

# MARC 21 and FRBR

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# MARC/FRBR study

- *Functional Analysis of the MARC 21 Bibliographic and Holdings Formats*  
([www.loc.gov/marc](http://www.loc.gov/marc))
- Classifies every MARC element into FRBR entity
- Indicates FRBR attributes and relationships
- Extends the FRBR model to accommodate data that did not fit
- Maps to user tasks related to resource discovery, use, and management
- Relates data to AACR categories

# Why?

- Growth of MARC
  - Cataloging rules were original basis for organization of information
  - Growth by warrant
- Uses for MARC/FRBR analysis
  - Guide logical boundaries between types of data
  - Guide logical clusters of elements
  - Use for experimentation and analysis
  - Use to guide changes to actual cataloging practices
  - Use to guide changes to MARC

# FRBR for displays

- *Displays for Multiple Versions from MARC 21 and FRBR ([www.loc.gov/marc](http://www.loc.gov/marc))*
- For use with retrieval sets to arrange display for users

# Plans

- Keep up to date with MARC changes
- Database for download and manipulation
- Transformation programs downloadable from the MARCXML site
- Experimentation by NDMSO
- Information exchange on MARC list?  
separate list?

# Discussion points

- Relation of FRBR to ISBD?
- Will there be Cataloging consistency and rigor?
  - Factors: cost, level of staff, amount of material, type of material
- Record independence/dependence in exchange environment?
- MARC independence?
- Use and implementation approaches?

# Discussion points

- Goals for FRBR?
  - End user goals
  - Staff and processing goals
- FRBR and history?
  - RLG record clustering experience
  - WLN quadraplanar structure
  - OCLC matching and merging experience
  - Individual library use of separate holdings records (FRBR item level)

# Conclusion

- MARC/cataloging record investment is enormous
- FRBR is young
- FRBR may be a great asset for users of library catalogs
- FRBR may have requirements for cataloging
- But if work carefully can use both MARC data and FRBR organization