



Best practices for description & names in digital archives

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Best Practices for Description & Names in Digital Archives

- ❖ Why description matters
- ❖ Software options
- ❖ Common fields for description
- ❖ Names & Identity Management
- ❖ Rights
- ❖ Wrapup



You can get from here to there...

- Digitizing – some projects will already have digital content.
- You need a place to put your digital content AND describe those resources. We'll use Omeka.net for these examples.



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Content Plans can help guide description policies & best practices

- ❖ Textual materials: Faculty papers, writings, unpublished manuscripts, drafts of works, presentations, memoirs/journals, examples of student work, yearbooks, committee reports, etc.
- ❖ Images: Photographs or Maps of university/community life
- ❖ Video in VHS or MP4 formats; Film which relates to the university/community life in some way.
- ❖ Audio recordings: Audio Cassettes or MP3s. Audio recordings which relate to the university/community life in some way.
- ❖ Other digital formats as applicable such as databases, websites, interactive content, etc.
- ❖ **How will you describe these items? How will you collect this information?**



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Developing Your Metadata Standards

What system are you using will be a factor in which standards you can use.

- What description/cataloging rules will you use to record information?
- What elements/fields are or will be recommended or required? (If any)
- What do you do if you have more than one of an element?
- Where will you get information from the resource, additional sources, etc.?
- What will you do if you are lacking information for a field, especially one that is required? Leave it blank?

General best practices for description

- Be Descriptive & Consistent. If using a style manual (or your own style manual), document best practices.
- Start with file names (if possible).

Consider:

- Which elements are important to the project.
- Be Consistent & short but descriptive (<25 characters)
- Avoid special characters or spaces in a file name
- Use capitals and underscores instead of periods or spaces or slashes
- Use date format ISO 8601: YYYYMMDD
- E.g., 20130420_Margaret_white_original.tiff

Description / Metadata Tips

Develop a Google form or spreadsheet that uses Dublin Core elements. For spreadsheets, use those elements as column headers. A Spreadsheet can be used with CSV Import.

Dublin Core elements are descriptive labels like title, date, rights, etc. Column headers can (and should!) map to DC.

Remember to consider information on the back of a resource or in container of a resource.

Provide examples of good description.

ELEMENT	TERMS	USE	SCOPE NOTE	INSTRUCTIONS	EXAMPLES	DCMI	MARC
creator		REQ	Use for an entity (person, organization, or service) responsible for the content of the resource. Use creator for primary authors or other content creators.	<p>1. Surname name first. 2. Use form of name established by local practice (e.g. fullest form possible or most frequent form) 3. Multiple authors/creators list in Order as in publication 4. Organizations with hierarchy - list the parts of hierachy from largest to smallest separted by full stop and space. 5. If ambiguous, list as it appears on item.</p> <p>For ATCx3 materials, cite the author or submitting members as primary creators; cite other names and contributors under creator.</p> <p>If no author is included, list author as institution. Athens Technical College (Athens, Ga.) Albany Technical College (Albany, Ga.) Atlanta Technical College (Atlanta, Ga.) ATCx3 Consortia</p>	Brown, Elizabeth	creator	100 F 110 C 111 C Meet ents
creator	marcrelator	Opt	Use for an entity (person, organization, or service) who makes significant contributions to the resource.	Choose from list. Describes the role of the persons above.	Actor Animator Annotator Compiler Composer Conductor Director Editor Illustrator Interviewer Interviewee Musician Narrator Performer Producer Reviewer Speaker Scientific advisor Standards body Surveyor Transcriber Translator	contributor http://www.loc.gov/	100 S (not future
contributor	contributor	Opt	Use for a person or organization whose work has been contributed to a collective work (anthology, serial publication, or other compilation of individual works) OR who is not the primary author/creator, but has made some contribution to the work. Do not use if the sole function in relation to a work is as author, editor, compiler or	<p>1. Personal names: Surname name first if a personal name.</p> <p>2. Use fullest form possible, VIAF entry, or name established in GEAR (search GEAR).</p> <p>3. Order as appears on publication</p> <p>4. Organizations with hierarchy - list the parts of hierachy from largest to smallest separted by full stop and space.</p>	Fay, Robin Maimonides Park Sung Hee United States. Internal Revenue Service Elvis Presley Fan Club Federal Aviation Administration. Aviation Safety Program Athens Technical College (Athens, Ga.)	contributor	700

