**<source>**

A bibliographic description of a source used in the creation of the electronic file.

[3.1.1.7 Source Description](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/content/metadata.html#headerSourceDescription),[3.1.8 Minimal and Recommended Header Information](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/content/metadata.html#headerMinimalRecommendedHeader),[3.2.1 FRBR Entities in MEI](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/content/metadata.html#FRBRentities),[3.3 Manuscript Descriptions](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/content/metadata.html#"msdesc")

Module

MEI.header

Attributes

* [compact](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#attributes)
* [full definition](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#attributes)
* [by class](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#attributes)
* [by module](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#attributes)

Attribute: analog, auth, auth.uri, class, codedval, comptype, copyof, corresp, data, evaluate, follows, label, n, next, precedes, prev, recordtype, resp, sameas, synch, target, targettype, type, xlink:actuate, xlink:role, xlink:show, xml:base, xml:id

Member of

(source isn't member of any model class)

Contained by

* [compact](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#containedBy)
* [by class](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#containedBy)
* [by module](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#containedBy)

elements having source as direct children

[sourceDesc](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/sourcedesc.html)(source description) – A container for the descriptions of the source(s) used in the creation of the electronic file.

May Contain

* [compact](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#mayContain)
* [by class](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#mayContain)
* [by module](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#mayContain)

direct children

[locus](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/locus.html)Defines a location within a manuscript or manuscript component, usually as a (possibly discontinuous) sequence of folio references.

[locusGrp](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/locusgrp.html)(locus group) – Groups locations which together form a distinct but discontinuous item within a manuscript or manuscript part, according to a specific foliation.

[model.biblLike](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/model-classes/model.bibllike.html)(MEI.shared) Groups elements containing a bibliographic description.

[bibl](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/bibl.html)(bibliographic reference) – Provides a loosely-structured bibliographic citation in which the sub-components may or may not be explicitly marked.

[biblStruct](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/biblstruct.html)(structured bibliographic citation) – Contains a bibliographic citation in which bibliographic sub-elements must appear in a specified order.

[model.headLike](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/model-classes/model.headlike.html)(MEI.shared) Groups elements used to provide a heading at the start of a text division or other markup component.

[head](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/head.html)(heading) – Contains any heading, for example, the title of a section of text, or the heading of a list.

Remarks

This element contains, or references via its target attribute, a description of a source used in the creation of the electronic file. For description of a physical embodiment of an expression of a work use the [manifestation](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/manifestation.html) element.The data attribute may be used to reference one or more musical features found in the content of this particular source.This element is modelled on elements in the Text Encoding Initiative (TEI) and Encoded Archival Description (EAD) standards.

Constraints

* [text](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#constraints)
* [schematron](https://music-encoding.org/guidelines/v4/elements/source.html#constraints)

@target attribute should have content.

Each value in @target should correspond to the @xml:id attribute of a source or manifestation element or be an external URI.