

606 TOPICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT

Field Definition

This field contains a common noun or noun phrase used as a subject heading.

Occurrence

Optional. Repeatable.

Indicators

Indicator 1: Level of the Subject Item

The first indicator is used to distinguish primary and secondary descriptors. A term is considered primary (value '1') if it covers the main focus or subject of the material. A term covering a less important aspect is considered secondary (value '2'). Value '0' is used when no decision has been made as to whether the term is primary or secondary. Until 1994 the only value of the first indicator was blank (undefined).

0 No level specified

1 Primary term

2 Secondary term

No information available

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

\$a Entry Element

The term in the form prescribed by the system of subject headings used. Not repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

A term added to the subject heading to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material (EX 7,8). Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable (EX 8).

\$x Topical Subdivision

A term added to the topical heading to specify the aspect that the subject heading represents (EX 2, 3). Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

A term added to the topical heading to specify a place in relation to the topic that the subject heading represents (EX 2, 4). Repeatable.

- \$z** Chronological Subdivision
A term added to the topical heading to specify the period of time in relation to the topic that the subject heading represents (EX 5). Repeatable.
- \$2** System Code
An identification in coded form of the system from which the subject heading is derived. It is recommended that subfield \$2 always be present in each occurrence of the field. For a list of system codes, see Appendix G. Not repeatable.
- \$3** Authority Record Number
The control number for the authority record for the heading. This subfield is for use with *UNIMARC/Authorities*. Repeatable (EX 9) when it is necessary for more than one authority record number to indicate each part of a heading where the indexing system uses a pre-coordinate syntax..

Notes on Field Contents

This field contains data entered according to the provisions of the system of subject headings used.

Related Fields

607 GEOGRAPHICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT

Field 607 is used instead of 606 when the subject heading is a geographical name.

Examples

EX 1: 606 ##\$aPulmonary artery\$xCatheterization\$xHandbooks, manuals, etc\$2lc
606 ##\$aHemodynamic monitoring\$xHandbooks, manuals, etc\$2lc
606 ##\$aHeart Catheterization\$xinstrumentation\$xhandbooks\$2mesh
606 ##\$aHeart Catheterization\$xinstrumentation\$xurses' instruction\$2mesh
606 ##\$aMonitoring, Physiologic\$xhandbooks\$2mesh
606 ##\$aMonitoring, Physiologic\$xurses' instruction\$2mesh

Both Library of Congress and Medical subject headings have been assigned to the record for *Memory bank for hemodynamic monitoring : the pulmonary artery catheter*. The record predates the use of \$j for form subdivisions.

EX 2: 606 0#\$aScaffolding\$xSafety measures\$21c
606 0#\$aConstruction equipment\$yGreat Britain\$21c

Subject headings assigned to the record for *Safety in construction work, scaffolding* by the Health and Safety Executive.

EX 4: 606 0#\$aTrees\$yUnited States\$21c

EX 5: 606 0#\$aArts, Modern\$z20th century\$21c

EX 6: 606 1#\$aBiology\$xPeriodicals\$21c

The item is about periodicals on biology.

EX 7: 606 1#*\$aBiology\$jPeriodicals\$21c*

The item is a periodical on biology .

EX 8: 606 0#*\$aVocal music\$jBibliography\$jUnion lists\$2lc*

EX 9: 606 1#*\$3frBN002790930\$aLittérature populaire française\$3frBN002123838
\$z19e siècle \$3frBN002118937\$xThèmes, motifs\$3frBN002264415\$xRecueil
d'articles \$2rameau*

In the database, a pre-coordinated subject system code (rameau) is used, so the \$3 is repeated and one authority record number is given for each part of the heading.