661 TIME PERIOD CODE

Field Definition and Scope

An indication of the date covered by the work, coded according to the Time Period Code.

Repeatable for each period covered when the resource deals with a number of distinct periods (EX 1).

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
661	TIME PERIOD CODE	R	O
a	Time Period Code	NR	O

Indicators

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

Subfields Description

$a Time Period Code

It consists of four alphanumeric characters. Not repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

In the absence of an international coding scheme for time period codes, the scheme which used to be used in the USMARC format, now in MARC21, should be used. The Time Period Code Table is found in MARC 21 under the description of field 045 - Time Period of Content available at https://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/bd045.html (see also Appendix A).

The code is not used for prehistoric dates, e.g. geological eras.

The Time Period Code was formerly called the Chronological Coverage Code.

Related Fields

122 CODED DATA FIELD: TIME PERIOD OF RESOURCE CONTENT	This field contains a formatted indication of the period covered by the resource. It holds greater detail.

Examples

EX 1
661 ##$aw3x0
661 ##$ad5d3
The codes (the 19th century and Greek eras) for *The Victorians and Ancient Greece* by Richard Jenkyns.
EX 2
661 ##$ad6d6
The codes for ca 300 B.C. As only one date is involved, the code is repeated to create the four characters.
EX 3
661 ##$ax-x-
The codes for a book on the 20th century.
EX 4

661 ##$aw5
Work on the period 1828-1859.
EX 5
661 ##$ao6r2
Work on the period 1066-1328.
EX 6
661 ##$ax8x8
Work on 1984.
EX 7
661 ##ax-x-
Work on the 20th century.
EX 8
661 ##$ae-e-
661 ##$ax-x-
Work comparing the 1st century A.D. with the 20th century.
EX 9
661 ##$ad5d6
Work on the period 423 B.C. to 390 B.C.
EX 10
661 ##$aa0d6
Work on the period to 300 B.C.
EX 11
661 ##$ap-r-
Work on the 12th to 14th centuries.
EX 12
661 ##$ad9e3
Work on 42 B.C.-A.D. 37.
EX 13
661 ##$ax2x2
Work on 1928.
EX 14
661 ##$av4wl
Work on 1740-1810.