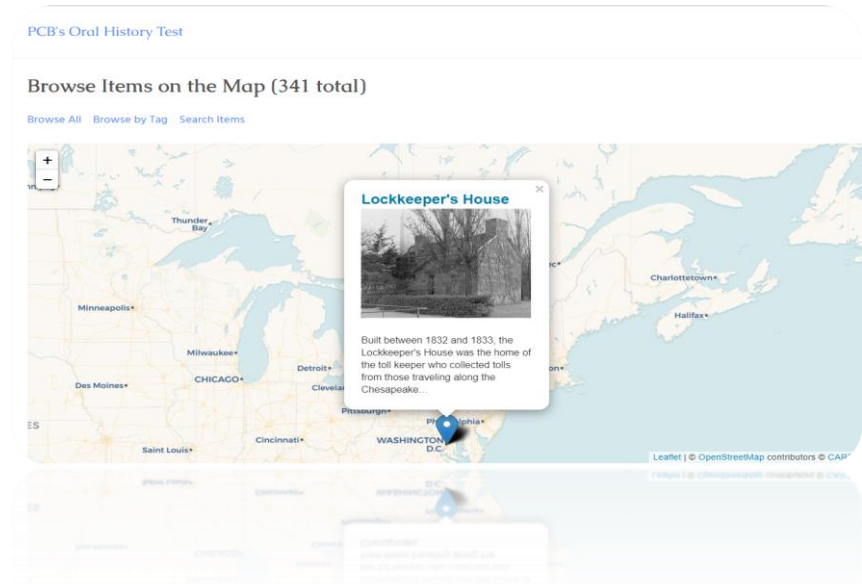
Omeka is item oriented

- Items have files (media) attached to them or linked to them.
- Items are often put into collections (think a shelf in the library)
- Collections have their own description that pertains to all resources in a collection.
- Collections are optional, but are useful for organizing materials and for grouping resources for use in exhibits.



Omeka is :

- Mobile friendly
- Accessible (Yes!)
- Supports a variety of formats
- Easy to use
- Supports Dublin Core
- Omeka.net is cloud hosted; Omeka Classic is hosted on your own website




A suite of 3 software solutions for managing, publishing & promoting cultural heritage resources on the web for universities, galleries, libraries, archives, museums & individuals.

Collections are a way to resources which can then be used to create exhibits. Collection names are visible to the public.

Browse Collections (5 total)

Add a Collection

456 items aren't in a collection.

Title	Contributors	Date Added	Total Number of Items
Ebooks ★ Edit	No contributors	Aug 14, 2021	1001
CRSI ★ Edit	No contributors	Aug 14, 2021	13
 Eighteenth Century ★ Edit	No contributors	Jun 18, 2021	33

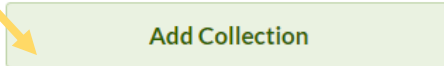
Add a Collection



Dublin Core

Dublin Core

The Dublin Core metadata element set is common to all Omeka records, including items, files, and collections. For more information see, <http://dublincore.org/documents/dces/>.

 Add Collection

Public Featured

Title

A name given to the resource

Add Input

Use HTML

Subject

The topic of the resource

Add Input

Use HTML

Include description that describes ALL resources in a collection. Again, you will want to come up with standards.

Browse Collections (5 total)

...Q

Add a Collection

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Title ▾	Contributors	Date Added ▾	Total Number of Items
Ebooks ★ Edit	No contributors	Aug 14, 2021	1001
CRSI ★ Edit	No contributors	Aug 14, 2021	13
 Eighteenth Century ★ Edit	No contributors	Jun 18, 2021	33
 Photographs ★ Edit	No contributors	Apr 22, 2021	1
 Oral histories ★ Edit	No contributors	Apr 22, 2021	2

Add a Collection

456 items aren't in a collection.

It's easier to create collections and then add items but you can also move items into collections.

