

Dublin Core, MODS, and VRA Element Mappings

The following table offers a summary overview of mappings between primary elements in Dublin Core, MODS, VRA 3.0, and VRA 4.0, the four standard schemes covered in the book. The elements are given in roughly the same order that they are covered in Chapters 3-4 of the text.

DC	MODS	VRA 3.0	VRA 4.0
Title	<titleInfo><title>	Title	title
Identifier	<identifier> <location><uri>	ID Number	location.refid textref
Date	<originInfo><dateIssued> <originInfo><dateCreated> <originInfo><dateCaptured> <originInfo><dateOther>	Date	date
Language	<language>	---	---
---	<location>	Location	location
---	<note> or <edition>	---	stateEdition
Creator	<name><namePart>	Creator	agent
Contributor	<name><namePart>	Creator	agent
Contributor		Location	location
Publisher	<originInfo><publisher>	---	---
Rights	<accessCondition>	Rights	rights
Type	<typeOfResource> <genre>	Type	worktype
Format	<physicalDescription><internetMediaType>	---	---
Format	<physicalDescription><extent>	Measurements	measurements
Format	<physicalDescription><form>	Material	material
Format	<physicalDescription><form>	Technique	technique
Description	<abstract> <note> <tableOfContents>	Description	description
Description	<note>	---	inscription
Subject	<subject> <classification>	Subject	subject
Subject or Coverage	<subject>	Style/Period	stylePeriod
Coverage	<subject><temporal> <subject><geographic> <subject><hierarchicalGeographic> <subject><cartographics>	---	---
Coverage	<subject><temporal>	Date	date
Coverage	<subject>	Culture	culturalContext
Coverage or Subject	<genre> or <subject>	Style/Period	stylePeriod
Relation	<relatedItem>	Relation	relation
Source	<relatedItem type="original">	---	---
---	---	Source	source
---	---	Record Type	work, collection, or image

Please note that not all element mappings are clear, clean, or true equivalents. In some cases, elements have been repeated in more than one row in order to better show complexities in mapping among different schemes. For example, depending on the particular use of the VRA *Date* element, it may map either to DC *Date* or to DC *Coverage*. In a few cases no attempt has been made to map from one scheme to one or more others when there seemed to be no real equivalence.

Sources Consulted:

- MODS Mappings
 - Dublin Core Metadata Element Set Mapping to MODS Version 3 (December 29, 2006): <http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/dcsimple-mods.html>
 - MODS to Dublin Core Metadata Element Set Mapping Version 3 (June 7, 2005): <http://www.loc.gov/standards/mods/mods-dcsimple.html>
- VRA 3.0 Core Categories: <http://www.vraweb.org/projects/vracore3/categories.html>
- VRA 4.0 Element Descriptions (04/05/2007): http://www.loc.gov/standards/vracore/VRA_Core4_Element_Description.pdf
- VRA 4.0 Introduction (03/09/2007): http://www.loc.gov/standards/vracore/VRA_Core4_Intro.pdf
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