

**US National Libraries RDA Test
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Evaluative Factor: What Do We Want to Learn?		Level of Personnel	Data Source		Objective? Subjective? Local Mgmt Decision?
Record Creation (for each format included in the test)					
Can an acceptable original RDA record be created?		professional	Quality review of records		○
Can an acceptable original RDA record be created?		support staff	Quality review of records		○
Can an acceptable original RDA record be created?		automated means	Quality review of records		○
Can an acceptable RDA record be created from pre-RDA copy ?		professional	Quality review of records		○
Can an acceptable RDA record be created from pre-RDA copy ?		support staff	Quality review of records		○
Can an acceptable RDA record be created from pre-RDA copy ?		automated means	Quality review of records		○
How quickly can an RDA record be created?		professional	Time reported by tester		○
How quickly can an RDA record be created?		support staff	Time reported by tester		○
How quickly can an RDA record be created?		automated means	Time reported by tester		○
How much time is needed for questions and consultations using existing codes ?		professional	Time reported by tester		○
		support staff	Time reported by tester		○
How much time is needed for questions and consultations using RDA ?		professional	Time reported by tester		○
		support staff	Time reported by tester		○
How quickly can a record be created using current rules?		professional	Time reported by tester		○
How quickly can a record be created using current rules?		support staff	Time reported by tester		○
How quickly can a record be created using current rules?		automated means	Time reported by tester		○
How consistently is RDA interpreted without community decisions on options or rule interpretations?		professional	Quality review + individual questionnaire		
		support staff	Quality review + individual questionnaire		○
		systems staff	Quality review + individual questionnaire		○
Record Use					
Assumption: End users can see RDA and earlier records in the same technological environment.					
Can noncataloging staff find an RDA record using a search query?			Questionnaire submitted by test partner		○
Can the end user find an RDA record using a search query?			Questionnaire submitted by test partner		○
Training & Documentation Needs					
Can RDA be used effectively by staff who are self-taught only?			Quality review of records; testers specify level of training		○
Can RDA be used effectively by staff who are trained hands-on by local colleagues?			Quality review of records; testers specify level of training		○
Can RDA be used effectively by staff who are trained via distance learning?			Quality review of records; testers specify level of training		○
Can RDA be used effectively by staff who are trained in a classroom, multiple days?			Quality review of records; testers specify level of training		○
Can RDA be used effectively by staff who are trained in a classroom, 1 day?			Quality review of records; testers specify level of training		○

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What will be the impact of RDA implementation on local documentation for general community?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
What will be the impact of RDA implementation on local documentation for special communities?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
What will be the impact of RDA implementation on consortial documentation for general community?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
		Inquiry to PCC	O
What will be the impact of RDA implementation on consortial documentation for special communities?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
		Inquiry to PCC, other consortia	O
Use of RDA Online Tool/RDA Content			
Can implementers link RDA Online to their local documentation?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
Can implementers use RDA Online to replace local documentation?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	Mgmt decision
Can implementers drop subscriptions to other cataloging tools?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	Mgmt decision
Is the text of RDA Online readable?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	S
Can staff understand concepts in the text?			
	professional	Quality review + individual questionnaire	S
	support staff	Quality review + individual questionnaire	S
	systems staff	Quality review + individual questionnaire	S
Can staff interpret and apply the rules?	professional	Quality review + individual questionnaire	S
	support staff	Quality review + individual questionnaire	S
	systems staff	Quality review + individual questionnaire	S
Systems and Metadata			
<i>Assumption: All RDA-related new MARC 21 elements will be defined before the test.</i>			
Can system vendors implement the new MARC 21 data elements at acceptable cost?		Survey of system vendors	O
What is the impact on institutions whose systems don't implement the new elements?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	S
Can the community accept and load RDA records in synchronized fashion?		Survey of customers for Agricola, NLM CatFile Plus, LC CDS	S
		MARC distribution services	

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What local system changes need to take place before implementing RDA - not related to US National Libraries RDA testing?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
How will ILS system upgrade cycles affect implementation?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
How will operating platform/workstation upgrade cycles affect implementation?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
What will be the impact of RDA on ILS auxiliary programs, e.g. labeling?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
What will be the impact of RDA on ISSN registration and record creation ?		Report from ISSN Centres	O
What will be the impact of RDA on RSS feeds, e.g. to faculty?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	S
What will be the impact, if any, of RDA on ILL?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	S or local decision
What will be the impact of RDA on ECIP software?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
What desired changes can be handled by global update, e.g. "Bible. N.T." vs. "Bible. New Testament"?		Survey of system vendors	O
Technical Feasibility			
In what percentage of records does RDA require data to be recorded differently from current rules?			
		Quality review of records will include comparisons	O
What percentage of RDA records can be retrieved with earlier records in the same search?			
		Quality review of records will include comparisons	O
What percentage of RDA records can be displayed in the same result set with earlier records?			
		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	O
Local Workflows			
At the end of the test period, what local workflow changes were seen as needed?		Questionnaire submitted by test partner	S
Costs and Benefits			
Will institutions have to subscribe to both RDA and other tools?		RDA subscription fees: from ALA Pub., LC CDS	O
If yes, at what additional cost?		Pricing from co-publishers, LC CDS	O
		Test partner questionnaire must ask:	
		Do you provide individual copies of codes to all staff?	
		Do you consult rules in print, Cataloger's Desktop, both?	

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Is throughput time better or worse with RDA compared to current codes?					
<i>Formats listed in red are not included in the core test set. Test partners may test them as they desire.</i>					
	For original workflows--text monographs?		Time reported by tester		○
	For copy cataloging--text monographs?		Time reported by tester		○
	For original workflows--text serials?		Time reported by tester		○
	For copy cataloging--text serials?		Time reported by tester		○
	<i>For original workflows--manuscript sheets?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--printed music?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--printed music?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--audio cartridge?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--audio cartridge?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--audio cassette?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--audio cassette?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--audio disc?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--audio disc?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--audio tape reel?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--audio tape reel?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--audio film reel?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--audio film reel?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--audio cartridge?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--audio cartridge?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--video cassette?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--video cassette?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--digital video disc?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--digital video disc?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--video tape reel?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--video tape reel?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--computer disc?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--computer disc?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--filmstrip?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--filmstrip?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--filmstrip?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For copy cataloging--filmstrip?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>
	<i>For original workflows--filmstrip cartridge?</i>		<i>Time reported by tester</i>		<i>○</i>

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	What is the cost of creating a record with RDA compared to current rules?										
	Original cataloging, RDA vs. AACR2?					Time and salaries reported by tester					O
	Copy cataloging, RDA vs. AACR2? (product is an AACR2 record)							Time and salaries reported by tester			O
	Copy cataloging, RDA vs. AACR2? (product is an RDA record)										
	Original cataloging, RDA vs. DACS/VRA/AMIM etc.?					Time and salaries reported by tester					O
	What are the cost implications for existing contracts where contractors must switch to RDA?										
	What are the costs of revising statements of work?					Questionnaire submitted by test partner					O
	What are the costs of converting existing catalog data to RDA?							Questionnaire submitted by test partner			O
	What are the benefits of converting existing catalog data to RDA?							Questionnaire submitted by test partner			S
	What is the impact of converting or not converting data maintained by cooperative program members?					Questionnaire submitted by test partner					S
	Are there resources that can be described using RDA that couldn't be described at all using earlier codes?										
						Questionnaire submitted by test partner					S