Items vs. Files

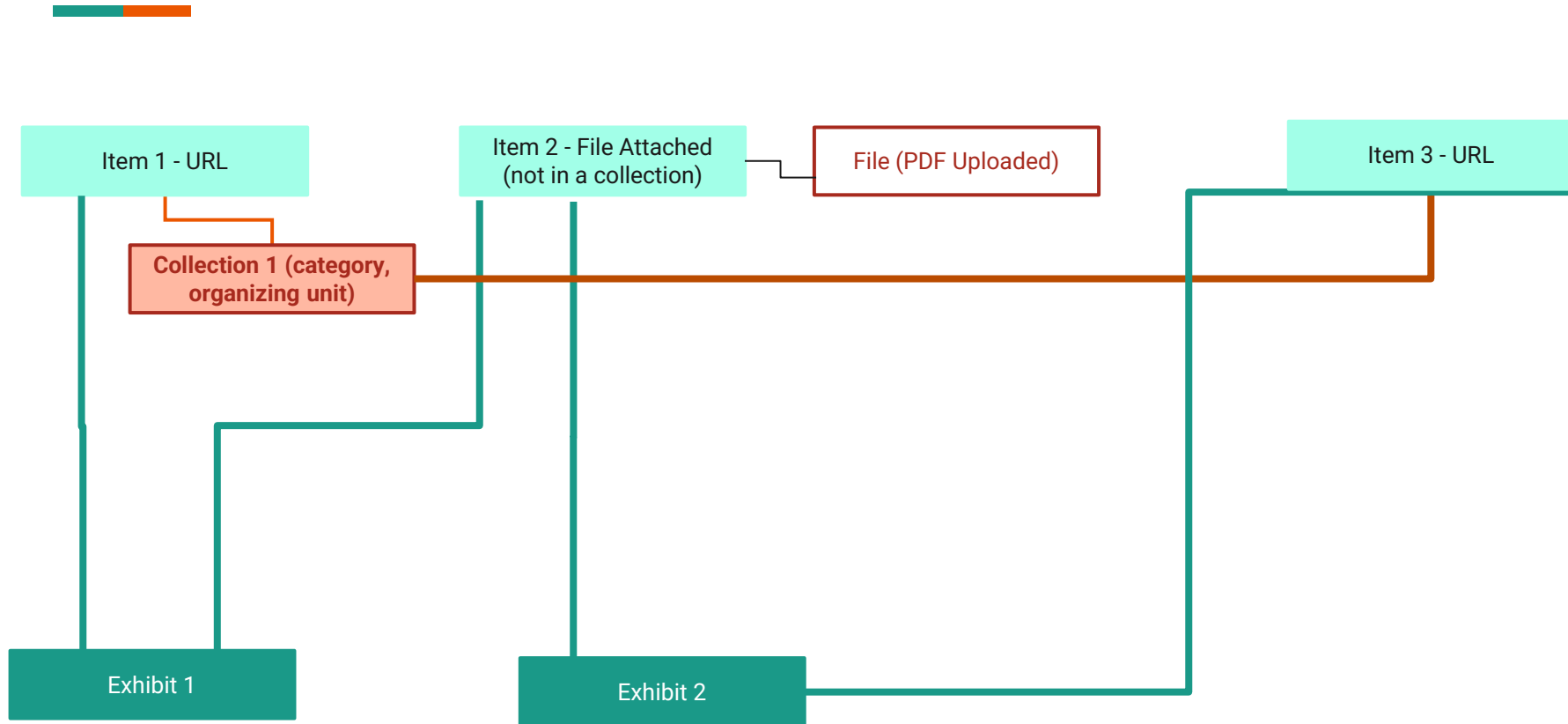
- Each item has a “record” with information that you create.
- Items may have an uploaded File(s) attached to them. Files are the media, whereas items are a record with a description. This description is searchable for users.
- In other words, the Item describes the File. You can also have multiple Files attached to one item.
- If you host your content elsewhere like Youtube, then you would have an item but no file attached.
- To get files into your Omeka site, you’ll need to upload them through a batch process (see plugins) or add them individually as Items.

Items

Items: Each item contains Dublin Core and Item Type metadata; an item can belong to one collection at a time.

Items can only belong to one collection at a time, but they can belong to multiple exhibits, maps, etc.

Collections, Items, Files & Exhibits oh, my!



Resource management - Individually adding items

Add an Item

...Q

Dublin Core

Item Type Metadata

Files

Tags

Map

Dublin Core

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Title

A name given to the resource

Add Input

Use HTML

Subject

The topic of the resource

Add Input

Use HTML

Description

An account of the resource

Add Input

Use HTML

Add Item

Public: Featured:

Collection

Select Below

Select Below
CRSI
Ebooks
Eighteenth Century
Oral histories
Photographs

Dublin Core

The Dublin Core metadata element set is common to all Omeka records, including items, files, and collections. For more information see, <http://dublincore.org/documents/dces/>.

Title

A name given to the resource

Add Input

Tiber Creek

Use HTML

Subject

The topic of the resource

Add Input

Creeks

Use HTML

Description

An account of the resource

Add Input

B *I* U [List Icons] Paragraph <>

Tiber Creek had been known as Goose Creek before 1791. In 1791, the city of Washington, DC was laid out and designated the nation's capital. The creek extended from the base of Capitol Hill to its mouth [near the present day Washington Monument](#). In 1815, it was incorporated into the [Washington City Canal](#). Essentially an [open sewer](#), the creek was [enclosed in a tunnel](#) and diverted underground in 1871.

Save Changes

View Public Page

Delete

Public: Featured:

Collection

Eighteenth Century ▾

Fill in Dublin Core - this is the description about your item
Go through each tab – we'll talk more about this in a few minutes.

- Dashboard
- Items
- Collections
- Item Types
- Tags
- Simple Pages

Subject

Add Input

Use HTML

The topic of the resource

Use HTML

Description

An account of the resource

Paragraph

Getting Started with Omeka - A Tutorial



Watch on YouTube

Save Changes

View Public Page

Delete

Public: Featured:

For Youtube videos: Get the embed code from Youtube (under Share) and then create your item in Omeka. Rather than adding a file, you can embed it in a field. To embed the widget (an iframe) into an Omeka item, select Use HTML and then click on the <> to paste the widget code in.

Source code

```
<iframe width="560" height="315" src="https://www.youtube.com/embed/FncO08PeK9o" title="YouTube video player" frameborder="0" allowfullscreen="allowfullscreen"></iframe>
```

Ok Cancel

Use HTML

Creator

An entity primarily responsible for making the resource

Item Type Metadata

Item Type



Place

- Select Below
- Binding
- Binding177690
- Dataset
- Document
- Email
- Event
- Hyperlink
- Interactive Resource
- Lesson Plan
- Moving Image**
- Object
- Oral History
- People
- Person
- Physical Object
- Place
- Postage Stamp
- Service
- Software

Physical Description

Add Input

Location

Add Input

URL

Add Input

Use HTML

Use HTML

Save Changes

View Public Page

Delete

Public: Featured:

Collection

Eighteenth Century

Item-type specific metadata

You can create data elements (aka metadata fields) for a specific item. You can create your own item types. When you create an item type, it automatically has the Dublin Core metadata property fields attached to it.

