

Introducing the Controlled Vocabularies Decision Tree

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Decision Tree

Controlled Vocabularies Decision Tree

Level 1 - Working with existing controlled vocabularies

Hyrax/Hyku example: Understanding supplied CVs and Term Lists

Level 2 - Adding/Replacing controlled vocabularies

Hyrax/Hyku example: Adding Linked Data vocabulary for Subject field

Level 3 - Customizing, modifying, and creating controlled vocabularies

Hyrax/Hyku examples:

Creating a local Term List

Modifying a supplied Term List

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Further Reading

Need suggestions!

Appendices

Hyrax/Hyku supplied vocabularies

Fields that commonly use vocabularies

Questioning Authority (QA) gem in Hyrax - available CVs

Controlled Vocabularies and Criteria

List of CV options

Hoping for collaboration to add to list

Identifying domain (subject of CV),
date last updated/maintenance
indicator, and who is responsible for
CV

Would like to include CVs created by
marginalized communities that
represent that community's interests
(LGBTQ, First Nations, Disabilities,
Women)

Controlled Vocabulary (CV)	Stable identifiers / URIs	Maintained by	Date last updated	Domain
Getty AAT	✓	Getty	2020-09-14	Generic terms for for art, architecture, and other material culture.
LCGFT	✓	Library of Congress	2020-08-17	Thesauri that combines both genres and forms, describing what a work is versus what it is about.
ISO639-2 Codes for Languages	✓	Library of Congress	2017-12-21	Provides representation of names of languages, equivalent to MARC Language Codes.
creativecommons.org	✓	Creative Commons	2020-09-23	Six different license types that offer a standardized way to answer the question, "What can I do with this work?"
Geonames	✓	Multiple contributors	2020-09-25	Contains over 25 million geographical names and consists of over 11 million unique features whereof 4.8 million populated places and 13 million alternate names.
DCMI Type Vocabulary	✓	DCMI Usage Board	2020-01-20	Included are the fifteen terms of the Dublin Core™ Metadata Element Set (also known as "the Dublin Core") plus several dozen properties, classes, datatypes, and vocabulary encoding schemes.
rightsstatements.org	✓	Europeana, DPLA, National Digital Library of India, Library and Archives Canada, and Trove at the National Digital Library of Australia	2020-05-27	3 categories with 12 standardized rights statements to summarize the copyright status of objects in their collection, as well as how those objects may be used.
LCSH	✓	Library of Congress	2020-08-17	Subject terms used by the Library of Congress and other libraries around the United States.
OCLC FAST	✓			
MeSH	✓			
Homosaurus	✓	Homosaurus Editorial Board	2019-05	International linked data vocabulary of LGBTQ terms that supports improved access to LGBTQ resources within cultural institutions.

CVs and Criteria

Meta-Lists of Controlled Vocabularies

Lists of vocabularies	URL	Notes
List of LC vocabs	LC Linked Data Service	
List of Getty vocabs	Getty Vocabularies	
Rare Book and Mss vocabs	RBMS Vocabularies	
Temporal subject headings	PeriodO	for temporal subject headings - aggregates many time period CVs - can be a source itself, or a good place to find an appropriate CV
BARTOC registry	http://bartoc.org	
JISC Directory of Metadata Vocabularies	https://www.webarchive.org.uk/wayback/archive/20160101151732/http://www.jiscdigitalmedia.ac.uk/guide/controlling-your-language-links-to-metadata-vocabularies	
Metadata Map	http://jennriley.com/metadatamap	
Link to community developed resource for CVs created by underrepresented groups		

Thanks again!

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