

# String Encoding Schemes: Series statement and subelements

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## Overview

A series statement is a statement that identifies a series and its numbering (if any) that is associated with a manifestation of a component part of the series. In a MARC environment, the series statement is given in the 490 field. For more detailed guidance on *when* to record a series statement see the metadata guidance document on [series statements](#). This string encoding scheme document describes *how* to record the series statement.

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# Implementation with Metadata Examples

## Series statement

Record this element in MARC bibliographic 490 field using the following string encoding scheme:

490 \_# \$a title of series : other title information of series / statement of responsibility relating to series, \$x ISSN ; \$v numbering within sequence

A series statement containing only core elements follows the string encoding scheme in this way:

490 \_# \$a title of series, \$x ISSN ; \$v numbering within sequence

subelements, if present, are listed in this order:

- a value of Manifestation: [title of series](#)
- a value of Manifestation: [other title information of series](#)
- a value of Manifestation: [statement of responsibility relating to series](#)
- a value of Manifestation: [ISSN](#)
- a value of Manifestation: [numbering within sequence](#)

## Punctuation

- There is no punctuation at the end of the series statement except for punctuation required by an abbreviation ending the statement.
- Each statement of other title information is preceded by a space – colon – space.
- Each parallel title or other parallel statement is preceded by a space – equals sign – space.
- The first statement of responsibility is preceded by a space – diagonal slash – space.
- Each subsequent statement of responsibility is preceded by a space – semicolon – space, unless the statements are considered to form a single phrase.
- The international standard number is preceded by a comma, space.
- Numbering within a series or multipart monographic resource is preceded by a space – semicolon – space.

## MARC coding indicators

The first indicator of the 490 field is coded 1 if the cataloger/agency wants to index (“trace”) the series. In this case a corresponding series statement will be recorded in an 8XX field containing a controlled form of the series statement (the authorized access point for the series and numbering following a pattern established in the series authority record).

The first indicator is coded 0 if the cataloger/agency does not want to index (“trace”) the series. LC catalogers will code first indicator 0 unless accepting records copy cataloged by another agency.

## Title of series

Example 1: Entire series statement found in the resource being described, and the series is untraced.

MARC	<b>490 0# \$a Papyrologica Florentina ; \$v volume XLIV</b>
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <code>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;<b>Papyrologica Florentina ; volume XLIV</b></code> <code>&lt;/bf:seriesStatement&gt;</code>

Example 2: Entire series statement supplied from outside the resource being described, and the series is untraced.

MARC	Bracket the portion of the series statement taken from outside the resource <b>490 0# \$a [American mountain series]</b>
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <code>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;<b>[American mountain series]</b></code> <code>&lt;/bf:seriesStatement&gt;</code>

Example 3: Part of series statement is supplied from outside the resource being described, and the series is untraced.

MARC	Bracket the portion of the series statement taken from outside the resource. If needed, explain in a note the source of the series numbering or any numbering irregularities. <b>490 0# \$a Methods in molecular biology, \$x 1940-1626 ; \$v [volume 919]</b>  <b>500 ## \$a Series numbering supplied by cataloger based on other volumes in the series.</b>
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BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <bf:seriesStatement> <b>Methods in molecular biology, 1940-1626 ; [volume 919]</b> </bf:seriesStatement>
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#### Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.2 (Title Proper of Series)	LC-PCC PS for 2.12.2.3		ISBD 6.1

### Other title information of series

The other title information of series element follows the title of series element in MARC bibliographic 490, subfield \$a. The two elements are separated by space – colon – space. The other title information of the series element is recorded only in MARC bibliographic 490 fields. It will never appear in indexing (8XX) fields. For more information, see the Metadata Guidance documentation: [MG: Series: Other title information of series](#).