But if your item type, say is a room, you can create properties such as “size”, “height”, “cul-de-sac-ness”.

Edit Item #40: "Tiber Creek"

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Dublin Core

Item Type Metadata

Files

Tags

Map

Files

Click and drag the files into the preferred display order.

 <http://dev.omeka.org/mebrett/newlook/files/original/8...>

Add New Files

The maximum file size is 128 MB.

Find a File


No file chosen


Open


← → ▾ ↑  > This PC > Desktop

Organize ▾ New folder


▼ ★ Quick access


 Desktop


 Documents

 Workshops

 Pictures

 100GOPRO

 Downloads

 reports

 stuff

▼ Today (3)



stuff



ab6e0b24ff13688
247684f95c5c630
c6--vintage-famil
y-photos-awkw...

▼ Earlier this week (1)

This is where you upload files.

- Dashboard
- Items
- Collections
- Item Types
- Tags

Plugins (32 total)

The SimplePages plugin was successfully uninstalled!

COinS

Version 2.0.3 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media
Adds COinS metadata to item pages, making them Zotero readable.

Install

Commenting

Version 2.3 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media
Allows commenting on Items, Collections, Exhibits, and more

Install

Contribution

Version 3.2.1 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media
Allows collecting items from visitors

Install

CSS Editor

Version 1.1 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media
Add public CSS styles through the admin interface.

Install

CSV Import

Version 2.0.4 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media
Imports items, tags, and files from CSV files.

Install

Dublin Core Extended

Version 2.0.2 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media
Adds the full set of Dublin Core properties to the existing Dublin Core element set, including element refinements and supplemental elements. See DCMI Metadata Terms:

Install

Plugins extend functionality. CSV Import is a great way to batch upload. If you host Omeka Classic on your own server - Dropbox (not THE Dropbox) & Batch Edit are great tools. See my list of helpful plugins (all free!)

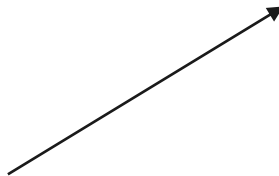


Let's look at CSV Import Plugin



Under Plugins - Install it.

Then start the process.



The screenshot shows the Omeka.net admin interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Omeka.net Sites', 'My Dashboard', and 'My Account'. Below that, the site name 'PCB's Oral History Test' is displayed, along with links for 'Plugins', 'Appearance', 'Users', 'Settings', and 'Welcome, Robin Fay Log Out'. The main content area is titled 'Plugins (32 total)' and features a search bar. On the left is a sidebar menu with items: Dashboard, Items, Collections, Item Types, Tags, Simple Pages, CSV Import, Contribution, Exhibits, Map, Omeka Api Import, LC Suggest, Reports, and Comments. The 'CSV Import' menu item is highlighted, and an arrow points to it from the text on the left. The main area lists several plugins:

- COinS**: Version 2.0.3 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. Adds COinS metadata to item pages, making them Zotero readable. Action: Install.
- Commenting**: Version 2.3 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. Allows commenting on Items, Collections, Exhibits, and more. Actions: Configure, Deactivate, Uninstall.
- Contribution**: Version 3.2.1 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. Allows collecting items from visitors. Actions: Deactivate, Uninstall.
- CSS Editor**: Version 1.1 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. Add public CSS styles through the admin interface. Action: Install.
- CSV Import**: Version 2.0.4 by Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. Imports items, tags, and files from CSV files. Actions: Deactivate, Uninstall.

Dashboard

Items

Collections

Item Types

Tags

CSV Import

Import Items

Status

Step 1: Select File and Item Settings

Upload CSV File*	Maximum file size is 128 MB. <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen
Use an export from Omeka CSV Report	Selecting this will override the options below. <input type="checkbox"/>
Automap Column Names to Elements	Automatically maps columns to elements based on their column names. The column name must be in the form: {ElementSetName}:{ElementName} <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Select Item Type	<input type="text" value="Website"/>
Select Collection	<input type="text" value="CRSI"/>
Make All Items Public?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Feature All Items?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Choose Column Delimiter*	A single character that will be used to separate columns in the file (comma by default). Note that spaces, tabs, and other whitespace are not accepted. <input type="text" value=","/>
Choose Tag Delimiter*	A single character that will be used to separate tags within a cell (comma by default). Note that spaces, tabs, and other whitespace are not accepted. <input type="text" value=","/>
Choose File Delimiter	A single character that will be used to separate file paths or URLs within a cell (comma by default). If the delimiter is empty, then the whole text will be used as the file path or URL. Note that spaces, tabs, and other whitespace are not

May need to split up large files or split them up by collection.

Item Type Website adds URL field



May need to work on your spreadsheet.

