

## 676 DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION (DDC)

### Field Definition and Scope

DDC number or range of numbers associated with an authority access point.

The DDC number may be accompanied by terms that describe the DDC number.

### Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
676	DEWEY DECIMAL CLASSIFICATION (DDC)	R	O
a	DDC Number, Single or Beginning of a Range	NR	O
b	DDC number, End of a Range	NR	O
c	Explanatory Terms	R	O
v	DDC Edition	R	O
z	Language of Edition	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O
R	Real World Object URI	R	O

### Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

### Subfields Description

#### **\$a DDC Number, Single or Beginning of a Range**

The number as taken from the Dewey Decimal Classification schedules. Prime marks are indicated by /.  
Not repeatable.

#### **\$b DDC number, End of a Range**

The number as taken from the Dewey Decimal Classification schedules. Prime marks are indicated by /.  
Not repeatable.

#### **\$c Explanatory Terms**

Explanatory terms associated with the class number in \$a (and if applicable \$b) as taken from the DDC schedules (EX 1). Repeatable.

#### **\$v DDC Edition**

The number of the edition used (EX 1, 2). An “a” is added to the number to indicate abridged edition.  
Not repeatable.

#### **\$z Language of Edition**

The language, in coded form, of the edition from which the number in subfield \$a is taken (EX 2). For language codes use ISO 639-2 Codes for the Representation of Names of Languages (<https://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/>). Not repeatable.

#### **\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number**

Link to classification format record. Not repeatable.

See specification of [Control Subfield 3](#).

**\$R Real World Object URI**

See specification of [Control Subfield 3](#). Repeatable.

**Notes on Field Contents**

The number is entered in subfield \$a in the form prescribed by the schedules used by the agency preparing the record. The number may include prime marks (/), which indicate internationally agreed points at which the number may be truncated. The number should not include extensions used solely to assign a bookmark to an individual item.

Subfield \$z should be used only if the translated version contains differences from the original, e.g., when parts of the schedule have been rewritten to cover local requirements.

**Examples**

EX 1
250 ##\$aGold
676 ##\$a669.22\$cInterdisciplinary\$v19
676 ##\$a549.23\$cMineralogy\$v19
676 ##\$a553.41\$cEconomic geology\$v19
EX 2
250 ##\$aPhilosophy, parapsychology and occultism
676 ##\$a153.94001\$b153.94999\$v21\$zeng

**History**

1994	Text errata.
2009	Updated definition/scope.
2024	Text edit. New subfield \$R.
2025	Text errata.