

documentation by the UB Chair.

1.2. Proposals for terms accompanying application profile submissions

1.2.1. New terms appearing in application profile submissions must be evaluated for compliance with the DC Abstract Model prior to evaluation of the Application Profile itself.

1.2.2. New terms deemed in compliance with the DC AM may be registered in DC-hosted namespaces as 'conforming'

1.3. Proposals for endorsement of terms ~~{(e.g., LOC relators)}~~ in other namespaces for use within Application Profiles

1.3.1. Existing terms housed in other namespaces to be used within Application Profiles seeking review must be evaluated for compliance with the DC Abstract Model prior to evaluation of the Application Profile itself.

1.3.2. Existing terms deemed in compliance with the DC AM may be noted as 'endorsed' within the registered Application Profile.

1.4. Proposals for registration of application profiles

1.4.1. Sources of proposals

1.4.1.1. Existing working groups or working groups established for the purpose of developing proposals

1.4.1.1.1. Designation of application profile as DCMI 'strategic activity'

1.4.1.2. Metadata implementers (established projects, communities or research groups)

1.4.1.3. UB itself

1.4.2. ~~For the purposes of review~~ Review by the Usage Board:

1.4.2.1. The Usage Board is interested in reviewing application profiles that make substantial use of Dublin Core elements. The review of application profiles by the Usage Board serves to:

1.4.2.1.1. analyze the usage of Dublin Core within significant implementations;

1.4.2.1.2. assign a DCMI status of "stamp of approval conforming;"

1.4.2.1.3. promote the sharing of application profiles between

communities; and

1.4.2.1.4. identify new terms as candidates for inclusion in **DCMI-hosted** namespaces.

1.4.2.2. Application profiles must provide, for each term, an identifier of the element set where it is defined, ideally in the form of URIs for individual terms.

1.4.2.3. If the terms in an application profile describe anything other than generic "resources" (the typical domain of Dublin Core), the application profile must make this clear. This is particularly important if an application profile is based on a data model that describes multiple classes of resources, such as agents or collections.

1.4.2.4. It is recommended that application profiles be prepared using the Dublin Core Application Profile guidelines published by CEN [<http://www.cenorm.be/cenorm/businessdomains/businessdomains/iss/cwa/cwa14855.asp>].

1.4.2.5. Each application profile must provide, or point to, a short text that describes:

1.4.2.5.1. The context and purposes in which the application profile is used or is likely to be used.

1.4.2.5.2. The organizations or individuals involved in its development and a capsule history thereof.

1.4.2.5.3. Any arrangements, policies, or intentions regarding the future development and maintenance of the application profile.

1.4.3. [Results of](#) review of Application Profiles by the Usage Board

1.4.3.1. An application profile is "well-formed" if it is presented in accordance with the broad and flexible requirements outlined above. These presentation requirements may become more specific as "good practice" emerges over time.

1.4.3.2. **The Usage Board will evaluate terms to determine their conformance with the DCMI Abstract Model.**

1.4.3.3. The use of terms related to Dublin Core (such as refinements of Dublin Core elements, or Dublin Core elements that have been constrained for particular contexts) will be evaluated from the standpoint of semantic conformance, grammatical principle (eg, "dumb-down"), clarity, and good practice.

1.4.4. Publication and use of Usage Board Reviews

1.4.4.1. An application profiles that "pass" review will be assigned the status of 'conforming'.

1.4.4.1.1. The status of 'conforming' indicates a Usage Board assessment of the application profile as of the date of its submission for review.

1.4.4.1.2. Changes to already 'conforming' application profiles require further Usage Board review of the application profile in whole or in part according to the processes and criteria outlined in sections 6.1 through 6.3.

1.4.4.2. For application profiles that "pass" review, the Usage Board will publish a Review on a Web page for application profiles.

1.4.4.3. Each Review will include, at a minimum:

1.4.4.3.1. Any comments from the Usage Board on the application profile.

1.4.4.3.2. Pointers to locally archived copies of the application profile as originally submitted and (if necessary) as subsequently amended in light of Usage Board comments.

1.4.4.3.3. A pointer to the "latest version" of an application profile held by its maintainers.

1.4.5. Review represents a form of recognition, and its URL will be persistent for purposes of citation.

1.4.6. Registration of 'conforming' application profiles

1.5. Proposals for term revisions

1.5.1. DCMI namespace terms

1.5.1.1. General process for term changes

1.5.1.1.1. Requests to change terms in this namespace may originate within the Usage Board or externally.

1.5.1.1.2. A Usage Board member will be assigned to draft a proposal for a change

1.5.1.1.3. Changes provisionally approved by the Usage Board will be circulated for general comment on the DC-General discussion list for one month before final approval.

1.5.1.1.4. Final approval for term changes without significant opposition may be approved by email or teleconference vote.

1.5.1.2. Terms from namespace: <http://purl.org/elements/1.1/> require changes to the relevant standards: ISO Standard 15836-2003 (February 2003) and NISO

Standard Z39.85-2001 (September 2001)

1.5.1.3. Terms from DCMI hosted namespaces (to be added)

1.5.2. Application profile terms

1.5.2.1. Application profile terms residing on DCMI hosted namespaces will be subject to the same changes processes as other DCMI terms, but managed by the entities responsible for the terms.

1.5.2.2. Application profile terms residing on non-DCMI namespaces will be subject to term policies of the host entity.

1.6. Proposals for application profile revisions

1.6.1. Changes to already 'conforming' application profiles require further Usage Board review of the application profile in whole or in part according to the processes and criteria outlined in sections @@@ and @@@

1.6.2. Changes to DCMI-registered 'conforming' application profiles will be versioned according to DCMI namespace policies.

Part III—Usage Board: Internal Processes

1. Changes to Usage Board Procedures