CSV Import

Import Items Status

Your file is incorrectly formatted. Incorrect number of columns in first row. Please ensure that the CSV file is formatted correctly and contains the expected number of columns for each row.

CSV Import

Import Items Status

Your file is incorrectly formatted. Header row contains 15 unique column name(s) for 16 columns. Please ensure that all column names are unique.

A1	fx	Identifier
	A	B
1	Identifier	Title
2		TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 01i Notarial Acts Index MNA NC
3		TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 02i Notarial Acts Index MNA NC
4		TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 03i Notarial Acts Index MNA NU 1825-1848 BR PW Sav PL

		G	H	I	J	K	L	M
		Publisher	Date	Resource Type	Resource Type	Format	Provenance	Language
6	exes	TJC	1798	1892-1899	List of cases	pdf		French
7	exes	TJC	1821-1824		List of cases	pdf		French
	exes	TJC	1821-1824		List of cases	pdf		French
8	exes	TJC	1828-1832		List of cases	pdf		French
	exes	TJC	1857		List of cases	pdf		French
9	exes	TJC	1873		List of cases	pdf		French
	exes	TJC	1869		List of cases	pdf		French
10	exes	TJC	1888-1891		List of cases	pdf		French
	exes	TJC	1891-1894		List of cases	pdf		French
11	exes	TJC	1869		List of cases	pdf		French
	exes	TJC	1892-1899		List of cases	pdf		French
	site	Unpublished	2021		Description of notaries	pdf		English
12								
13								

OpenRefine can help identify data issues.

Also, if you have columns that are blank with no data, consider deleting them.

Headers must be unique.

Links can't be hidden by text but must be formatted as code, e.g., <http://www.omeka.net> not

[Omeka.net](http://www.omeka.net)

Mapping metadata

- Dashboard
- Items
- Collections
- Item Types
- Tags
- CSV Import

CSV Import

Import Items [Status](#)

Step 2: Map Columns To Elements, Tags, or Files

	Example from CSV File	Map To Element	Use HTML?	Tags?	Files?
Identifier		Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Title	TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 01i Notarial Act...	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hyperlink	TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 01i Notarial Act...	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creator	MNA	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	Land sales, Inventories, loans, prenuptial cont...	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description	Consist of indexes of acts of some notaries of ...	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publisher	TJC	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date	1798	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ResourceTypeDate	1892-1899	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ResourceType	List of cases	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Format	pdf	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provenance		Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language	French	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relation	See TJC Volume 2 Report on Land	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rights	No reproduction permitted without acknowledgeme...	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country	Mauritius	Select Below ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mapping metadata into Dublin Core

Dashboard

Items

Collections

Item Types

Tags

CSV Import

	Example from CSV File	Map To Element	Use HTML?	Tags?	Files?
Identifier		Identifier ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Title	TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 01i Notarial Act...	Title ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hyperlink	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BkeCDs-CBTgnNy...	Local URL ▾	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creator	MNA	Creator ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Subject	Land sales, Inventories, loans, prenuptial cont...	Subject ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Description	Consist of indexes of acts of some notaries of ...	Description ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publisher	TJC	Publisher ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date	1798	Date ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ResourceTypeDate	1892-1899	Coverage ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ResourceType	List of cases	Description ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Format	pdf	Format ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provenance		Description ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Language	French	Language ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relation	See TJC Volume 2 Report on Land	Relation ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rights	No reproduction permitted without acknowlegeme...	Rights ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Country	MAuritius	Coverage ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Import CSV File

You will likely need to manually create the actual link. Go to the item and add input, add link.

Classic Archives Plugins Appearance Users Settings Welcome, Robin Fay Log Out

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Edit Item #27: "TJC 2 6 References 02 Archival 01..."

[Search] [More]

Dublin Core **Item Type Metadata** Files Tags

Item Type Metadata

Item Type

A resource comprising of a web page or web pages and all related assets (such as images, sound and video files, etc.).

Local URL

B *I* U [List Icons] [Link Icon] Paragraph [Dropdown] [Code]

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BkeCDs-CBtgnNyDs8Qx5qrv90cW8h6Ip/view>

Use HTML

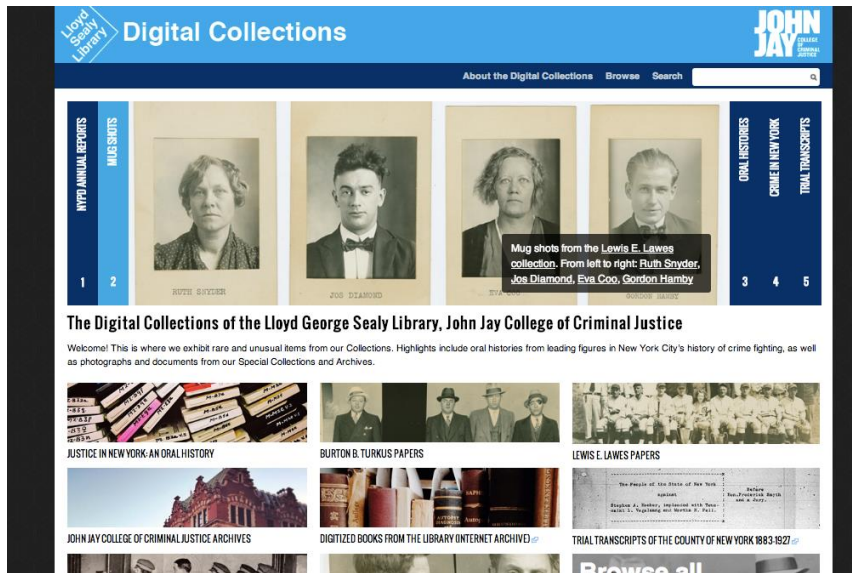
Public: Featured:

Collection

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Let's talk more about metadata first...

