203 CONTENT FORM AND MEDIA TYPE (New)

Field definition

This field corresponds to ISBD Area 0 Content Form and Media Type area, whose purpose is to indicate at the very beginning of the description both the fundamental form or forms in which the content of a resource is expressed and the type or types of carrier used to convey that content so as to assist catalogue users in identifying and selecting resources appropriate to their needs.

Occurrence

Optional. Repeatable when a resource consists of different media types and contains different content forms.

Indicators

Indicator 1: blank (not defined)

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

$a   Content form

         Content form categories reflect the fundamental form or forms in which the content of a resource is expressed. Terms defined for ISBD Content Form element must be used. Mandatory. Repeatable.

$b   Content qualification

         A content form category is expanded by one or more content qualification sub-categories that are applicable to the resource being described. Content qualifications specify the type, presence or absence of motion, dimensionality and sensory nature for the resource being described. Terms defined for ISBD Content Qualification element must be used. Mandatory if applicable. Repeatable.

$c   Media type

         Media type categories record the type or types of carrier used to convey the content of the resource. Terms defined for ISBD Media Type element must be used. Mandatory. Not repeatable.

Note on Field Contents

ISBD information:

         The data in the field should be entered as specified in ISBD. The correspondence between this field and ISBD specification is illustrated below.

UNIMARC subfield	Element name	ISBD section	Preceding Punctuation
$a	Content form	0.1	New area
$b	Content qualification	0.1.1	( )
$b	Subsequent content qualification	0.1.1	;
$a	Subsequent content form (contained in same Media Type)	0.1	.
$c	Media type	0.2	:
Field repeated	Subsequent Content form : Media type statement		+

If a resource consists of different media types and contains different content forms, field 203 is repeated and each subsequent Content Form : Media Type statement is preceded by a space, plus sign, space (+).

Related Fields

181   Coded Data – Content Form
 If ISBD Area 0 elements are not generated from coded data field 181, the information shall be given in plain text in field 203.

182   Coded Data – Media Type
 If ISBD Area 0 elements are not generated from coded data field 182, the information shall be given in plain text in field 203.

Examples

EX 1:   181 #0 $ab4$bcb2d##
        182 #0 $an
        203 ## $aImage$bcartographic$bstill$b2-dimensional$btactile$cunmediated

Coded information specifying the ISBD Content form and Content qualification of a tactile map. The display of ISBD data is not generated but carried out by a plain text 203 field to display:
Image (cartographic ; still ; 2-dimensional ; tactile) : unmediated.