**RDA phase 3: Relationship designators**

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**Background**

Subfield $i of authority 4XX and 5XX fields and some bibliographic fields, and subfield $e of other bibliographic fields, contains a term that describes the relationship between two entities. RDA Appendices I-L list the terms recognized for use in various contexts. As is to be expected of a living document, some of the preferred RDA terms for various relationships have changed over time. The April 2014 updates to RDA included revisions to quite a few of the relator terms.

Most of the replacements are one-for-one replacements, so updating most relationship designators to the current vocabulary is a matter easily handled by a computer program. One category of replacement is not a one-for-one replacement, and cannot be handled by program.

**Candidate subfields**

*Authority records:*

Subfield $i in authority 4XX and 5XX fields

*Bibliographic records:*

Subfield $i in bibliographic 76X-78X fields

Subfield $e in bibliographic 1XX, 6XX, 7XX (other than 76X-78X) and 8XX fields

**Method**

If a candidate subfield contains a term in the "Old term" column of the following table (normalized comparison), replace the text of the subfield with the text in the "New term" column, adjusting the text as indicated.

*Authority bibliographic subfield $i:*

Uppercase the first word of the term. Add a colon to the end of the term.

*Bibliographic subfield $e:*

Add the term as given in the table. Transfer any terminal comma or full stop from the original subfield to the replacement subfield.

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| **Old term** | **New term** |
| dedicatee of item | dedicatee (item) |
| honouree of item | honouree (item) |
| derivative work | derivative (work) |
| in series work | in series |
| subseries of work | subseries of |
| contains work | container of (work) |
| series contains work | series container of |
| subseries work | subseries |
| continues in part work | continuation in part of (work) |
| continues work | continuation of (work) |
| supersedes in part work | replacement in part of (work) |
| supersedes work | replacement of (work) |
| superseded by work | replaced by (work) |
| superseded in part by work | replaced in part by (work) |
| contains expression | container of (expression) |
| absorbed in part expression | absorption in part of (expression) |
| absorbed expression | absorption of (expression) |
| continues in part expression | continuation in part of (expression) |
| continues expression | continuation of (expression) |
| supersedes in part expression | replacement in part of (expression) |
| supersedes expression | replacement of (expression) |
| superseded by expression | replaced by (expression) |
| superseded in part by expression | replaced in part by (expression) |
| facsimile contained in manifestation | facsimile contained in |
| contains manifestation | container of (manifestation) |
| contains facsimile of manifestation | facsimile container of |
| contains item | container of (item) |
| group member | member |
| group member of | corporate body |
| absorbed in part work | absorption in part of (work) |
| absorbed work | absorption of (work) |
| absorbed expression | absorption of (expression) |
| adapted as a motion picture work | adapted as motion picture (work) |
| adapted as a radio program work | adapted as radio program (work) |
| adapted as a radio script work | adapted as radio script (work) |
| adapted as a screenplay work | adapted as screenplay (work) |
| adapted as a motion picture screenplay work | adapted as motion picture screenplay (work) |
| adapted as a television screenplay work | adapted as television screenplay (work) |
| adapted as a video screenplay work | adapted as video screenplay (work) |
| adapted as a television program work | adapted as television program (work) |
| adapted as a video work | adapted as video (work) |
| screenplay for the motion picture work | screenplay for motion picture (work) |
| screenplay for the television program work | screenplay for television program (work) |
| screenplay for the video work | screenplay for video (work) |
| script for the radio program work | script for radio program (work) |
| adapted as a motion picture expression | adapted as motion picture (expression) |
| adapted as a radio program expression | adapted as radio program (expression) |
| adapted as a radio script expression | adapted as radio script (expression) |
| adapted as a screenplay expression | adapted as screenplay (expression) |
| adapted as a motion picture screenplay expression | adapted as motion picture screenplay (expression) |
| adapted as a television screenplay expression | adapted as television screenplay (expression) |
| adapted as a video screenplay expression | adapted as video screenplay (expression) |
| adapted as a television program expression | adapted as television program (expression) |
| adapted as a video expression | adapted as video (expression) |
| screenplay for the motion picture expression | screenplay for motion picture (expression) |
| screenplay for the television program expression | screenplay for television program (expression) |
| screenplay for the video expression | screenplay for video (expression) |
| script for the radio program expression | script for radio program (expression) |
| editor of compilation | editor |