- Different projects may require different approaches.
- Different formats may (will likely) require different standards.
- Different software will require (or allow use of) different metadata schemas. Omeka uses Dublin Core.



Note: This page contains various articles related to the field of postcolonial studies.

Digital Library

- Achebe, Chinua, "An Image of Africa: Racism in Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'" (Ed.) *Massachusetts Review*, 18, 1977. Rpt. in *Heart of Darkness, An Authoritative Text, Background and Sources Criticism*, 1961, 3rd ed. Ed. Robert Kimbrough, London: W. W. Norton and Co., 1988, pp.251-261
- Almond, Aljaz, Jameson's Rhetoric of Otherness and the "National Allegory" (Ed.) *Social Text*, No. 17 (Autumn, 1987), pp. 3-25
- Césaire, Aimé, *Discourse on Colonialism* (Ed.)
- Chimwetu, The A...
- Dirlik, Arif, *The Post...*
- Fanon, Frantz, *On N...*
- Jameson, Fredric, *T...*
- McClintock, Anne, *T...*
- Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, *T...*
- Said, Edward, *Orien...*
- Shohat, Ella, *Notes...*
- Spivak, Gayatri, *Can...*
- Young, Robert, *Wh...*

Collection level metadata applies to all resources within that collection

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15 element Dublin Core

Content

Title

Description

Type

Subject

Source

Relation

Coverage

Intellectual
Property

Creator

Publisher

Rights

Contributor

Instantiation

Date

Format

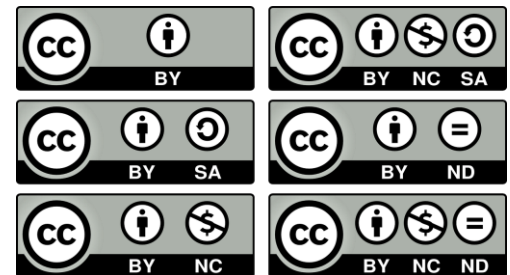
Identifier

Language

15 elements
all optional
All repeatable

What is your “Threshold” description?

- Title – a title for each resource
- Date(s) – associated with the item, not date scanned
- Creators, Authors & Contributors – associated with the item, not the person / organization scanning
- Subjects
- Description – of the item
- File formats & Type (Appears under Item Type Tab)
- Rights & Access
- Source & Related resources*
- Coverage*



Title: A name given to a resource

- Typically, a Title will be a name by which the resource is formally known.
- Refinement or additional titles: Alternate title
- Capitalize as in a sentence. First word capitalized and proper names
- RDA > Transcribe as appears on the resource or construct a title (required element)
- MARC Compatibility: While title is a repeatable field, you may consider using a single title with alternate title.

Title – Known Title

Type in the title as it appears on the title page, cover, or other source in general, in order of preference:

- Title page/title screen
- Title from other source: Headers/Footer of document, metadata or other digital source (headers, embedded or harvested metadata, etc.) ; include information about the source (if outside the resource) in a Description field.

Title – Unknown Title

- Is it a document that is primarily text? Examples include working papers, reports, etc.
- Create and enter a title following this pattern: Report of _____ , Workflow on _____
- Photographs, Movies, 3D Objects
- Alternate title first with type at end: Young girl painting [photograph]
- Create and enter a title following this pattern: Photograph of _____ ; Movie of _____ ; 3D object of _____
- Following the above format for learning objects, drafting plans, design files, multimedia, or other formats.

Title – Examples

- Muscular body
- Cast bronze portrait of Shakespeare
- Oconee Forest
- Photograph of Oconee Forest

Creator / Contributors - Creators & Participants in the resource

- Creators are individuals, groups of people, and organizations who created, edited, or wrote the resource. Creators are those who are PRIMARILY responsible for a work. Contributors are individuals, groups of people, and organizations who had a role in the resource, contributing to its creation. Their role is typically secondary.
- If there are no names or organizations listed on your resource or you have no information about who created it, skip the Creator field. Unknown may also be used but consider carefully. Unknown would be searchable.

Creator / Contributors - Creators & Participants in the resource

- Person, Organization, etc. responsible for the work – in MARC/RDA cataloging, one PRIMARY creator is chosen; all additional co-creators go into Contributor (DC allows for multiple creators)
- Order of list is important as first person in a list of creators is considered “primary” (even if they are all co-creators!)

