

660 GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODE

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains an indication of the region covered by the work, in coded form, according to the MARC Code List for Geographic Areas (GACs) by Library of Congress.

Repeatable for each region indicated.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
660	GEOGRAPHIC AREA CODE	R	O
a	Code	NR	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

\$a Code

Geographic area code. 7 characters. Not repeatable. For codes use MARC Code List for Geographic Areas (<http://www.loc.gov/marc/geoareas/gacshome.html>).

Notes on Field Contents

The geographic area code is applied to the resource when its text has a geographic orientation. The coding scheme contains seven lower case alphabetic characters and/or hyphens and, as far as possible, provides a hierarchical breakdown of geographical and political entities. When more than one geographic area code is assigned, each is entered in a separate field.

Related Fields

607 GEOGRAPHICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT	The area code does not replace the geographical name used as subject, but may be included in the record in addition to it.
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Examples

EX 1
660 ##\$an-us-md
A geographic area code for a book entitled <i>Crabs in the United States</i> , concentrating on the state of Maryland.
EX 2
660 ##\$ae-gx---
A geographic area code for a book entitled <i>Popular songs of working-class culture</i> relating to Germany.
EX 3
660 ##\$aa-np---
A geographic area code for a book entitled <i>Buddha and Buddhism</i> about Buddhism in Nepal.
EX 4
660 ##\$an-uso--
660 ##\$an-usm--

Geographic area codes for a book entitled *Collection of steamboat records relating to steamboats operating in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys* concentrating on both the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Field 660 is repeated for code for each river.

EX 5

660 ##\$an-us---

660 ##\$ae-fr---

660 ##\$aa-ja---

Geographic area codes for a book entitled *Comparative studies of national libraries relating to the United States, France, and Japan*. Field 660 is repeated for each region.