

Subject: Re: Videogame cataloging question

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To: Ezzo, Julia

Thanks so much, Julia! I'm glad to know the best practices guide does not need to be revised. I'm in the process of reviewing our 753 data, and it's all over the place. I was starting to question my sanity!

I appreciate your quick response. Hope everything is well with you.

Marcia

On Wed, May 15, 2024 at 11:29 AM Ezzo, Julia <julia@msu.edu> wrote:

Hi Marcia,

I don't think adding make and model of a machine would be a good idea, or even feasible in some cases. There are a lot of makes/models that can run different operating systems and it'd be a mess. While the example

753 \ \$a IBM PC \$c Windows 98

is correct, I would caution against encouraging the use because of how complicated it can get. There are so many makes and models of computers that can run the different operating systems.

I do add URIs to the 753 field, but our practice is to put it in subfield \$0:

Sony PlayStation 3 \$2 gcipplatform \$0 <http://www.gamemetadata.org/platform/1070>

Best,

Julia

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Hi Julia,

I'm wondering if we've made a mistake in the [OLAC Best Practices Guide](#) in our recommendation for recording video game platforms and operating systems. 🤔

This is at the top of page 208:

For computer platforms, record the operating system in MARC field 753 \$c. Use separate 753 fields for multiple computer platforms, as MARC field 753 \$c is not repeatable. Note minor versions of operating systems in a 538 field.

753 \ \$c Microsoft Windows XP \$2 gciplatform

753 \ \$c Microsoft Windows Vista \$2 gciplatform

753 \ \$c Microsoft Windows 7 \$2 gciplatform

753 \ \$c Apple Mac OS X 10.5 \$2 gciplatform

These are controlled terms from the [GAMECIP computer platform vocabulary](#).

We haven't included recommendations or examples for recording the

"make and model of machine" (field 753 \$a) for computer platform video games -- only the operating system (field 753 \$c) which is what the GAMECIP CV terms are, as the above examples show.

[MARC 21 Format for Bib Data 753 Field](#) has two examples for computer video game platform under the \$2 source of term section:

753 \ \$c Microsoft Windows 98 \$0 etc.

753 \ \$c Apple Mac OS X 20.9 \$0 etc.

These two examples do not show the make/model of machine like the examples under \$c operating system section:

753 \ \$a IBM PC \$c Windows 98

We have not been recording the make/model of the machine for computer video game platform. I'm assuming this, along with the OLAC Best Practices, is correct?

It looks like there is an error in the [OCLC BFAS 753 field](#) documentation under the \$2 source section. The second example should be encoded \$c, not \$a.

753 \ \$c Apple Mac OS X 10.2 \$2 gcipplatform

One more question - I've tried adding the gamecip URI to records, but that causes a validation problem in Connexion. Do you include URIs in 753 fields?

Thanks, Julia!

Marcia

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