Creator / Contributors - Creators & Participants in the resource

- Format of name
 - Follow what is in the VIAF if you can confirm identity

VIAF

Virtual International Authority File

Search

Select Field:

All Headings



Select Index:

All VIAF






Search Terms:

robin fay

Search

3 headings found for *robin fay*

	Heading	Type	Sample Title
1	Fay, Robin M.  Fay, Robin M., 19..-.... 	Personal	Semantic Web technologies and social searching for librarians Semantic Web technologies and social searching for librarians
2	Fay, Robin 	Personal	Betriebsarten für Compressed Sensing basierte Verschlüsselung

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- Format of name
 - Personal names/people: Record personal names from the resource, but invert the name with last name first. e.g., Fay, Robin M.
 - Institutions / organizations: Record institutions/organizations as they name they are known by or as they appear on the resource in direct order. Use the following for ATCx3.
 - ATCx3 Consortia
 - Athens Technical College (Athens, Ga.)
 - Add place when name of organization might exist in another city or state.

Date: A point or period of time associated with an event in the lifecycle of the resource; typically, associated with the creation or availability of the resource.

Refinements

- created
- valid
- issued
- modified
- dateCopyrighted
- dateSubmitted
- available
- dateAccepted

Best practice: Use a standard date format. DCMI recommends using ISO 8601 for single date [W3CDTF] / the **YYYY-MM-DD** format, for ranges start and end dates are separated by a '/' (slash) character. Either the start or end date may be missing.

- 20200922
- 2020-09-22
- 2020/2019

Subject: The topic of the content of the resource.

- Topic of the work. First subject should describe the work as a whole; the primary subject.
- Repeatable.
- Can use multiple thesauri.
- Best practice: Use authorized forms or link to URLs for authorized sources of subjects: thesauri/controlled vocabularies, like LC's FAST, etc.

Description :An account of the content of the resource. May include abstracts, table of contents, graphical representation of content or a free-text account of the content. Use full sentences.

- In MARC, this would typically correspond to the 500-599 fields, the notes fields.

Refinements:

tableOfContents

abstract

- Best practice: Use as many description fields as needed and use qualifiers if needed.

<dc:description.tableOfContents>the table of contents

written out

</dc:description.tableOfContents>

Format: The file format, physical medium, or dimensions of the resource.

2 Refinements

- **Medium:** The material or physical carrier of the resource – Only for physical items
- **Extent:** The size or duration of the resource.

Best practice: Use a controlled vocabulary where available. For example, for file formats one could use the list of Internet Media Types [[MIME](#)]. Examples of dimensions include size and duration.

Extent: Recommended practice is to specify the file size in megabytes and duration in ISO 8601 format. A

Numeric value and a caption - 52 pages

Repeat as needed and be granular

Type



- The nature or genre of the content of the resource. Appears under Item Type Tab in Omeka.
- Think > Format = File Format; type is the nature of the resource. Still image (a type) and JPG is the file format.
- Type includes terms describing
 - general categories
 - functions
 - genres,
 - aggregation levels for content

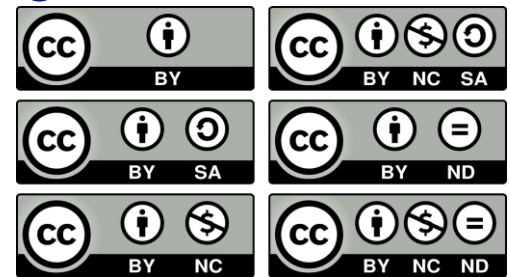


Rights / Access

Always include a rights statement. Consult rightsstatements.org or creativecommons.org

“Information about rights held in and over the resource. Typically a Rights element will contain a rights management statement for the resource, or reference a service providing such information.”

“Rights information often encompasses Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Copyright, and various Property Rights. If the rights element is absent, no assumptions can be made about the status of these and other rights with respect to the resource.”



Examples

Standardized:

<http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/InC/1.0/>

Free-text:

Copyright held by the estate of Estelle Baruch. This image may not be reproduced for any reason until the year 2021. Please contact (name of institution/department, email, phone) for more information.

Standardized:

<http://rightsstatements.org/vocab/CNE/1.0/>

Free-text:

The investigation of the copyright status of this object has not or cannot be concluded as of [date]. Please contact [Institution/Library] for more information.

Standardized:

<http://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/zero/1.0/>

Free-text:

The copyright holder has placed this object in the Public Domain. Refer to the Creative Commons page <<https://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/zero/1.0/>> for more information, or contact [the Institution/Library].



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When Applicable

Publisher :An entity responsible for making the resource available

Examples of a Publisher include a person, an organization, or a service.

- Unknowns:
RDA>Publisher unknown; some systems would leave blank.
- RDA > transcribe as it appears on the resource
- However, you may need to construct it

Source

“A Reference to a resource from which the present resource is derived. The present resource may be derived from the Source resource in whole or part. Recommended best practice is to reference the resource by means of a string or number conforming to a formal identification system”... “include in this area information about a resource that is related intellectually to the described resource but does not fit easily into a Relation element.”

Relation: A related resource.

