

A model to link them all
IFLA-LRM as a driver for harmonization of cataloguing
standards related to serials and other continuing resources

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Program

- Stakeholders
- Serials
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Stakeholders



https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rembrandt#/media/File:Rembrandt_-_De_Staalmeesters_-_The_Syndics_of_the_Clothmaker%27s_Guild.jpg

RDA

- Resource Description and Access
 - Elements, guidelines, instructions for recording metadata
- Strategic goals
 - Internationalization (beyond the Anglo-American community)
 - Resources in library and related heritage collections
 - Linked open data and the Semantic Web
- Adoption around the world
 - Translation into multiple languages

RDA ADOPTED

50+ users

1-49 users

The ISBD and the ISSN Manual

- The International Standard Bibliographic Description (ISBD)
 - Maintained by IFLA
 - Freely accessible and easy to use
 - Focused on the pre-FRBR notion of “resource”
- The ISSN Network and Manual
 - International network of 90 National Centres + International Centre (Paris)
 - Assignment of a unique identifier to continuing resources, production of a bibliographic record
 - All record ingested in the ISSN Register (<https://portal.issn.org/>)
 - Records follow the rules expressed in the ISSN Manual, aligned on the ISBD

A need for harmonization

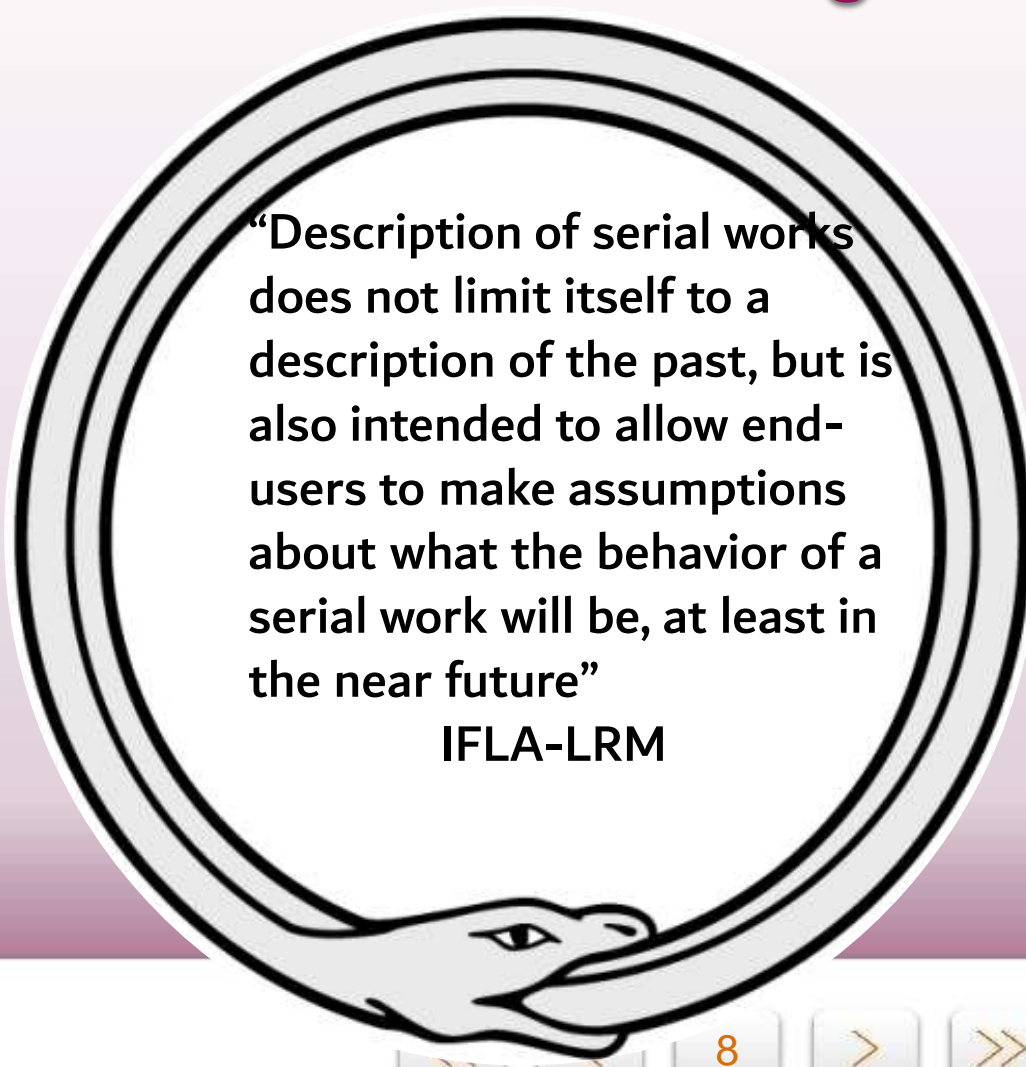
- Conflicts or discrepancies between RDA, ISBD and ISSN
 - Notion of “continuing resource” essential in ISBD/ISSN... but does not even exist in RDA
 - Case and conditions when a new description should be created
- IFLA-LRM as a “yardstick” for all cataloguing standards
 - As they should be ultimately aligned on IFLA-LRM
 - Concrete implementation of IFLA-LRM should be commonly discussed
- Existence of long-standing relationships
 - Protocols between RSC and ISSN (2015) and ISBD (2016)
 - Frequent meetings e.g. in IFLA WLIC at Wrocław (August 2017)

Serials



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 - but may be applicable to all continuing resources
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 - Dynamic resources whose content change over time



