

Candidate FRBR Descriptions: Basic Resource Description Structures and Their Interpretations

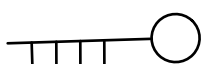
General Principles: Resource description diagrams are to be made as compact as possible, unless it is known that additional structure will be required at a later time. Empty "containers" are not permitted.

The filled circle at the right in the diagram below indicates that the **library Resource** being described is directly referenced by the current description. Direct references to Resources in this diagram are made following FRBR theory, which means that a bibliographic Resource (a filled circle) can only be present where an Item description is located. Other institutional Resources and Resource descriptions may be symbolized by other shapes.

Progressively elaborate Resource description structures may be created from basic ones by "expanding" a structure at the appropriate point with a "container" description.



no resource, unnamed resource and named resource elements. Resources without an institutionally specified identification or name (red ring) may be detectable but are not very "actionable." Severe constraints on the use of these is applied through business rules. Named resources are the minimally usable elements for Cultural Heritage resource description purposes



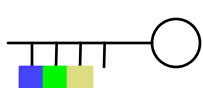
A resource description "frame," identifies a manageable (minimally identifiable, describable) resource and indicates the maximum number of co-occurring descriptions allowed. FRBR permits up to four different but co-occurring resource descriptions of a resource



(L-R) Full Work, Expression, Manifestation and Item descriptions attached to a resource via a resource description frame

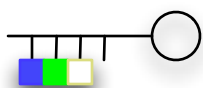


Full Work, Expression, and Manifestation descriptions. The Item container description **must** be linked to either one or more full Item descriptions or to one or more Item container descriptions.



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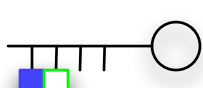
Incomplete resource descriptions such as this may occur in the absence of available information or in the midst of a resource description construction/deconstruction process.



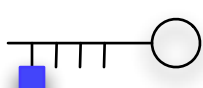
Full Work and Expression descriptions. The Manifestation container description **must** be linked to: (a.) one or more full Manifestation descriptions or; (b.) to one or more Manifestation container descriptions.



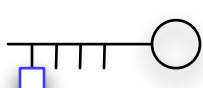
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Full Work description.



Work container description. The Work container Description **must** be linked to: (a.) one or more full Work descriptions or; (b.) one or more Work container descriptions.