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Definition and Scope of Fields

This block contains notes — free text statements qualifying and amplifying the description and access points and dealing with any aspect of the physical make-up of the item or its contents. The following fields are defined:

- 300 General Note
- 301 Notes Pertaining to Identification Numbers
- 302 Notes Pertaining to Coded Information
- 303 General Notes Pertaining to Descriptive Information
- 304 Notes Pertaining to Title and Statement of Responsibility
- 305 Notes Pertaining to Edition and Bibliographic History
- 306 Notes Pertaining to Publication, Distribution, etc.
- 307 Notes Pertaining to Physical Description
- 308 Notes Pertaining to Series
- 310 Notes Pertaining to Binding and Availability
- 311 Notes Pertaining to Linking Fields
- 312 Notes Pertaining to Related Titles
- 313 Notes Pertaining to Subject Access
- 314 Notes Pertaining to Responsibility
- 315 Notes Pertaining to Material (or Type of Publication) Specific Information
- 316 Note Relating to the Copy in Hand
- 317 Provenance Note
- 318 Action Note
- 320 Internal Bibliographies/Indexes Note
- 321 External Indexes/Abstracts/References Note
- 322 Credits Note (Projected and Video Material and Sound Recordings)
- 323 Cast Note (Projected and Video Material and Sound Recordings)
- 324 Facsimile Note Original Version Note
- 325 Reproduction Note
- 326 Frequency Statement Note (Serials Continuing Resources)
- 327 Contents Note
- 328 Dissertation (Thesis) Note
- 330 Summary or Abstract
- 332 Preferred Citation of Described Materials
- 333 Users/Intended Audience Note
- 334 Awards Note
- 335 Location of Originals/Reproductions
- 336 Type of Electronic Resource Note
- 337 System Requirements Note
- 345 Acquisition Information Note
- 371 Notes Pertaining to Information Service Policy

Notes on Field Contents

Punctuation:

Certain types of notes may follow ISBD rules for content and form, including punctuation. Although this is not prescribed within UNIMARC, it is recommended that ISBD conventions be followed where possible.

General notes:

Field 300 has two uses: it is for general notes that do not belong under any of the more specific categories of notes; and it is for notes that belong to other categories but which were not so categorized by the source format, or were coded in the source format as belonging to a category which is not present

in UNIMARC. If a note belongs to more than one category represented by fields 301 to 315, then the tag earlier in numerical order other than 300 should be used as a general rule. Notes relating to fields 320 onwards should be entered in those specific fields and not in earlier fields. If two notes belong to the same category they should be contained in separate occurrences of the required field.

Notes generated from linking fields:

From the UNIMARC record, a note may be generated from data in other fields, e.g. 4-- linking fields or 5-- related title fields. If such a note is to be generated, it is not entered in a 3—field.