

Dublin Core Property Summary

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“Simple” Dublin Core

The Simple Dublin Core Metadata Element Set (DCMES) consists of 15 metadata elements.

DC Name	Semantics
contributor	An entity responsible for making contributions to the content of the resource
coverage	The extent or scope of the content of the resource
creator	An entity primarily responsible for making the content of the resource
cormat	The physical or digital manifestation of the resource
date	A date of an event in the lifecycle of the resource
description	An account of the content of the resource
identifier	An unambiguous reference to the resource within a given context
language	A language of the intellectual content of the resource
publisher	An entity responsible for making the resource available
relation	A reference to a related resource
rights	Information about rights held in and over the resource
source	A Reference to a resource from which the present resource is derived
subject	A topic of the content of the resource
title	A name given to the resource
type	The nature or genre of the content of the resource

Each Dublin Core element is optional and may be repeated.

The following is an example of an RDF DC entry for Dave Beckett.

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE rdf:RDF PUBLIC "-//DUBLIN CORE//DCMES DTD 2002/07/31//EN"
    "http://dublincore.org/documents/2002/07/31/dcmes-xml/dcmes-xml-dtd.dtd">
<rdf:RDF xmlns:rdf="http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#"
    xmlns:dc="http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/">
  <rdf:Description rdf:about="http://www.ilrt.bristol.ac.uk/people/cmdjb">
    <dc:title>Dave Beckett's Home Page</dc:title>
    <dc:creator>Dave Beckett</dc:creator>
    <dc:publisher>ILRT, University of Bristol</dc:publisher>
    <dc:date>2002-07-31</dc:date>
  </rdf:Description>
</rdf:RDF>
```

Non-Literal Property Values

If the value of the Dublin Core element is a resource which has a URI rather than plain text, it should be recorded in the value of the *rdf:resource* attribute on the tag with empty tag content. For example, if the value of the source was a URI, it would be recorded like this:

```
<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://example.org#element">
  <dc:source rdf:resource="http://example.org/category#object"/>
</rdf:Description>
```

Objects with No URI (Blank Node)

It may be that there is no identifier for the resource, in which case neither of the above methods should be used and both the *rdf:about* attribute and Identifier element left out. This is used something like this:

```
<rdf:Description>
  <dc:title>The Mona Lisa</dc:title>
  <dc:description>A painting by ...</dc:description>
</rdf:Description>
```