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Data Service: Information on Deutsche Nationalbibliografie
Series O and the New Release Service

Dear Sir or Madam

The descriptive cataloguing staff have been cataloguing the bibliographic data of the German National Library (DNB) using the "Resource Description and Access" (RDA)[1] standard since 1 October 2015. The resulting changes and supplements to the MARC 21 format for bibliographic metadata were documented in detail in the announcement of the corresponding Export Release 03.2015[2].

Clarification for the Series O (Online Publications) metadata of the Deutsche Nationalbibliografie

Regarding the metadata of the works listed in Series O[3], it still applies, that the bibliographic records delivered are not generated by the DNB. In general, these are provided by the submitters themselves. Some elements in these metadata deliveries will contain RDA elements (e.g. the information on content type, media type and carrier type or the RDA relationship designator) as the result of adjustments to the various import interfaces for online resources. This was introduced in part on 12 January 2016.
The records are not labelled with the "rda" code in MARC field 040 (Cataloguing Source) because this is reserved exclusively for intellectually generated data. The current Series O data deliveries and the legacy data will remain "mixed data" (only individual elements are RDA-compliant).
If the metadata are made RDA-compliant in the future as part of a general move to reprocess legacy data, this will also include the Series O titles and be announced accordingly.

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[1] http://www.dnb.de/EN/Standardisierung/International/rda.html
[2] http://www.dnb.de/SharedDocs/Downloads/EN/DNB/service/
     rundschreiben20150617AenderungenMarc21TiteldatenEn.pdf
[3] http://www.dnb.de/serieso

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Note regarding New Release Service

The New Release Service[4] (ND) is not part of the Deutsche Nationalbibliografie. It is based on notifications[5] issued by publishers to the German Books in Print (VLB)[6] index and is offered by the German National Library as an information service concerning future and new publications. As with Series O, this metadata contains individual RDA elements, i.e. "mixed data", and is delivered in this mixed form.

The full description of bibliographic data fields is available in PDF and Excel versions at http://www.dnb.de/EN/marc21.

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

Yours faithfully,
on behalf of Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library)
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[4] http://www.dnb.de/EN/nd
[5] http://www.dnb.de/entries
[6] https://www.vlb.de