

3 DEFINITIONS

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Technical Elements of Records:

Content designator – The means of identifying data elements and/or providing additional information about a data element. Content designators consist of tags, indicators and subfield identifiers.

Control Subfield – A subfield, defined similarly in many fields throughout the format, used to provide specific identifiers, relationships, and sources of terms and codes. Among its uses are also to provide links to both authority and bibliographic records, to specific institutions, and to other fields within a single record.

Data element – The smallest unit of information that is explicitly identified. Within a variable field, a data element is identified by a subfield identifier and it forms a subfield. Within the record label, directory, and fixed length subfields, the data elements are identified by their character positions.

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