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# Integrated Authority File (GND) Data Service: Changes in the MARC 21 format for authority data from 12 January 2016 (export release 01/2016)

Dear Sir or Madam

This is to inform you of the upcoming changes in MARC 21 format for authority data.

## 1. Schedule

The changes apply from:

- | 12 January 2016  
(There may be disruptions to the interfaces and the Data Shop between 08:00 and 12:00 a. m. during the technical changeover.)
- | Delivery 02, 2016 of the GND change service<sup>1</sup>.

## 2. Format changes

### 2.1. Delivery of URIs in subfields \$0 (Authority record control number) for internal GND links

In the fields of GND records with internal GND links there is a third subfield \$0 containing the URI (introduced by "(uri)") in addition to the previous practice of GND number (introduced by "(DE-588)") and the internal DNB record control number (introduced by "(DE-101)").

This applies to the MARC 21 fields 260, 372, 380, 382, 500, 510, 511, 530, 550, 551 and 682.

The handling of this additional identifier and its potential impact on the functionality and the workflow should be checked in a timely manner using the test data provided.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.dnb.de/EN/gndaenderungsdienst>

In each subfield \$0 (Authority record control number) (R):

- | "(DE-101)"IDN of the authority record
- | "(DE-588)"IDN of the authority record
- | "(uri)http://d-nb.info/gnd/"IDN of the authority record

Example:

550 \_\_ \$0(DE-101)040533115\$0(DE-588)4053311-6  
**\$0(uri)http://d-nb.info/gnd/4053311-6\$aSchriftstellerin\$94:vbal\$wr\$iVerwandter Begriff**

## 2.2. Revision of the content of MARC field 008 [Fixed-Length Data Elements, position 14 (Heading use - main or added entry) – New value "b"]

Position 14 designates all data records which can be used for descriptive cataloguing<sup>2</sup>. In the previous data deliveries an "a" was always used for "appropriate". This is not correct in all cases. The conversion has been revised for better evaluation of this position. From this release a distinction will now be made between an "a" (appropriate) and "b" (not appropriate).

The following entities receive an **"a"** for appropriate:

- | "Individualised person" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "p")
- | "Personal name – not individualised" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "n")
- | "Corporate name" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "b")
- | "Meeting name" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "f")
- | "Work" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "u")

The following entities or records are given a **"b"** for not appropriate:

- | "Topical term" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "s")
- | Note records (MARC field 008, position 09 Kind of record "b" – Untraced reference)

In the case of the "Geographical entity" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "g") "a" or "b" can be filled as appropriate. Local authorities and administrative units (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$v Code for entity subdivision "gik") can appear as intellectual creator and are given an "a". The other geographic entities receive a "b".

## 2.3. Revision of the content of MARC field 008 [Fixed-length data elements, position 15 (Heading use - Subject added entry)]

Position 15 designates all data records which can be used for subject cataloguing. The previous practice was to mark all records that have already actually been used for subject cataloguing. This has now also been revised.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.dnb.de/EN/Erwerbung/Formalerschliessung/formalerschliessung\\_node.html](http://www.dnb.de/EN/Erwerbung/Formalerschliessung/formalerschliessung_node.html)

Almost all entities now receive an "a" (appropriate). Only "Personal name – not individualised" (MARC field 079 Authority data codes, subfield \$b Entity type "n") and note records (MARC field 008, position 09 Kind of record "b") are marked with a "b" (not appropriate).

## 2.4. MARC field 079 (authority data codes) subfield \$v (code for entity subdivisions) (R) – New values

The following new codes will be delivered in the future:

- | "kif" – Companies / firms
- | "kim" - Musical entities / Musical corporate bodies
- | "kir" – Religious entities / Religious corporate bodies
- | "kiv" - Religious administrative entities (e.g. dioceses) / Religious administrative units
- | "sab" – Medium of performance
- | "sag" – Type of composition

The new codes are scheduled to be incorporated soon after their introduction into the full list of entity codes. This list is available on the GND web pages<sup>3</sup>.

## 3. Further information and test data

The official Library of Congress documentation of the fields described can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/ecbdhome.html>.

The full description of authority data fields is available in PDF and Excel versions at <http://www.dnb.de/marc21>. In order to provide a brief overview of the changes made since publication of the previous concordance, all changes to the previous version are given on the first pages of the current field description in the PDF versions in each case.

Please note that this documentation has not yet been fully adapted to the RDA vocabulary. This revision is planned as a future step.

A sample file containing the notified changes and the new field can be found at <http://datendienst.dnb.de/cgi-bin/mabit.pl?userID=testdat&pass=testdat&cmd=login> under file name "GNDTestRelease01\_2016".

## 4. Unconfirmed advance information about the next release but one

Please note that this advance information on possible future changes cannot be complete; changes may also be postponed to a later release or shelved entirely. Similarly, there may also be further major changes to the content. Which of the points are actually implemented can be found in the relevant release notification which will be issued in mid-February 2016.

Further information on the release cycle can be obtained from: <https://wiki.dnb.de/x/wgcbBQ>

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<sup>3</sup> <http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/downloads/de/DnB/standardisierung/inhaltserschliessung/entitaetenCodes.pdf>

No changes have yet been announced for the **next but one release** in mid-May 2016.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at [datendienste@dnb.de](mailto:datendienste@dnb.de) or phone us on the usual numbers.

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