

623 CHARACTER

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains a structured access point for the name and other details relating to a fictitious character as well as information allowing the field to be linked for processing purposes to the name(s) of the associated performer(s).

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
623	CHARACTER	R	O
a	Entry Element	NR	MA
b	Part of Name Other than Entry Element	NR	O
c	Additions to Name of the Character	R	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O
6	Interfield Linking Data	R	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

The portion of the name used as the entry element. Mandatory. Not repeatable.

\$b Part of Name Other than Entry Element

The remainder of the name. Not repeatable. ([EX 8](#))

\$c Additions to Name of the Character

Any additions to name of character which do not form an integral part of the name itself including titles, epithets, indications of office or relationship with another character. Repeatable.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

The identifier for the authority record for the access point. This subfield is for use with UNIMARC/Authorities format. Not repeatable.

\$6 Interfield Linking Data

This subfield contains information allowing the field to be linked for processing purposes to other fields in the record. (See section 3.13 Interfield Linking Data, 3 Format structure).

Data required to link the field with a 7XX field containing the name of the performer for the character ([EX 2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [7](#)) and/or to other occurrences of field 623 (which may be needed if the same character changes name during the work). More instances of \$6 may occur when a character is performed by more than one performer ([EX 10](#)).

Notes on Field Contents

This field contains the preferred form of a character name listed in a performance-related resource (notably audio or video recordings, movies, opera scores, plots and librettos), linked, if relevant at work or expression level, with associated performer(s).

Related Fields

323 CAST NOTE (PROJECTED AND VIDEO MATERIAL AND SOUND RECORDINGS)	This field may contain the list of characters and cast in free textual form.
606 TOPICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT	This field contain the character names when the names are used as subjects.
7-- RESPONSIBILITY BLOCK	This field contains the name of the performer associated with the character.

Examples

EX 1
623 ##\$aSerpina
623 ##\$aUberto
623 ##\$aVespone\$cServo di Uberto
Characters for Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's intermezzo <i>La serva padrona</i> .
EX 2
623 ##\$6z01702\$aVologeso\$cRe de' Parti\$cSposo di Berenice
623 ##\$6z02702\$aBerenice\$cRegina d'Armenia\$cSposa di Vologeso
623 ##\$6z03702\$aLucio Vero\$cImperatore\$cSposo di Lucilla\$cAmante di Berenice
702 #1\$6z01623\$aLusi\$bFilippo\$4590
702 #1\$6z02623\$aRicciarelli\$bGiuseppe\$4590
702 #1\$6z03623\$aGiorgi\$bFilippo\$4590
Part of the cast and character indicated in the libretto of <i>Il Vologeso dramma per musica da rappresentarsi nel carnevale dell'anno 1748 nel teatro di Torre Argentina</i> . Relationships between characters are interlinked through \$6 subfields.
EX 3
623 ##\$6z01702\$aPagano
623 ##\$6z02702\$aGriselda
623 ##\$6z03702\$aOronte
702 #1\$6z01623\$aDérivis\$bProsper\$f1808-1880\$4590\$4vbs
702 #1\$6z02623\$aFrezzolini\$bErminia\$4590\$4vso
702 #1\$6z03623\$aGuasco\$bCarlo\$4590\$4vte
Cast and characters indicated in the manuscript score <i>I Lombardi alla prima Crociata</i> Preludio e Terzetto Finale Terzo Qual voluttà trascorrere Eseguito Dalla Sig.a Frezzolini Poggi e dai Signori Guasco e Derivis Musica Del Mae.o Giuseppe Verdi. Voice ranges are indicated in the resource, and specified as relator codes in \$4 subfields.
EX 4
323 ##\$aCast: Daryl Hannah (Ayla), Pamela Reed (Iza), James Remar (Creb)
623 ##\$6z01702\$aAyla
623 ##\$6z02702\$aIza
623 ##\$6z03702\$aCreb
702 #1\$6z01623\$aHannah\$bDaryl\$4005
702 #1\$6z02623\$aReed\$bPamela\$4005
702 #1\$6z03623\$aRemar\$bJames\$4005
Main characters and cast in Michael Chapman's film <i>The clan of the cave bear</i> .
EX 5
623 ##\$aLulu
623 ##\$aGräfin Geschwitz
623 ##\$aEine Theatergarderobiere

623 ##\$aEin Gymnasiast
623 ##\$aDer Medizinalrat
623 ##\$aDer Maler
623 ##\$aDr. Schön\$cChefredakteur
623 ##\$aAlva\$cSchriftsteller\$cDr. Schöns Sohn
623 ##\$aEin Tierbändiger
623 ##\$aRodrigo\$cein Athlet
623 ##\$aSchigolch\$cein Greis
623 ##\$aDer Prinz\$cein Afrikareisender
623 ##\$aDer Theaterdirektor
Characters (with proper name or generic term) in Alban Berg's <i>Lulu</i> .
EX 6
623 ##\$aRivière\$cdirettore di una Compagnia di Navigazione Aerea
623 ##\$aRobineau\$cL'ispettore
623 ##\$aPellerin\$cIl pilota
623 ##\$aIl radiotelegrafista
623 ##\$aLeroux\$cIl vecchio caposquadra
623 ##\$aQuattro impiegati
623 ##\$aFabien\$cLa signora
623 ##\$aUna voce interna
623 ##\$aOperai
623 ##\$aMaestranze
Characters (with proper name, generic or collective terms) in Luigi Dallapiccola's <i>Volo di notte</i> .
EX 7
623 ##\$6z01702\$aCalypso
623 ##\$6z02702\$aPrima ancella
623 ##\$6z03702\$aNausicaa
623 ##\$6z04702\$aSeconda ancella
623 ##\$6z05702\$aDemodoco
623 ##\$6z06702\$aTiresia
623 ##\$6z07702\$aPenelope
702 #1\$6z01623\$6z07623\$aBernard\$bAnnabelle\$4590\$4vso
702 #1\$6z02623\$aMikes\$bGitta\$4590\$4val
702 #1\$6z03623\$aGayer\$bCatherine\$4590\$4vso
702 #1\$6z04623\$aWisniewska\$bHelga\$4590\$4vso
702 #1\$6z05623\$6z06623\$aMelchert\$bHelmut\$4590\$4vte
Part of the characters and cast for the first performance of Luigi Dallapiccola's <i>Ulisse</i> , as defined in the vocal score. Some of the characters are interpreted by the same performers. Voice ranges are coded as relator codes in fields 702.
EX 8
623 ##\$aChiaroamantesi\$bGabriello
623 ##\$aChiaroamantesi\$bNeri
623 ##\$aMalespini\$bGiannetto
Part of the characters for Sem Benelli's <i>La cena delle beffe</i> ; names entered under surname.
EX 9
623 ##\$aMarquise de Merteuil
623 ##\$aPrésidente de Tourvel
623 ##\$aVolanges\$bCécile
623 ##\$aVicomte de Valmont
623 ##\$aChevalier Danceny

Les liaisons dangereuses by Claude Prey.
EX 10
623 ##\$6z01702\$602702\$aAmsterdam Vallon
702 #1\$6z01623\$aDi Caprio\$bLeonardo\$4590
702 #1\$6z02623\$aMcCormack\$bCian\$4590
<i>Gangs of New York</i> by Martin Scorsese: the main character, Amsterdam Vallon, is played by Leonardo Di Caprio (Amsterdam Vallon adult) and Cian McCormack (Amsterdam Vallon child).

History

2016	New field.
2018	New subfield \$3.
2024	Text edit.