

Documentation

Freely available to catalogers and trainers
from the CONSER Web page:
<http://www.loc.gov/acq/conser/>

CONSER documentation includes:

- General Principles
- Metadata Application Profile
- Decision-making Guidance
- Record Examples
- Rule Interpretations

Training

Stand alone SCCTP workshop for the
CONSER standard record available now!

Contact Les Hawkins (lhaw@loc.gov) to
sponsor or request a trainer/session

A work in progress ...

"The CONSER standard record is not intended to be any kind of end point on the cataloging continuum. However, it is a good start towards trying to come up with a more rational, systematic, and evidence-based record that meets user needs. Much work remains to be done to create the record of the future but we needed to start someplace." Regina Reynolds (LC)



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The CONSER standard record

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Goals

A single CONSER standard record that would apply to all formats, replace existing multiple record levels, and reduce serials cataloging and training costs.

A record created in a timely manner that consistently ensures identification and access to a serial.

Philosophy and Principles

- Mandatory elements are listed on the Metadata Application Profile (MAP)
- Other elements may be added if required by the resource or institution
- Specialized resources may require specialized elements not in the MAP
- If using copy, retain all elements except those that are incorrect
- New records should be maintained according to the new standard
- CONSER standard record emphasizes catalogers informed judgment
- Follow the basic principles
- Do what makes the most sense

CONSER standard record basics

Most elements are the same:

- All subjects, all headings, most titles, most links
- Uniform Titles are only required for non-analyzable serials with generic titles, monographic series, and when establishing headings for related work added entries. (All elements the cataloger uses to create “distinguishing” uniform titles are already in the bibliographic record.)
- Numbering is provided in unformatted 362 notes
- Notes: DBO, title source, LIC (if needed) on all records
- Prefer links, display constants, etc. to notes

More elements are optional:

- 006: all but 1st byte; 007: all but 1st 2 bytes
- 008 22: except for microforms
- Some uniform titles
- Other title information (generally)
- 245 parallel titles (retained in 246)
- Statement of responsibility
- Place of publication in limited cases
- Extent unless non-print
- Many notes, including 321, 550, 580
- Added entries that duplicate links

245	Record only title proper (subfields \$a, \$n, \$p); data from subfield \$b, \$c recorded only in 246 or 7XX field
246	Use indicators 13 in all cases, except for: parallel title (11) or when a note is needed (1# \$i ...: \$a)
500	Give DBO/title source note in all cases, even if it duplicates information in 362 field
500	Give LIC note when different from DBO, even if it duplicates information

Any element essential for the description of a particular resource or to meet an institutional need may be added.

One encoding level [blank]

CONSER database subscribers (e.g., PAMS) were consulted and did not make any distinction between serial records with 4 and blank