

Appendix G: Subject-Related Codes in Field 008 - Continuing Resources (Serials)

BACKGROUND: Several data elements in the 008 field are directly related to the subject matter of the item being cataloged or to the type of information it contains. In MARC 21 continuing resource (serial) records, these elements are 008/24 (Nature of entire work); 008/25-27 (Nature of contents); and 008/29 (Conference publication). This instruction sheet provides guidelines followed by Library of Congress catalogers in coding these elements of the 008 field. It replaces D 145, an instruction sheet that was formerly in the **Subject Cataloging Manual: General Cataloging Procedures**. The terminology used in these instructions corresponds to that used in OCLC Connexion, the system used by Library of Congress catalogers to create and edit continuing resource (serial) records.

1. 008/24 (Nature of entire work).

Note: This data element is labeled **EntW** in OCLC Connexion..

a. General principle. To any work that consists entirely of a type of material for which a corresponding code has been designated, enter that code in **EntW**. Only one code may be used in **EntW**.

b. Codes and definitions. A full list of the available codes, together with definitions and application guidelines, is available by clicking on **EntW** in OCLC Connexion.

2. 008/25-27 (Nature of contents).

Note: This data element is labeled **Cont** in OCLC Connexion.

a. General principle. To any work that contains a significant amount of a type of material for which a corresponding code is available, enter that code in **Cont**. As many as three codes may be use in **Cont**, in alphabetical order.

b. Codes and definitions. A full list of the available codes, together with definitions and application guidelines, is available by clicking on **Cont** in OCLC Connexion.

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3. *Coding for biography.* Unlike the books format, which uses field 008/34 and provides several codes for different types of biographical material, the continuing resources format uses fields 008/24 or 008/25-27 and provides only the single code **h** to designate any type of biographical material. Use **h** for autobiography, individual biography, or collective biography. Use the code in field 008/24 if the item consists entirely of biographical material, or in field 008/25-27 if the item contains biographical material as well as other types of material.

Note: For guidelines on what type of material is considered biographical and what type is not, see Appendix F, sec. 5.b and 5.c.

4. *008/29 (Conference publication).*

Note: This data element is labeled **Conf** in OCLC Connexion..

If **-Congresses** is used as a form subdivision in the 6XX fields, enter the code **1** in **Conf**. Otherwise, use the code **0**.