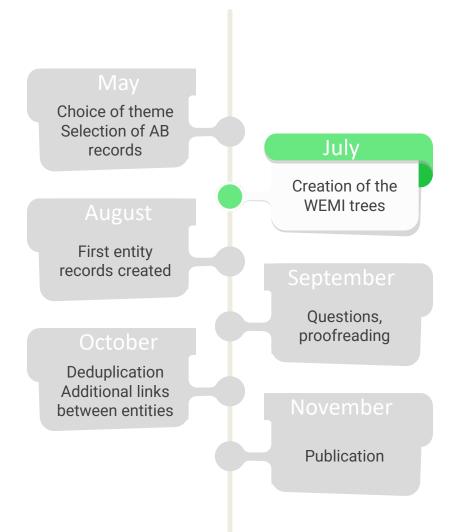
Creating the dataset Starting point

Choice of theme: Nosferatu. A theme encompassing a variety of resources, with an abundance of possible links. May Choice of theme Selection of AB Translations records of the novel Comic book Creation of the WEMI trees Selection of 45 First entity records created bibliographic records Abridged Video game versions of varying quality from Ouestions. the BnF, with the proofreading linked authority records Deduplication Critical Additional links studies between entities Publication **Ballet version** Biographies

Creating the dataset from AB records to WEM trees

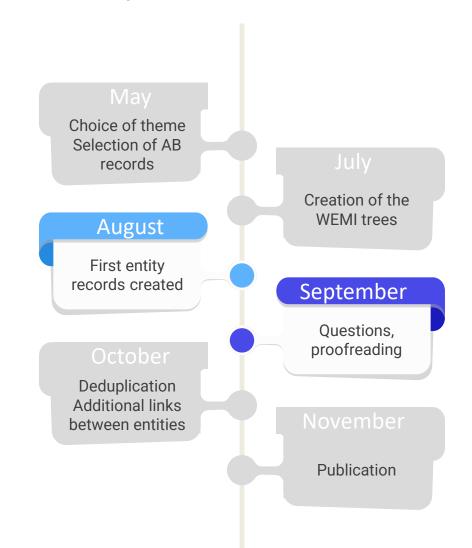


- 1. Creating the appropriate WEM tree
- 2. Putting the original data in the right entity
- 3. Adding fictitious item records
- Adding the linked existing authority records (same as/close enough to the entity records in UNIMARC)



Creating the dataset The cataloguer's experience

- First issues with UNIMARC noted (to be the object of ulterior evolution proposals or clarifications): ex. A370/A371 (Notes on Work and Expression) refined to accomodate specific subfields for attributes.
- Most questions had to do with the treatment of aggregates.



Creating the dataset Enriching and smoothing out the data

- 1. An abundance of duplicate works and expressions to be clustered (esp. for the various translations of Bram Stoker's novel *Dracula*)
- 2. Beyond the new relationships made evident by the trees and clusterisation, new horizontal links added between entities from the dataset and to external resources

A541 #1\$5xxa\$pEst une adaptation dans un autre mode de création de [œuvre]\$3UMLRM0022\$aStoker, Bram (1847-1912)\$tDracula\$7ba0yba0y\$8freeng

Related work access point to a work: adaptation in another creation mode of Bram Stoker's novel Dracula.



Entity records and the links between them in UNIMARC

3 options for relationships between entities in RDA:

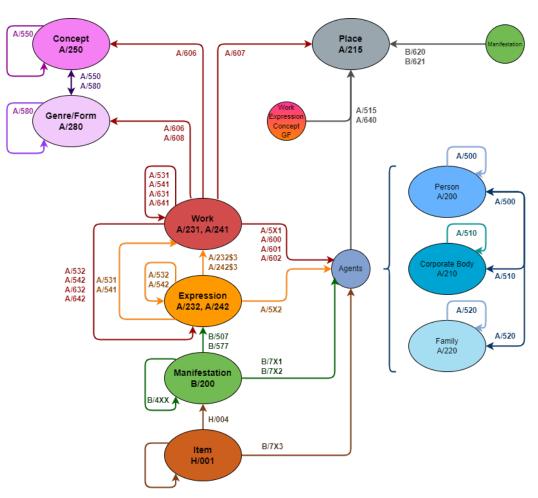
- Link to an entity record
- Structured access point

B506 0#\$aVoyage au pays de l'indicible\$cfilm B506 0#\$aKlaus Kinski, la métamorphose\$cfilm B506 0#\$aHistoire de vampire(s)\$cfilm

