

EXAMPLES OF NOTES FOR ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

This is a list of some commonly used notes in bibliographic records for electronic resources. For further information see AACR2R, chapter 9, section 9.7. For coding information on specific notes, including indicators and subfields, see OCLC's *Bibliographic Formats and Standards* or *MARC21*.

516 – Type of computer file or data

Note that characterizes the computer file, or the form or genre of textual material. The first indicator will usually be blank, which generates the print constant *Type of file:*. First indicator 8 may be used to keep a print constant from being generated.

516; ;a Computer program.

516; ;a Text (directory).

538 – System requirements

Make a note on the system requirements of the file if the information is readily available.

Begin the note with *System requirements:*, then give the information in the order below. Precede each characteristic, other than the first, with a semicolon. Requirements for different makes and models of computers (i.e., Windows or Macintosh) may be given in separate notes.

1) make and model of the computer on which the file is designed to run

2) amount of memory required

3) name of the operating system

4) software requirements (including the programming language)

5) kind and characteristics of any required or recommended peripherals

6) type of any required or recommended hardware modifications

538; ;a System requirements: IBM PC; 64 K; some programs require game paddles; 2 disc drives.

538; ;a System requirements: Apple II or higher; 48 K; DOS 3.3; Applesoft BASIC; CD-ROM player and drive.

546 – Language

Make notes on language. Programming language is recorded in system requirements.

546; ;a In French.

500 – Source of title proper

Always give the source of the title proper.

500; ;a Title from disc label.

500; ;a Title from title screen (viewed on July 18, 1997).

500 – Variations in title

Make notes for titles not recorded in a 246.

500; ;a Title on user's manual: Compu-math decimals.

500 – Statements of responsibility not listed in 245

Make notes on persons or bodies connected with a work, and not already listed in the description.

500; ;a User's guide by John Zussman.

536 - Funding information

Make a note about contract, grant, or project information when applicable.

500; ;a Funded by a grant from the Arbor Foundation.

500 – Edition and history

Give the source of the edition statement if it differs from the source of the title proper. Also, make notes relating to the edition being described or to the history of the item. Cite other works on which the resource is based. Give the following if they are considered to be important: date(s) covered by the contents of the resource, date(s) when data were collected, and/or date(s) of accompanying material not described separately if they differ from the resource being cataloged.

500; ; a Edition statement from label.

500; ;a Updated version of the 1982 program.

500 – Type and extent of resource

Give important file characteristics not included in the file characteristics area.

500; ;a Hierarchical file structure.

500; ;a ASCII character set.

500 - Publication, distribution, etc.

Give information not included in the 260 and considered important.

500; ;a User's manual published: New York, N.Y. : Bantam Books.

500 – Physical description

Make notes on important physical details not included in the 300.

500; ;a Not copy-protected.

500; ;a Displays in red, yellow, and blue.

500 – Accompanying material

Make notes on location of accompanying material if appropriate. Give details of accompanying material if not described elsewhere in the record.

500; ;a Systems manual laid in container.

521 – Audience

Make a brief note about the intended audience or intellectual content of an item. Use the appropriate first indicator.

521; ;a For ages 9-12.

520 – Summary

Give a brief objective summary of the purpose and content of the resource.

520; ;a Video game for 1-2 players. Players use laser cannons to destroy flying demons.

505 – Contents

List the parts of a file.

505; 0 ;a pt. 1. A-E – pt. 2. F-T – pt. 3. U-Z – pt. 4. Index.

500 – Numbers

Give important numbers borne by the item and not transcribed in any other fields.

500; ;a “APX-10050”—Container.

501 – “With” notes

If the title and statement of responsibility area contains a title that applies to only a part of an item lacking a collective title and, therefore, more than one entry is made, make a note beginning, *With:* and list the other separately titled works in the order in which they appear there.

501; ;a With: U.S. Constitution tutor.