

## 215 AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHICAL NAME

### Field Definition and Scope

Preferred form of a territorial or geographic name.

It is formulated in accordance with the cataloguing rules or subject system in use by the agency which created it.

Territorial names alone or only with subject subdivisions as additions are considered territorial names (field 215); territorial names followed by a corporate body subdivision are considered corporate body names (field 210).

Field is repeatable for alternative script forms.

### Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
215	AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHICAL NAME	R	O
a	Entry Element	NR	MA
j	Form Subdivision	R	O
x	Topical Subdivision	R	O
y	Geographical Subdivision	R	O
z	Chronological Subdivision	R	O
7	Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point	NR	O
8	Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point	NR	O

### Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

### Subfields Description

#### \$a Entry Element

Portion of the name used as the entry element in the access point; that part of the name by which the name is entered in ordered lists.

This subfield must be present when the field is present. Not repeatable.

#### \$j Form Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material (EX [5](#)).

Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead (EX [2](#)). Repeatable.

#### \$x Topical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the topic the subject access point represents. Repeatable. (EX [1](#), [3](#))

**\$y Geographical Subdivision**

Term added to a subject access point to specify a place in relation to the territory or geographical name that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable. (EX [6](#))

**\$z Chronological Subdivision**

Term added to a subject access point to specify the period in time in relation to a territory or geographical name that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable. (EX [3](#))

**\$7 Script of Cataloguing and Script of the Base Access Point**

See specification of [Control Subfield 7](#). Not repeatable.

**\$8 Language of Cataloguing and Language of the Base Access Point**

See specification of [Control Subfield 8](#). Not repeatable.

**Related Fields**

415 VARIANT ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHIC NAME
515 RELATED ACCESS POINT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHIC NAME
715 AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT IN OTHER LANGUAGE AND/OR SCRIPT – TERRITORIAL OR GEOGRAPHIC NAME

**Examples**

EX 1
215 ##\$aUnited States\$xHistory
EX 2
215 ##\$aOntario\$xGuidebooks
EX 3
215 ##\$aOntario\$xHistory\$z1801-1900
EX 4
215 ##\$aRocky Mountains
EX 5
215 ##\$aParis (Texas)\$jGuidebooks
EX 6
215 ##\$aUnited States\$xBoundaries\$yCanada
EX 7
215 ##\$aПа-де-Кале, пролив
EX 8
215 ##\$aМарс, планета\$xГеология
EX 9

215 ##\$aЕгипет Древний\$hИстория
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**History**

1994	Text errata.
2009	New paragraphs: Notes on Field Contents, Subfields forming the base access point.