

### 7.10.1.3 Summarizing the content

*LC practice:* Bibliographic records issued by the Library of Congress may include summaries, reviews, and abstracts from various sources, both internal and external. They are included either in [MARC field 520 \(Summary, Etc.\)](#) or [856 \(Electronic Location and Access\)](#). Those written by LC staff are not attributed. Those from other sources are enclosed within quotation marks (except those retained in records used for copy cataloging) and are attributed.

#### Summaries Written by LC Staff: [MARC Field 520](#)

Input summaries written by LC staff in field [MARC field 520](#) with [Indicator 1 set to blank \(display constant “Summary”\)](#). Do not include statements of attribution.

*Background:* LC staff may write summaries for:

1. resources cataloged in LC overseas offices ([MARC field 042](#) = lcode) to indicate the subject content of materials in languages not readily known in the U.S.;
2. resources intended for young readers most likely to be included in organized collections such as those found in school or public libraries ([MARC field 042](#) = lcac);
3. electronic resources;
4. moving image resources.

#### Summaries Obtained From External Sources: [MARC Field 520](#)

Input summaries obtained from external sources in [MARC field 520](#) with [Indicator 1 set to blank \(display constant “Summary”\)](#), in quotation marks, and with attribution.

Examples of these include:

*those provided by publishers in the Cataloging in Publication (CIP) program; attribution:*

[520](#) ##      ... -- \$c Provided by publisher.

*those occurring in records supplied by vendors and used as the basis for LC original cataloging; attribution:*

[520](#) ##      ... -- \$c Provided by vendor.

*those taken directly from resources themselves; attribution:*

[520](#) ##      ... -- \$c Unedited summary from book.

#### Reviews Obtained From External Sources: [MARC Field 520](#)

LC staff do not write reviews for bibliographic records. However, when officially sanctioned by LC management, they can be obtained from external sources. Input such reviews in [MARC field 520](#) with [Indicator 1 set to 1 \(display constant “Review:”\)](#), in quotation marks, and with attribution. Some examples of attribution are:

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520 1#    ... -- $c Reviewed March 2004, "Best Free Reference
          Web Sites 2004." RUSA Quarterly, Fall 2004. Compiled
          by the MARS Best Free Websites Committee, RUSA, ALA.
520 1#    ... -- $c Handbook of Latin American Studies, v. 58.
          $u http://www.loc.gov/hlas/

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## Abstracts Obtained from External Sources: [MARC Field 520](#)

Input abstracts obtained from external sources (LC staff do not write abstracts for bibliographic records) in [MARC field 520](#) with [Indicator 1 set to 3 \(display constant "Abstract:"\)](#), in quotation marks, and with attribution. Some examples of attribution are:

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520 3#    ... -- $c World Bank Web site.

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## Summaries, etc., Provided in Copy Cataloging

Retain summaries, reviews, and abstracts already present in [MARC field 520](#) in records used for copy cataloging ([MARC field 042](#) = lccopycat, pcc, etc.). Retain any attribution already present. If none is present, add the attribution:

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520 ##    ... -- $c Source other than Library of Congress.

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## Using [MARC Field 856](#) for Links to Enhanced Content

Note: Providing [MARC field 856](#) links to publisher descriptions, reviews, summaries, etc., is generally done as part of projects sanctioned by LC management.

Provide links to publisher descriptions in [MARC field 856](#) and include [subfield \\$3 \(Materials specified\)](#) containing "Publisher description".

Provide links to externally obtained reviews in [MARC field 856](#) and include a [subfield \\$3 \(Materials specified\)](#) that characterizes the review and its source, for example:

```

856 42    $3 Book review (H-Net) ...
          (link to externally obtained review)

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Provide links to summaries in [MARC field 856](#) and include a [subfield \\$3 \(Materials specified\)](#) that characterizes the summary and its source, for example:

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856 41    $3 Unedited summary from book ...
          (link to summary scanned from book)

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