

450 VARIANT ACCESS POINT – TOPICAL SUBJECT

Field Definition and Scope

Variant or non-preferred form of the topical subject or subject category in field 250.

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

In some cases, this field may refer to another 2-- field following the subject system in use by the agency.

A topical subject or subject category may be coded and/or textual form.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
450	VARIANT ACCESS POINT – TOPICAL SUBJECT	R	O
a	Topical Subject or Subject Category	NR	MA
n	Subject Category Code	R	O
m	Subject Category Subdivision Code	R	O
j	Form Subdivision	R	O
x	Topical Subdivision or Subject Category Subdivision Text	R	O
y	Geographical Subdivision	R	O
z	Chronological Subdivision	R	O
0	Instruction Phrase	NR	O
2	Source	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O
5	Relationship Control	NR	O
6	Interfield Linking Data	NR	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 Topical Subject or Subject Category

Term in the form prescribed by the system of subject access points or subject categories used.

Not repeatable.

\$n Subject Category Code

Coded representation of a subject category.

Repeatable.

\$m Subject Category Subdivision Code

Coded representation of a subject category subdivision.

Repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) or material. Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable.

\$x Topical Subdivision or Subject Category Subdivision Text

Term added to a subject access point to further specify the topic the subject access point represents, or a term added to the subject category to specify a particular aspect of the subject category in the \$a subfield.

Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify a place in relation to a topic that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify the period in time in relation to a topic that the subject access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$0 Instruction Phrase

See specification of [Control Subfield 0](#). Not repeatable.

\$2 Source

See specification of [Control Subfield 2](#). Not repeatable.

Use for identification code of a subject system that differ from the system in subfield 152b, and in which the variant access point appears.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

See specification of [Control Subfield 3](#). Not repeatable.

Use for the control number identifier of the related reference record that is used for display in preference to generating a display from the 450. Subfield \$3 may be used when the field also contains subfields \$2 and \$5 in which character position 1 contains value “0”.

\$5 Relationship Control

See specification of [Control Subfield 5](#). Not repeatable.

\$6 Interfield Linking Data

See specification of [Control Subfield 6](#). Repeatable.

\$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

250 AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT – TOPICAL SUBJECT

Examples

EX 1
250 ##\$aFederal aid to education
450 ##\$aEducation\$xFederal aid
EX 2
152 ##\$bnlr_sh
250 ##\$aМультикультурное образование
450 ##\$aОбразование мультикультурное
450 ##\$aПоликультурное образование
450 ##\$aИнтеркультурное образование
EX 3
250 ##\$aВойна в зоне Персидского залива\$z1990 – 1991
450 ##\$aИрако-Кувейтский конфликт\$z1990 – 1991
EX 4
250 ##\$aЧелдоны
300 1#\$aСоциальная группа старожильческого населения Сибири
450 ##\$aЧалдоны
EX 5
250 ##\$aЗаповеди библейские
430 ##\$aДекалог
450 ##\$aБиблейские заповеди
EX 6
210 \$aRussie\$cTerritoire sous le contrôle des armées blanches\$c1918-1920
330 ##\$aSous cette vedette on trouve les documents sur les gouvernements russes blancs constitués à Omsk puis à Irkoutsk en 1918-1920, dirigés par A.V. Koltchak, puis A.I. Denikine (04-01-1920), enfin par P.N. Wrangel (04-04-1920)
410 \$aRussie\$cGouvernements russes blancs\$c1918-1920
450 ##\$aBlancs, Russes
450 ##\$7ba0yba0y\$8frefre\$aRusses blancs
515 ##\$5g\$311939739\$aURSS\$z1917-1921 (Révolution)
Example of referring to another 2-- field following the subject system in use by the agency.

History

2009	New indicators and subfields/values:\$m Subject category subdivision code.
2009	New indicators and subfields/values:\$n Subject category code.
2009	Changes in name and function:\$x Topical subdivision or subject category subdivision text.
2009	Changes in name and function:\$a Topical subject or subject category.
2009	Updated definition/scope.
2017	Text errata: Examples misprints.
2018	Text errata: Field definition.
2024	Text edit.