

632 FUNCTION

Field Definition and Scope

The field contains term or phrase used to specify the function, activity, organizational processes of persons, families, and/or corporate bodies that generated the materials described in the record.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
632	FUNCTION	R	O
a	Function	NR	O
j	Form Subdivision	R	O
x	Topical Subdivision	R	O
y	Geographical Subdivision	R	O
z	Chronological Subdivision	R	O
2	Source	NR	O
3	Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number	R	O
8	Materials Specified	NR	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

\$a Function

Term specifying the function, activity, organizational processes that generated the materials described in the record. Not repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

A 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

A term added to a **subject access point** to further specify the function the **subject access point** represents. Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

A term added to a **subject access point** to specify a place in relation to function which the **subject access point** represents. Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

A term added to a **subject access point** to specify the period in time in relation to function which the **subject access point** represents. Repeatable.

\$2 Source

An identification in coded form of the system or thesaurus from which the term in subfield \$a is derived. It is recommended that subfield \$2 always be present in each occurrence of the field. For a list of subject sources, see [Appendix A](#). 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.

Repeatable when it is necessary for more than one Authority Record Identifier or Standard Number to indicate each part of an access point where the indexing system uses a pre-coordinate syntax.

\$8 Materials Specified

Part of the described materials to which the field applies. Not repeatable.

Related Fields

606 TOPICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT	This field contains a common noun or noun phrase used as a subject access point.
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Examples

EX 1
632 ##\$aRadio
632 ##\$aMap collecting
632 ##\$aAtlas collecting
Record describes Melville Eastham papers, 1908-1973. Collection includes correspondence, diaries, notebooks, reports, company files, clippings, printed matter, blueprints, plans, sketches, photographs, and other papers relating chiefly to Eastham's career as radio engineer and as head of the General Radio Company. Also documents his avocation of collecting sixteenth- and seventeenth-century maps and atlases.

History

2016	New field.
2024	Text edit.