

480 VARIANT ACCESS POINT – FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Field Definition and Scope

Variant or non-preferred form of the form, genre, or physical characteristics in field 280.

It is formulated in accordance with the cataloguing rules or subject system in use by the agency which created it.

In some cases, this field may refer to another 2-- field following the subject system in use by the agency.

Subfields & Occurrence

| Field/Subfield | Field/Subfield Name | Repeatability | Occurrence |
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| 480 | VARIANT ACCESS POINT – FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS | R | O |
| a | Entry Element | NR | MA |
| j | Form Subdivision | R | O |
| x | Topical Subdivision | R | O |
| y | Geographical Subdivision | R | O |
| z | Chronological Subdivision | R | O |
| 0 | Instruction Phrase | NR | O |
| 2 | Source | NR | O |
| 3 | Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number | NR | O |
| 5 | Relationship Control | NR | O |
| 6 | Interfield Linking Data | NR | O |
| 7 | Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point | NR | O |
| 8 | Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point | NR | O |

Indicators

| Indicator | Value | Description |
|-----------|-------|------------------------------|
| 1 | # | blank (not defined) |
| 2 | | Specifies the Type of Entity |
| | # | Not defined |
| | 0 | Work |
| | 2 | Manifestation |
| | 3 | Item |

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

Term in the form prescribed by the system of form access points used.

Not repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

Term added to the subject access point to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material.

Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable.

\$x Topical Subdivision

Term added to the form access point to specify the aspect that the access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify a place in relation to a form, genre or physical characteristic that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify the period in time in relation to a form, genre or physical characteristic that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$0 Instruction Phrase

See specification of [Control Subfield 0](#). Not repeatable.

\$2 Source

See specification of [Control Subfield 2](#). Not repeatable.

Use for identification code of a subject system that differ from the system in subfield 152b, and in which the variant access point appears.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

See specification of [Control Subfield 3](#). Not repeatable.

Use for the control number identifier of the related reference record that is used for display in preference to generating a display from the 480. Subfield \$3 may be used when the field also contains subfields \$2 and \$5 in which character position 1 contains value “0”.

\$5 Relationship Control

See specification of [Control Subfield 5](#). Not repeatable.

\$6 Interfield Linking Data

See specification of [Control Subfield 6](#). Repeatable.

\$7 Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point

See specification of [Control Subfield 7](#). Not repeatable.

\$8 Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point

See specification of [Control Subfield 8](#). Not repeatable.

Related Fields

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| 280 AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT – FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS |
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Examples

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| EX 1 |
| 152 ##\$brbpap |

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| 280 ##\$aMarbled papers |
| 480 ##\$aMarble papers |
| The term “Marbled papers” is used in preference to “Marble papers” by the ACRL Paper Terms: a Thesaurus for Use in Rare Book and Special Collections Cataloging. |
| EX 2 |
| 152 ##\$bgsafd |
| 280 ##\$aErotic stories |
| 480 ##\$aAdult fiction |
| The Guidelines on subject access to individual works of fiction, drama, etc., prefer Erotic Stories to Adult Fiction. |

History

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| 2001 | New field. |
| 2009 | New indicators and subfields/values: Indicator 3. |
| 2024 | Text edit. |