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Data Services

Sample Data

Free Data

The following sample files are currently available to download:

Linked Open BNB
The two files below provide RDF/XML samples of the Linked Open British National Bibliography data. The first sample includes books, including monographs published over time. The second sample includes serials. Data is described using properties from the following vocabularies:
Bibliographic Ontology
Bio: A Vocabulary for Biographical Information
British Library Terms
Dublin Core
Event Ontology
FOAF: Friend of a Friend
ISBD
Org: An Organization Ontology
OWL
SKOS
RDF Schema
WGS84 Geo Positioning
and the preliminary version of RDA

Downloads for sample and full files, serialized as N-Triples or RDF/XML are available.

Feel free to let us know how you use the data.

BNB in Basic RDF/XML

This file provides a sample of basic RDF/XML data from the

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British National Bibliography including pre-publication information as well as data about published books and serials. Data is described using properties from the following vocabularies:

Dublin Core
ISBD
SKOS
OWLT, Time Ontology in OWL
RDF Schema
Bibliographic Ontology
and the preliminary version of **RDA**

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Changes from the previous version are documented in this table (PDF format 68KB).

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BNB in JSON

The British Library is currently examining options for making the British National Bibliography available in JSON. Below are two sample files.

Sample 1 [1.40 MB ZIP Format] preserves the namespace prefixes; Sample 2 [1.09 MB ZIP Format] does not.

Please let us know what you think by emailing metadata@bl.uk

BNB "subject themed" datasets in CSV

The British Library is currently examining options for making "subject themed" datasets available in comma-separated value (csv) format.

The zipped file below provides a sample of .csv tables on the theme of Comics. These tables provide different views of the theme, split by different entities including subject topics, people and places. Please read the readme file provided in the zipped file for further information.

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This first output is experimental; we look forward to your comments. Please contact us at metadata@bl.uk

[comics_201405_csv.zip] [3,853 KB ZIP Format]

Journal articles in Basic RDF/XML

The British Library is currently examining options for making subject specific journal article metadata available for projects. The files below provide samples of basic RDF/XML of journal article metadata covering Palaeontology and Crystallography for feedback. Data is described using properties from the following vocabularies:

Dublin Core
SKOS
RDF Schema
Bibliographic Ontology
and the preliminary version of **RDA**

Those datasets are also available from the Data Hub and via FTP. Please forward your comments to metadata@bl.uk

[palaeontology_articles] [4.13 MB ZIP Format]
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[crystallography_articles] [10.8 MB ZIP Format]
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