

617 HIERARCHICAL GEOGRAPHICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT

Field Definition and Scope

This field contains a structured access point for places relating to the subject of the resource.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
617	HIERARCHICAL GEOGRAPHICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT	R	O
a	Country (Nation State)		O
b	State or Province, etc.	NR	O
c	Intermediate Political Jurisdiction	R	O
d	City, etc.	NR	O
e	Venue	R	O
f	Date	R	O
g	Season	NR	O
h	Occasion	NR	O
i	Final Date	NR	O
k	Subsection of City, etc.	R	O
m	Other Geographical Regions or Features	R	O
n	Extraterrestrial Areas	R	O
o	Geographical Areas such as World, Hemisphere, Continent: Larger Area than Country	R	O
2	Source	NR	MA
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	NR	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

\$a Country (Nation State)

Country. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

\$b State or Province, etc.

First-order political jurisdiction below a country. Not repeatable

\$c Intermediate Political Jurisdiction

Second-order or lower political jurisdiction, but not including cities, etc. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

\$d City, etc.

The name of a city, town, commune, village or other distinct populated area not defined as a subsection of a larger one (see \$k). Not repeatable.

\$e Venue

Named buildings, urban spaces, vehicles, etc. Repeatable.

\$f Date

Repeatable if more performance dates have to be recorded. The date must be standardized according to ISO 8601, and may include time and period formats.

\$g Season

Not repeatable

\$h Occasion

Not repeatable

\$i Final Date

Not repeatable

\$k Subsection of City, etc.

Smaller unit within a populated place, e.g. boroughs, neighbourhoods, streets.

Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

\$m Other Geographical Regions or Features

Terrestrial non-jurisdictional geographic entities, e.g. oceans, islands, mountains, etc. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

\$n Extraterrestrial Areas

Any extraterrestrial entity or space, and the geographic features of such entities. Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest.

\$o Geographical Areas such as World, Hemisphere, Continent: Larger Area than Country

Repeatable when multiple levels are given, in order from highest to lowest. This subfield will normally appear first in any field where it is used.

\$2 Source

The source of the terms used for subfields \$a – \$d and \$k – \$n when taken from a published gazetteer or thesaurus, etc. The codes in *MARC Code Lists for Relators, Sources, Description Conventions* are recommended. If no code is available, an abbreviation of the full title of the source may be used. Mandatory if applicable. Not repeatable.

\$3 Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number

The identifier for the authority record for the access point. This subfield is for use with UNIMARC/Authorities format. Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

The content of this field may be in hierarchical form, e.g., Country, Province, County, City; or it may be in non-hierarchical form, e.g., City alone, depending both on institutional practice and the fulness of the provenance information available.

Subfields \$a, \$c, \$k, \$m, \$n and \$o are repeatable when the terms are taken from a thesaurus or gazetteer which uses multiple levels, for example \$oAmericas\$oNorth America\$aCanada. When used, \$e will normally be the last-cited alphabetic subfield.

For subfield \$2 Source, if no approved code for the thesaurus, etc., exists, abbreviate its name using ISO 4.

Related Fields

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Examples

EX 1
617 ##\$aEurope
617 ##\$aEurope\$aWestern Europe
EX 2
617 ##\$aGreat Britain
EX 3
617 ##\$aUnited Kingdom\$bEngland\$cDevon\$dExmouth
EX 4
617 ##\$dRome (Ancient)
EX 5
617 ##\$aUnited States
617 ##\$aCanada
EX 6
617 ##\$aEurope
EX 7
617 ##\$dBaghdad
EX 8
617 ##\$aAsia\$mHimalaya\$mCentral Nepal Himalaya\$mKhumbu Range\$mMakalu\$2pemracs
From: Peakbagger.com Mountain Range Classification System
EX 9
617 ##\$bNorth Carolina\$cSwain\$mGreat Smoky Mountains National Park\$2gnis
From: U.S. Geological Survey Geographic Names Information System.

History

2008	New field.
2024	Text edit.