

530 KEY TITLE

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains the key title – the unique name for a continuing resource established by the ISSN Network.

While there should logically be only one key title per record, differences in practice between the agency preparing the record and the ISSN network may result in one continuing resource record with two (or more) key titles.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
530	KEY TITLE	R	O
a	Key Title	NR	O
b	Qualifier	NR	O
j	Volume or Dates Associated with Key Title	NR	O
v	Volume Designation	NR	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1		Title Proper Indicator
	0	Key title is the same as the title proper
	1	Key title differs from the title proper
2	#	blank (not defined)

Indicator 1: Title Proper Indicator

The indicator specifies whether or not the key title as it appears when printed out is the same as the title proper in 200 \$a. Thus it is unlikely that any key title field using subfield \$b will have indicator 0 ([EX 2, 3, 4](#)).

Subfields Description

\$a Key Title

The key title without the addition of any qualification. Not repeatable.

\$b Qualifier

Any qualification included in the key title in order to distinguish it from other continuing resources with the same title ([EX 2, 4](#)). Following ISSN practice, the qualification is enclosed in parentheses. Not repeatable.

\$j Volume or Dates Associated with Key Title

This subfield is used when the record contains more than one key title which has been assigned to different volumes or date-spans of the life of the periodical. The data distinguishes the periods over which the relevant key title applies. Not repeatable.

\$v Volume Designation

This subfield is used to indicate a particular part of the resource (volume, issue and pages if appropriate) that is related to another item. This subfield is used only when the field is embedded in a 4-- linking field. It further defines the part of the linked item that bears the relationship designated by the 4-- tag. Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

Data in subfields \$a and \$b is entered according to the provisions contained in the *ISSN Manual*. The key title is established by the ISSN centre responsible for the registration of the continuing resource and is derived from the title information appearing in the publication at the time of registration. The key title can be the same as the title proper; or, in order to achieve uniqueness, it can be constructed by the addition of identifying and/or qualifying elements such as name of issuing body, place of publication, edition statement, etc. Since only an ISSN centre can establish a key title, any agency other than a centre preparing a record should enter a key title only when it is found on the document or when it has been checked with its ISSN centre. Any other title is by definition not a key title.

Related Fields

011 ISSN	According to ISSN rules the key title is inseparably linked to its ISSN and both should be entered in the record when available.
200 TITLE AND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY	The title on the item is entered in field 200. If no key title is available, the title on the item must be entered in field 200.

Examples

EX 1
530 0#\$aScientific American
Display form: Scientific American.
EX 2
530 1#\$a≠NSB≠La ≠NSE≠Ciencia y la tecnica\$b(Barcelona. 1936)
Display form: La Ciencia y la tecnica (Barcelona. 1936). This files as “Ciencia y la tecnica...”. Indicator 1 is set to 1 since the key title differs from the title proper.
EX 3
530 1#\$a Annual activities report\$b(Institute for National Measurement Standards)
Display form: Annual activities report (Institute for National Measurement Standards). Indicator 1 is set to 1 since the key title differs from the title proper.
EX 4
530 1#\$aBulletin\$b(Canadian Mediterranean Institute. 1983)
Display form: Bulletin (Canadian Mediterranean Institute. 1983). Indicator 1 is set to 1 since the key title differs from the title proper.

History

1994	New subfields/values: Addition of new subfield \$v Volume Designation.
2008	Revisions to take into account ISSN practices.