

DC-Libraries Application Profile Task Group

Proposal: Version

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This proposal is for review by the Usage board. It proposes a new property "Version" that will be included in DC-Lib.

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Name	version
Label	Version
URI	<i>DCMI to assign</i>
Definition	Information designating the version or edition of a work.
Comment	Includes statements designating an edition or version. This may describe the resource in terms of a number or statement that assists in distinguishing it from other expressions of similar content.
Examples	Second edition; Revised version; Version 2.0
Type of term	Property
Rationale	<p>Being able to specify the version or edition of a given work is often critical to successful resource discovery and identification to determine whether a resource is the same as another one. This is particularly important for resources that change frequently and in services where resources or descriptions are aggregated from many sources.</p> <p>This term has recently been discussed as a desirable new property in the metadata developments for The European Library</p>

	http://search.theeuropeanlibrary.org/
Related DCMI terms	Relation refinements isVersionof and hasVersion allow the inclusion of a pointer to some other resource but there is nowhere to state the version of the resource actually being described. There is also not necessarily any related item to link to.
Related non-DCMI terms	MARC Field 250 (Edition), eprint:version
Impact on applications	Other applications may have defined a local element or qualifier for this because of its general need; this has not been determined. (Earlier suggestions have been to use with DC:Title, but it is not clear if this has ever been used.)
About the proposers	DC-Libraries Application Profile Task Group http://dublincore.org/librarieswiki/ The submission of this property to the Usage Board is a work plan item for this Task Group. This has been given new impetus recently with other developers expressing a need for this term.

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