Note

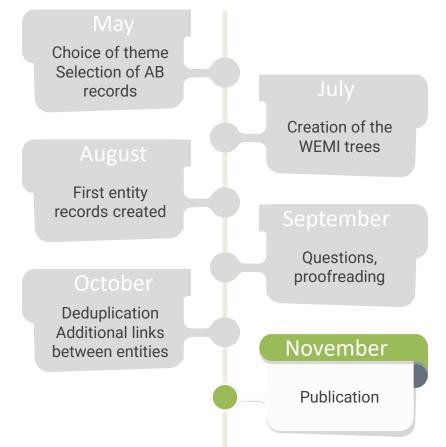
B300 ##\$aRéunit des analyses sur l'œuvre présentée, l'argument du ballet et des notices biographiques sur les interprètes

Main relationships between WEMI: ascending links only, specific fields
Other relationships: specific fields and possible use of \$5 to qualify the relationships.



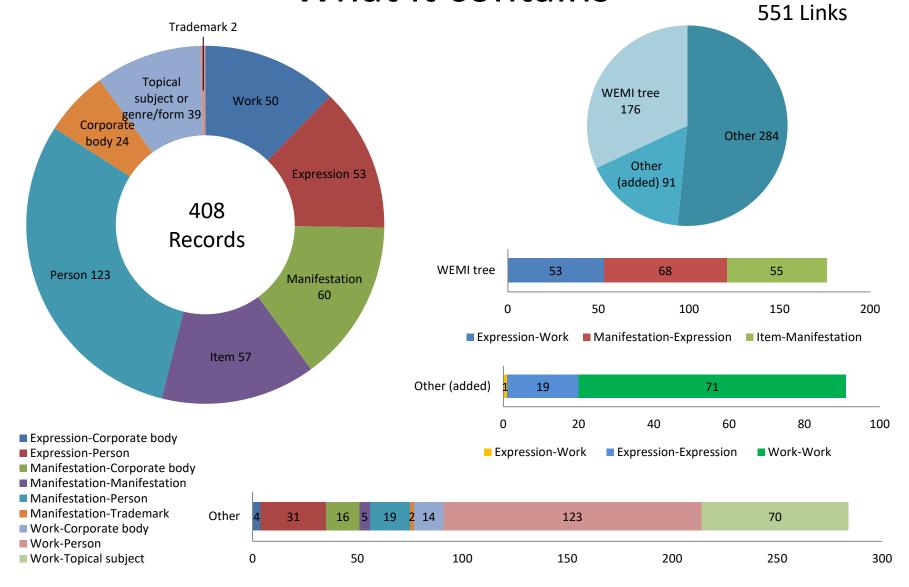
The finished product Where to find it?





https://zenodo.org/communities/tbsd documentation/?page=1&size=20

The finished product What it contains





The finished product What it lacks

Resource types

No continuing resources, collections...

Entities

Items, persons, corporate bodies... are traditional records

Up to date UNIMARC ER

Not updated since 2022 + experimental use of fields/subfields not in UNIMARC

Uses of the dataset since its publication

TECH'advantage – Solutions ILS provider (Syrtis)

https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7024672289321328640/



Bibliothèques [reloaded] Professional blog

https://bibliotheques.wordpress.com/2022/12/07/340-notices-en-unimarc-lrm-1-presentation-du-jeu-de-donnees-et-des-classes-dobjets/https://bibliotheques.wordpress.com/2023/01/05/340-notices-en-unimarc-lrm-2-les-oeuvres/



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Datathon, November 30th, 2023

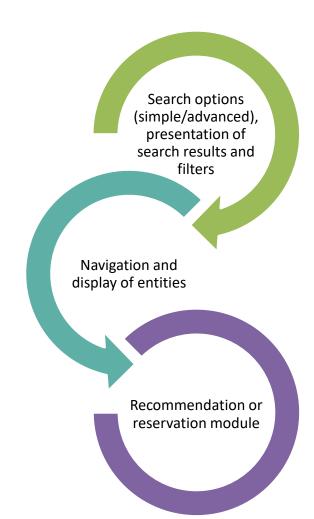
Organized by the Systems and Data group of the Transition Bibliographique programme at the Bibliothèque nationale de France.

Results presented the following day at the 8th "Métadonnées en bibliothèque" professional

conference (https://www.transition-bibliographique.fr/systemes-et-donnees/8e-journee-professionnelle-metadonnees-en-bibliotheques-du-1er-decembre-2023/)

35 participants (5 groups)

Theme: creating a user interface taking advantage of the new ER structure, using the dataset as a basis.



Thank you for your attention

(again...)

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