490 \_# \$a title of series : other title information of series

Example: The series statement includes an other title statement	
MARC	490 _# \$a <b>Research reports : ornithology / Centre for Biodiversity ; \$v no. 13</b>
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <bf:seriesStatement> <b>Research reports : ornithology / Centre for Biodiversity ; no. 13</b> </bf:seriesStatement>

#### Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.4 (Other Title Information of Series)	LC-PCC PS for 2.12.4		ISBD 6.3

## Statement of responsibility relating to series

The statement of responsibility relating to series element follows the title of series element in MARC bibliographic 490, subfield \$a. The two elements are separated by space – slash – space. The statement of responsibility relating to the series element is recorded only in MARC bibliographic 490 fields. It will never appear in indexing (8XX) fields. For more information, see the Metadata Guidance documentation: [MG: Series: Statement of responsibility relating to series](#).

490 \_# \$a title of series / statement of responsibility relating to series

Example: The series statement includes a statement of responsibility	
MARC	<b>490 _# \$a Anthropological papers / Center for Desert Archaeology</b>
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <bf:seriesStatement> <b>Anthropological papers / Center for Desert Archaeology</b> </bf:seriesStatement>

### Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.6 (Statement of Responsibility Relating to Series)	LC-PCC PS for 2.12.6		ISBD 6.4

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## ISSN

The ISSN element is recorded in MARC bibliographic 490, subfield \$x. It follows the last element before the numbering within sequence element and is preceded by a comma. If the series is traced, ISSN is also recorded in MARC bibliographic 8XX, subfield \$x. It follows the entire statement, including terminal punctuation. Do not add punctuation after the ISSN. For more information see the Metadata Guidance documentation: [MG: Series: ISSN](#).

490 \_# \$a title of series, \$x ISSN

Example: The series statement includes an ISSN, and the series is traced.

MARC	490 1# \$a Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of the World, \$x 2352-6831  830 #0 \$a Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of the World, \$x 2352-6831
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <bf:seriesStatement> <b>Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of the World, 2352-6831</b> </bf:seriesStatement>

## Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.8 (ISSN of Series)	LC-PCC PS for 2.12.8		NLA PS for 2.12.8  MLA BP for 2.12.8  Linjaukset kohtaan 2.12.8  LAC PS for 2.12.8  KB SP för 2.12.8  ISBD 6.5

## Numbering within sequence

The numbering within sequence element is recorded in MARC bibliographic 490, subfield \$v. It is the last element of the series statement, and is preceded by a semicolon. No punctuation follows this element. For more information see the Metadata Guidance documentation: [MG: Series: Numbering within sequence](#).

490 \_# \$a title of series ; \$v numbering within sequence

Example: The series statement includes a statement of responsibility	
MARC	490 _# \$a ICRAF trees for change ; \$v no. 12
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <bf:seriesStatement>ICRAF trees for change ; no. 12 </bf:seriesStatement>

## Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.9 (Numbering within Series)	LC-PCC PS for 2.12.9		MLA BP for 2.12.9  D-A-CH AWR für 2.12.9  Linjaukset kohtaan 2.12.9  LAC PS for 2.12.9  ISBD 6.6

## Parallel elements of series statement

If more than one subelement of the series statement has parallel elements, the elements in one language are grouped, followed by space – equals sign – space and then the elements in another language. Each grouping is in a separate subfield \$a. For more information see the Metadata Guidance documentation: [Series/subseries: Manifestation: parallel title of series](#).

490 \_# \$a title of series / statement of responsibility relating to series ; \$v numbering within sequence = \$a parallel title of series / parallel statement of responsibility relating to series ; \$v parallel numbering within sequence

Example: The series statement includes more than one parallel subelement	
MARC	490 _# \$a West Slavic contributions, \$x 0176-4039 ; \$v vol. 6 = \$a Westslawische Beiträge, \$x 0176-4039 ; \$v Bd. 6
BIBFRAME	<p>The parallel titles are separated into individual statements.</p> <p>BIBFRAME Entity: Instance:</p> <pre>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;West Slavic contributions 0176-4039 ; vol. 6 = Westslawische Beiträge, 0176-4039 ; Bd. 6 &lt;/bf:seriesStatement&gt;</pre>

## Parallel title of series

The parallel title of series element is recorded in MARC bibliographic 490 following the title of series element. More than one parallel title of series element can be recorded. Each parallel title of series element is recorded in its own subfield \$a. The parallel subelements are separated from the title of series and other parallel title of series elements by space – equals sign – space.

