

012 FINGERPRINT IDENTIFIER

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains the Fingerprint Identifier for older monographic publications (antiquarian) and a code for the institution to which the field applies which distinguishes between Fingerprint Identifiers when more than one is contained in a record. The field corresponds to the ISBD Resource Identifier and Terms of Availability Area.

The use of the field is recommended.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
012	FINGERPRINT IDENTIFIER	R	O
a	Fingerprint	NR	O
2	Source	NR	O
5	Institution to which the Field Applies	NR	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

\$a Fingerprint

Calculated Fingerprint Identifier. The Fingerprint is assigned by the agency creating a record. Not repeatable.

\$2 Source

An identification in coded form of the system from which fingerprint identifier is derived. Not repeatable.

\$5 Institution to which the Field Applies

Name of the institution to which field applies in the coded form if it is considered necessary by the agency which creates the record to identify specific attributes of an item.

If the subfield is used codes should be entered in accordance with the provisions of International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations (ISIL), [ISO 15511](#) or may contain codes from [MARC Code List for Organizations](#), otherwise, the full name of the agency or a national code may be used.

If the institution holds more than one copy the shelfmark of the item should be added after a colon. Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

A fingerprint is a means of identifying older monographic publications constructed by taking groups of characters from certain pages in order to make each publication uniquely identifiable.

Since no definitive formula for fingerprint has been determined by international agreement, various forms of fingerprint will be considered acceptable. It is recommended to use a method of fingerprint construction found in *Fingerprints = Empreintes = Imprime. Paris : Institut de Recherche et d'Histoire des Textes in association with the National Library of Scotland, 1984.*

Related Fields

010 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD BOOK NUMBER (ISBN)	The field contains the International Standard Book Number.
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301 NOTES PERTAINING TO IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS	The field may contain a note on the fingerprint identifier.
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Examples

EX 1
012 ##\$aocon humi nche covn 3 MDLXXX\$2fei\$5CiZaNSB: R II F-8° -307
Fingerprint for <i>Opera di Marco Marulo da Spalato Circa L'Institutione del buono e beato vivere</i> . In Venetia, 1580. Fingerprint taken from a item in the National and University Library (Nacionalna i sveučilišna biblioteka), Zagreb, pressmark R II F-8° 307, using the rules of Fingerprints = Empreintes = Impronte.
EX 2
012 ##\$a165512 - a1 *2 dol : a2 *6 m\$ - b1 A r : b2 2E7\$quid\$\$2stcn\$5NeHKB
Fingerprint for Erasmus' Colloquia. Amstelodami, 1655. Fingerprint taken from a item in the Royal Library (Koninklijke Bibliothek), Den Haag, using the system devised for the Short Title Catalogue (Netherlands). The dollar signs of "m\$" and "\$quid\$" form part of the fingerprint and are not subfield identifiers.

History

1996	New field.
2008	Field may be linked to indicate to which a specific item of a field relates.
2012	Subfield \$5 make optional.