

User Services and Applications Working Group
Minutes – October 6, 2010

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The main agenda item was to reconcile the RUcore “full record” display and the “showfed” display. The Full Record displays a single record as a result of a search through the RUcore portal. It is delivered by the search portal code and can include values from any element in the metadata, including descriptive, source, technical, and rights. The “Showfed” [“show Fedora”] is the display linked to the Persistent URL, wherever that might be found (Google, IRIS, etc.).

Showfed was first developed in order to have a more pleasing display than the Fedora default display. It is a neutral bibliographic record that is not tied to a portal, only to a resource record. It handles additional functions such as delivering metatags for Google or Google Scholar indexing.

The objective of the meeting is to review elements displayed, element order, and display labels, make the layout and terminology of both displays resemble each other, and address user demand to flesh out the ShowFed display.

Some specific changes were identified:

1. The link to “Complete Record” (from either display) should go to a page that is titled “Complete Record for rutgers-lib:XXXXX”. Currently the page title is “Full Record ...” This is confusing because the single record display for an RUcore search is called a “full” record.
2. Use ISBD’s (International Standard for Bibliographic Description) eight areas of description (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Standard_Bibliographic_Description) as a framework for displaying and ordering the elements.
3. Both displays should use the same element labels and present the elements in the same order.
4. Consider the guidelines in AACR2 to order elements in both displays (AACR2 1.7B, 2.7B).
5. Consider that displays in the repository, and of repository objects, should resemble their IRIS entries. However, we should strive to blaze a new trail and let IRIS catch up rather than perpetuate an undesirable IRIS display practice.
6. For names on both displays, use as a label the role term associated with the name. Test to see if this can be applied across-the-board. For example, ETD records include the names of the faculty committee members, with role terms (for example) of “Internal member” and “Outside member”.
7. Add Subjects and rights information to the showfed display.
8. Do not link to a “MARC” record from either display.
9. Do not repeat the display label if there is more than one value for a given element (e.g. multiple names or multiple subjects).
10. Do not split parts of the element values onto separate lines, even if they are entered in separate subelement parts (e.g. Name—LastName, Name—FirstName).
11. Continue to give the Permanent URL toward the lower part of the display.

Beside the short-term request to make the two displays conform to a single look, we would like to make the Showfed display configurable, much like the RUcore search portal display.

There are still some underlying metadata options that prevent an optimum display. Journal titles (as entered on the Faculty Deposit form) are currently mapped to Title—Uniform title. We would like the Metadata Working Group to find another place to map journal titles. According to MODS, journal title belongs in <relatedItem type="host"> but this is already taken by the collection name. We want to be able to uniquely identify journal titles in a record display.

We also would like the Metadata Working Group to identify the element or element-attribute pair for a series title.

Rhonda, with assistance from USAWG members, will compile a list of elements that should display in "Full Record" and "Showfed". In addition, she (we) will mock-up a sample record display based on that list. We will post these document on our Sakai site. Working Group members will evaluate and give feedback so that we can refine the list in the form of a Requirements document. If we cannot complete the evaluation via email, we will schedule another Working Group meeting to finalize our recommendations.

We briefly discussed the RUcore web display. We had asked that web pages in RUcore link back to the Libraries' home page. Chad mocked up some web pages with this feature, as well as other improvements to the web pages. The Working Group suggested that additional pages should be similarly "wrapped": the Showfed display, and the "Complete Record" display (which is linked to from both the RUcore search portal record and the Showfed record).

As a corollary to this discussion, the Working Group recommends that we remove the link from all single record displays to the "MARC" record.

As another corollary to this discussion, the Working Group discussed the value and user expectations of a documentation/specifications link on every page, as opposed to just the home page.