

801 ORIGINATING SOURCE

Field Definition and Scope

Identification of the agency responsible for the creation of the record and the date of the entry.

Mandatory in the case of exchange of **authority** data.

The date for new records is the date of the creation of the entry. For revised records, the date recorded is the date of the latest revision.

Repeatable for each agency function reported (transcribing, modifying or issuing). In many cases the same agency will have carried out some or all functions; however the field should be repeated only when there are changes to transaction dates, cataloguing rules or formats; where there are no changes only the earliest occurrence of the field should be included.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
801	ORIGINATING SOURCE	R	M
a	Country	NR	O
b	Agency	NR	O
c	Date of Latest Transaction	NR	O
2	Source	NR	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2		Specifies the Function Performed by the Agency
	0	Original cataloguing agency
	1	Transcribing agency
	2	Modifying agency
	3	Issuing agency

Subfields Description

\$a Country

The country of the issuing agency in 2-character form. The country is coded according to ISO 3166. The full list of codes will be found in the UNIMARC/Bibliographic format, Appendix A. Not repeatable.

\$b Agency

It is recommended that the agency be identified according to the international standard ISO 15511:2003 International Standard Identifier for Libraries and Related Organizations (ISIL).

In this case, the whole ISIL, including its first sequence (country code or other prefix), is entered in the \$b subfield. Alternatively, it is possible to use the code from the MARC Code List for Organisations. Otherwise, the full name of the agency or a national code may be used. The displaying of data in clear form (full name, well-known acronym) is recommended in OPACs and union catalogues. A matching between the code and the name to be displayed should be established in an appropriate reference list or tool. Not repeatable.

\$c Date of Latest Transaction

The date of latest transaction should be recorded according to ISO 8601, i.e., in the form YYYYMMDD. Not repeatable.

\$2 Source

The name of the format used for the machine-readable record. See UNIMARC/Bibliographic format, Appendix A for codes. Not repeatable.

See also specification of [Control Subfield 2](#).

Related Fields

RECORD LABEL, Encoding Level, (character position 17)	
005 VERSION IDENTIFIER	
100 GENERAL PROCESSING DATA, Date Entered on File (character positions 0-7)	The date in field 100 may be the same as the transcription date but should be repeated in field 801.

Examples

EX 1
801 #0\$aUS\$bDLC\$c19800516
EX 2
801 #3\$aGB\$bbl\$c19831121
EX 3
801 #0\$aFR\$bBnF\$c20061012
An authority record for a printer/publisher created and issued by the Bibliothèque nationale de France.
EX 4
801 #0\$aFR\$bFR-693836101\$c20070215
An authority record created by the Bibliothèque municipale de Lyon. The whole ISIL identifier with its two components is entered in \$b. The library identifier 693836101 in \$b refers to the RCR code (RCR: Répertoire des Centres de Ressource), the national standard used in France http://ccfr.bnf.fr/rnbcd_visu/framevisu.jsp?accueil=1
EX 5
801 #0\$aRU\$bNLR\$c19961109

History

1994	Text errata.
2009	Updated definition/scope: \$b Agency.
2009	New indicators and subfields/values: \$2 System code.
2024	Text errata.