Refinements:

- Conforms To
 - HasFormat
 - HasPart
 - hasVersion
 - isFormatOf
 - isPartOf
 - IsReplacedBy
 - IsRequiredBy
 - isVersionOf
 - Replaces
- **Best practice:**
Recommended practice is to identify the related resource by means of a URI (link). If this is not possible or feasible, a text string conforming to a formal identification system may be provided.

Coverage

Use for geographical or time related coverage. If a date field covers the time related to your resource, no need to add coverage (temporal). Additionally, geographic subject headings or subdivisions (especially when used in LC Subject Headings) may be used instead of coverage.spatial.

“The extent or scope of the content of the resource. Coverage will typically include spatial location (a place name or geographic co-ordinates), temporal period (a period label, date, or date range) or jurisdiction (such as a named administrative entity). Recommended best practice is to select a value from a controlled vocabulary.

Identifier- An unambiguous reference to the resource within a given context.

Refinements:

- **Bibliographic Citation:**

A bibliographic reference for the resource.

Best practice: practice is to identify the resource by means of a string conforming to an identification system. Examples include International Standard Book Number (ISBN), Digital Object Identifier (DOI), and Uniform Resource Name (URN). Persistent identifiers should be provided as HTTP URIs. Include sufficient bibliographic detail to identify the resource as

Language

If multiple languages are represented in your collections, do use the language element.

“A language of the intellectual content of the resource. Recommended best practice for the values of the Language element is defined by RFC 3066 [RFC 3066, <http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc3066.txt>] which, in conjunction with ISO 639 [ISO 639, <http://www.oasis-open.org/cover/iso639a.html>]), defines two- and three-letter primary language tags with optional subtags.”

The item "Photograph of students studying" was successfully changed!



Title	Photograph of students studying
Description	1 man writing at a table. Sony headphone box on the table. 2 men at study carrels with headphones. At computers.
Creator	Athens Technical College (Athens, Ga.)
Subject	College students
	Study and teaching
	Athens Technical College (Athens, Ga.)
	Athens Technical College (Athens, Ga.)
	Photographs
Publisher	Athens Technical College
Source	Athens Technical College Photograph Archives. Athens

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Public: Yes Featured: Yes

Collection

ATC History through Photographs
(1956-2012)

Tags

- Athens Technical College
- early years
- historic
- photographs
- vintage photos

File Metadata

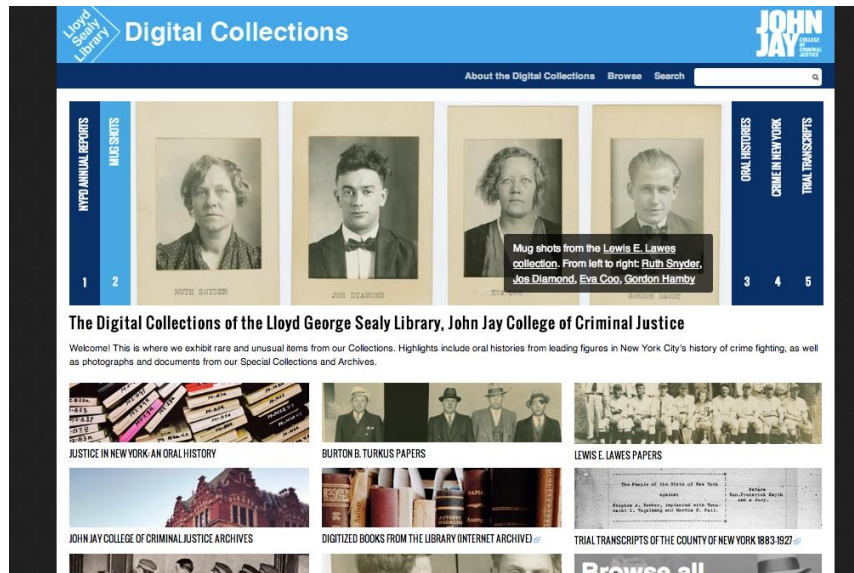
- ATCAP BX1014.jpg

Dublin Core the Saga

- The older terms had to be mapped into their place into the vocabulary (remember DC as 1.1 is still valid to use as is and is still widely used)

Follow the Omeka web form.

- Be consistent! Write down your practices. 😊



Note: This page contains various articles related to the field of postcolonial studies.

Digital Library

- Achebe, Chinua, "An Image of Africa: Racism in Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness'" (Ed.) *Massachusetts Review*. 18. 1977. Rpt. in *Heart of Darkness, An Authoritative Text, Background and Sources Criticism*. 1961. 3rd ed. Ed. Robert Kimbrough, London: W. W. Norton and Co., 1988, pp.251-261
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- Césaire, Aimé. *Discourse on Colonialism* (Ed.)
- Chimwetu, The A...
- Dirlik, Arif. *The Post...*
- Fanon, Franz. *On N...*
- Jameson, Fredric. *T...*
- McClintock, Anne...
- Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o...
- Said, Edward. *Orien...*
- Shohat, Ella. *Notes...*
- Spivak, Gayatri. *Can...*
- Young, Robert. *Wh...*

Collection level metadata applies to all resources within that collection

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