### One parallel title

If the series statement has only one parallel title element, the two titles are grouped together, and the other elements are recorded in the standard order for subelements:

490 \_# \$a title of series = \$a parallel title of series / statement of responsibility relating to series ; \$v numbering within sequence

Example 1: The series statement has one parallel title of series.	
MARC	490 _# \$a Socialist studies = \$a Etudes socialistes ; \$v v.8
BIBFRAME	<p>BIBFRAME Entity: Instance:</p> <pre>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;Socialist studies = Etudes socialistes ; v.8 &lt;/bf:seriesStatement&gt;</pre>

### Multiple parallel titles

490 \_# \$a title of series = \$a parallel title of series = \$a parallel title of series = \$a parallel title of series



Example: The series statement has multiple parallel title of series elements.	
MARC	<b>490 0# \$a Welten Ostasiens = \$a Worlds of East Asia = Monde de l'Extrême-Orient ; \$v Band 25</b>
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <code>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;Welten Ostasiens = Worlds of East Asia = Monde de l'Extrême-Orient ; Band 25</code> <code>&lt;/bf:seriesStatement&gt;</code>

### Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.3 (Parallel Title Proper of Series)			LAC PS for 2.12.3  ISBD 6.2  MLA BP for 2.12.3

## Parallel other title information of series

Each parallel title of series element is recorded in its own subfield \$a. The parallel subelements are separated from the title of series and other parallel title of series elements by space – equals sign – space. The parallel other title is recorded in MARC bibliographic 490 following the parallel title of series element it corresponds to and is separated from it by space – colon – space.

**490 \_# \$a title of series : other title information of series = \$a parallel title of series : parallel other title information of series**

Example: The series statement includes parallel subelements for title of series and other title information of series.	
MARC	<b>490 _# \$a Moderne Südasienstudien : Gesellschaft, Politik, Wirtschaft = \$a Modern South Asian studies : society, politics, economy</b>

BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <pre>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;Moderne Südasiestudien : Gesellschaft, Politik, Wirtschaft = Modern South Asian studies : society, politics, economy &lt;/bf:seriesStatement&gt;</pre>
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## Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.5 (Parallel Other Title Information of Series)			

## Parallel statement of responsibility relating to series

The parallel statement of responsibility relating to series element is recorded in MARC bibliographic 490 following the parallel title of series element it corresponds to and is separated from it by space – slash – space. The parallel elements are separated from the elements they parallel by space – equals sign – space.

490 \_# \$a title of series / statement of responsibility relating to series = \$a parallel title of series / parallel statement of responsibility relating to series

Example: The series statement includes parallel subelements, including a parallel statement of responsibility relating to series.	
MARC	<pre>490 _# \$a Technical series / Project to Improve Provincial Economic Statistics ; \$v number 31 = \$a Série technique / Projet d'amélioration des statistiques économiques provinciales ; \$v numéro 31</pre>
BIBFRAME	BIBFRAME Entity: Instance: <pre>&lt;bf:seriesStatement&gt;Technical series / Project to Improve Provincial Economic Statistics ; number 31 = Série technique / Projet d'amélioration des statistiques économiques provinciales ; numéro 31</pre>

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Mapping

Original RDA	Original RDA LC-PCC PS	DCM Z1	Other
2.12.7 (Parallel Statement of Responsibility Relating to Series)			MLA BP for 2.12.7

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