Title Notes

Property bf:title and class bf:Title
BIBFRAME 2.0 defines the single title property, bf:title (an object property), and corresponding class bf:Title.

Variant Titles
Class bf:VariantTitle is a subclass of bf:Title.
The following subclasses of bf:VariantTitle are defined and may be expressed to indicate the type of variant title.

- bf:KeyTitle
- bf:AbbreviatedTitle
- bf:CollectiveTitle
- bf:ParallelTitle

Other variant classes are being considered, including the following (none has yet been defined):
- container title (for audiovisual material)
- spine title
- cover title
- added title-page title (for books and serials)

Property bf:variantType
Property bf:variantType, a property of bf:VariantTitle, is defined and may be used to express the type of variant title when there is no class defined for that type.

Summary of Classes and Properties

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In addition:
- bf:qualifier may occur within the Title resource.
- bf:date may occur within the Title resource for a variant title.
- The “title string” (see below) may be supplied via rdfs:label.
- bf:source may also be supplied, for a variant title.

The Title String
We informally define the “title string” which may be supplied via rdfs:label. It may be a constructed title or a simple title; in any case, the title string will normally be constructed according to institutional policy. (The title string might contain the title part of an RDA AAP for a Work.) It could be for example the main title, subtitle, part name and number, and other information pieces strung together, including:
- music key
- treaty signator
- version
- legal date
- origin date
- origin place
- music medium
- language

These information pieces identify aspects of the resource, and while they might be included in the title string, there are properties for each -- properties of the resource (Work or Instance), not of the Title -- which may be included separately in the Work or Instance description.

Examples
Example 1: Simple title
In the following example, only the title string is supplied.

```json
bf:title [ a bf:Title ; rdfs:label "Reflexive interpreters and autobiographical texts" ] .
```

Example 2: Title String includes components other than those in the Title resource (Work)
In the following example the title string includes components which are not properties of bf:Title. The rdfs:label includes these components as part of the string, but the individual pieces are indicated as properties outside of the bf:WorkTitle resource.

Example 3: Main title and subtitle
Following is an example where the main title and subtitle on an Instance are supplied.

Example 4: Abbreviated title
For an abbreviated title, class bf:AbbreviatedTitle is indicated. This example includes the source list from which the variant is taken (which in this case is the abbreviated key title).

Example 5: Another abbreviated title
In the next example, the source of the abbreviated title is from a list maintained by the National Library of Medicine.

```
bf:title [  
    a encoder:Title ;
    bf:mainTitle "Journal of Dental Research" ] ;
bf:title [  
    a encoder:Title , encoder:VariantTitle , encoder:AbbreviatedTitle ;
    bf:mainTitle "J Dent Res" ;
```

**Example 6: Spine title**

Since there is no subclass of VariantTitle (yet) defined for spine title, the more general class `bf:VariantTitle` is indicated, and `bf:variantType` is supplied.

```
bf:title [  
    a encoder:Title , encoder:VariantTitle ;
    rdfs:label "Chartbook on aging" ;
    bf:variantType "spine" ] .
```