BIBFRAME 2.0 Specifications

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This is one of a set of specifications for BIBFRAME 2.0.

Background: Notes in 1.0
In BIBFRAME 1.0, notes were supplied via property (or subproperty of) bf:note, as in this example.

```
bf:creditsNote "Produced by John Andrew Schreiner" .
```

bf:creditsNote is a subproperty of bf:note.

Changes in 2.0

- All subproperties of bf:note (bf:creditsNote, bf:contentNote, etc.) are eliminated.
- The general note property, bf:note is retained, but redefined as an object property.
- Class bf:Note is defined. It is the range of bf:note. (Note content is supplied via rdfs:label as a property of bf:Note.)

Expressing Notes and their Types in 2.0

There are five categories of notes in 2.0.

1. Informal note.
2. A note with no type expressed.
3. A note with type implied. (Special case of 2.)
4. A note whose type is expressed as a literal.
5. A note whose type is expressed by an external class.

Informal Note

There are several new BIBFRAME 2.0 properties that are informally considered to be notes, but are not formal notes, that is, are not expressed via bf:note and the Note resource, and “note” is not part of the property name. For example the property bf:credits is introduced, and the above credits note would be expressed as:

**Example 1.**

```
bf:credits "Produced by John Andrew Schreiner" .
```

Although bf:credits in 2.0 essentially replaces 1.0 property bf:creditsNote, it is not a subproperty of bf:note. It is a simple datatype property expressing a note.
Note with No Type Expressed

The following example expresses a note, but does not express a note type.

Example 2.

```
bf:note [ a bf:Note ;
         rdfs:label  "Late 16th century blind-tooled binding, dark brown calf" ] .
```

In contrast to the above example this is a BIBFRAME note, expressed via property bf:note and class bf:Note.

Note with Type Implied

The following example does not express an explicit note type. The type may be inferred from the context.

Example 3.

```
bf:baseMaterial [  
        bf:code     [ rdf:value  "o" ;
                      bf:source [ rdf:value "marc007ng04" ] ] ;
        bf:note [ a bf:Note ;
                  rdfs:label  "Image printed on thick gold paper." ] ].
```

The implied note type is “base material”.

Note Type Expressed as Literal

In the following example, the same note as in example 2 is expressed, and in addition, a note type, “binding”.

Example 4.

```
bf:note [ a bf:Note ;
         bf:noteType  "binding" ;
         rdfs:label  "Late 16th century blind-tooled binding, dark brown calf" ] .
```

The property bf:noteType is defined specifically for, and should be used only, when there is no known class for the note type.

Note Type Expressed by External Class

In the following example, the note type is expressed via external namespace “ex:” which defines note type ex:FundingInformation

Example 5.

```
bf:note [ a ex:FundingInformation, bf:Note ;
```

BIBFRAME itself does not define any note types (other than generic bf:Note).