

480 VARIANT ACCESS POINT – FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Field Definition and Scope

Variant or non-preferred form of the form, genre, or physical characteristics in field 280.

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.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
480	VARIANT ACCESS POINT – FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	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
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		Specifies the Type of Entity
	#	Not defined
	0	Work
	2	Manifestation
	3	Item

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

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

Not repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

Term added to the subject access point to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material.

Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable.

\$x Topical Subdivision

Term added to the form access point to specify the aspect that the access point represents.

Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

Term added to a subject access point to specify a place in relation to a form, genre or physical characteristic 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 form, genre or physical characteristic 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 480. 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

280 AUTHORIZED ACCESS POINT – FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Examples

EX 1
152 ##\$brbpap

280 ##\$aMarbled papers
480 ##\$aMarble papers
The term “Marbled papers” is used in preference to “Marble papers” by the ACRL Paper Terms: a Thesaurus for Use in Rare Book and Special Collections Cataloging.
EX 2
152 ##\$bgsafd
280 ##\$aErotic stories
480 ##\$aAdult fiction
The Guidelines on subject access to individual works of fiction, drama, etc., prefer Erotic Stories to Adult Fiction.

History

2001	New field.
2009	New indicators and subfields/values: Indicator 3.
2024	Text edit.