

4 FUNCTIONAL BLOCKS

The fields of the authority or reference record are divided into functional blocks; the first (left most) digit of the tag indicates the block of the field.

0-- Identification Block: contains numbers that identify the record or the entity for which the record has been created.

1--Coded Information Block: contains fixed length data elements (frequently coded) describing various aspects of the record or data.

2--Authorized Access Point Block: contains the authorized, reference, or general explanatory access point for which the record has been created.

3--Notes Block: contains notes, intended for public display, that: 1) explain the relationship between the record access point (2--) and other access points; 2) contribute to the identification of the entity described in the authority record.

4--Variant Access Point Block: contains variant access points from which a reference is to be made to see the access point of the record.

5--Related Access Point Block: contains related authorized access points from which a reference is to be made to see also the access point of the record.

6--Classification and Entity History Block: contains classification numbers and information, as well as specific entity history information that are related to the access point of the record.

7--Authorized Access Point in Other Language and/or Script Block: contains a form of the record access point (2--) in another language and/or script and links to another record in which that form is the 2-- authorized access point.

8--Source Information Block: contains the source of the record, and cataloguer's notes about the data not intended for public display.

9--National Use Block: contains data local to the originator of the record. Field tags will not be defined in UNIMARC Authorities Format Manual for intersystem exchange.