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IFLA-LRM

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- A concrete consequence: the “WEMI lock”
 - 1 work = Description of serial works does not limit itself to a description of the past, but is also intended to allow end-users to make assumptions about what the behavior of a serial work will be, at least in the near future”
 - 1 expression
 - 1 manifestation
- OR IFLA-LRM
 - 1 new manifestation =>
 - 1 new expression
 - 1 new work

Collocation of serials

The New York times

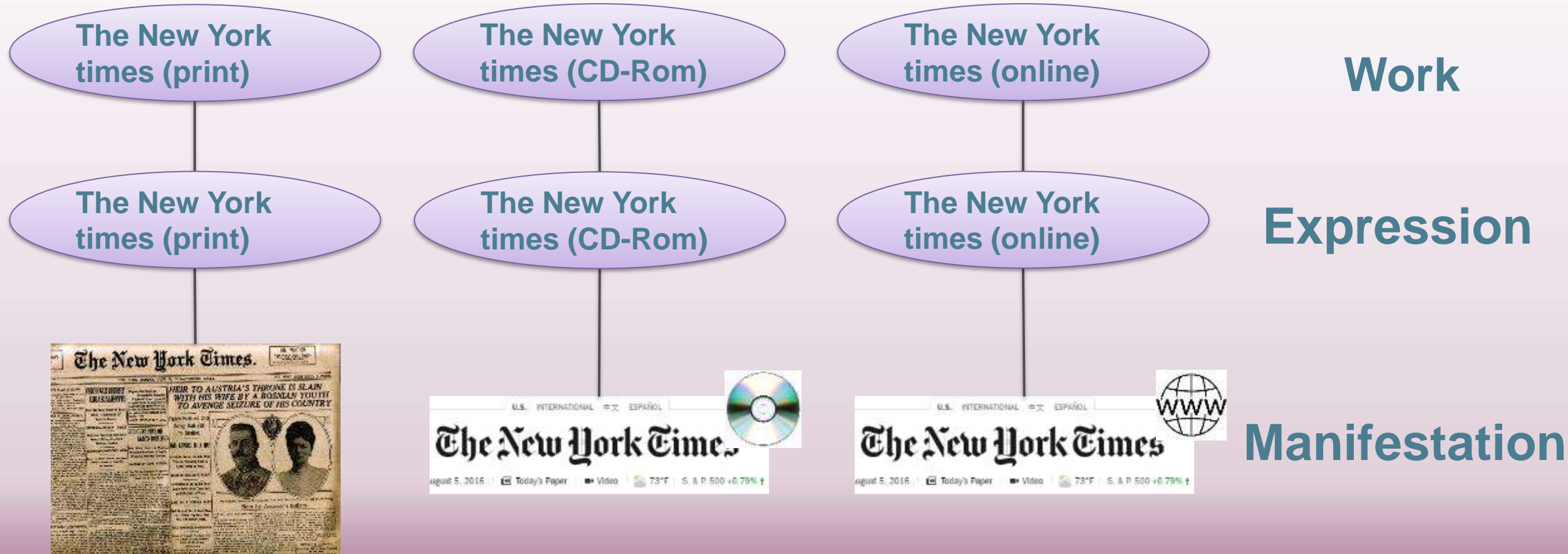
The New York times (English)

Expression

Manifestation



The end of collocation for serials?



Solutions (?)

A Serials Task Force

- RSC Aggregates Working Group established in 2015
 - In charge of modelling aggregates and producing draft instructions for RDA
- Objectives and scope
 - Review the LRM and PRESSoo models and instructions and check their application to serials (and more generally to continuing resources)
 - Identify potential issues and gaps
 - Builds on a RSC / ISSN IC discussion paper (<http://www.rda-rsc.org/sites/all/files/RSC-Chair-20.pdf>)
- Members from
 - RSC: Deborah Fritz (AWG chair), Gordon Dunsire (RSC chair)
 - CONSER: Ed Jones (STF chair), Les Hawkins
 - ISSN: Regina Reynolds, Clément Oury
- Deliverables
 - A set of recommendations for the RDA Steering Committee
 - Concrete influence on the beta version of the new RDA toolkit

Impacts on the RDA Toolkit

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- Introducing the notion of “diachronic work”
 - A work that is planned to be embodied over time
 - published over a limited time (“finite”) or over an indefinite time (“continuing”)

	Successive	Integrating
Indeterminate	E.g. serials	E.g. most websites and databases
Determinate	E.g. dictionaries in several volumes	E.g. websites of a limited duration (Olympic games...)

- The “extension plan” is an essential characteristic of the work
 - While the “mode of issuance” is a manifestation attribute (= number of carriers)
- Re-locating several elements from manifestation to work
 - Frequency – which is part of the “publication plan”
 - ISSN and key-title: identifier for the work (but also for expression and manifestation)

Impacts on the RDA Toolkit : grouping 2/2

- Any RDA entity can be grouped with other entities sharing common characteristics
 - on any criterion
 - at the discretion of an implementing agency
- To create the group, the implementing agency assigns the same nomen-string to each member of a group
- An entity can be a member of more than one group
 - e.g., the [1] print version of a television program guide for the [2] greater Ottawa region aimed at [3] French-speaking viewers

Group of works: the ISSN-L case

ISSN-L 0362-4331

Group identifier: “0362-4331”
Grouping criterion: “same title on different media versions”
Implementing agency: “ISSN International Centre”



Print 0362-4331



CD 1542-667X



Online 1553-8095

Conclusions

- An interesting example of cooperation between different communities
 - Demonstrated the key-role of LRM to foster harmonization between diverging standards
- A work in progress
 - New RDA version still in beta form
 - Should influence the upcoming revision of the ISBD, and consequently of the ISSN Manual
- Will help ensuring interoperability between the different standards
 - And consequently, the exchange and distribution of information in the web of data



Thank you for your attention!