

606 TOPICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT

[...]

Subfields Description

\$a Entry Element

The term in the form prescribed by the system of subject headings used. Not repeatable.

\$j Form Subdivision

A term added to the subject heading to further specify the kind(s) or genre(s) of material ([EX 7,8](#)). Agencies not using this subdivision should use \$x instead. Repeatable ([EX 8](#)).

\$x Topical Subdivision

A term added to the **subject** heading to specify the aspect that the subject heading represents ([EX 2, 3](#)). Repeatable.

\$y Geographical Subdivision

A term added to the **subject** heading to specify a place in relation to the topic that the subject heading represents ([EX 2, 4](#)). Repeatable.

\$z Chronological Subdivision

A term added to the **subject** heading to specify the period of time in relation to the topic that the subject heading represents ([EX 5, 10](#)). Repeatable.

\$2 System Code

An identification in coded form of the system from which the subject heading is derived. It is recommended that subfield \$2 always be present in each occurrence of the field. For a list of **subject** system codes, see Appendix G. Not repeatable.

\$3 Authority Record Number

The control number for the authority record for the heading. This subfield is for use with *UNIMARC/Authorities*. Repeatable ([EX 9](#)) when it is necessary for more than one authority record number to indicate each part of a heading where the indexing system uses a pre-coordinate syntax.

Notes on Field Contents

This field contains data entered according to the provisions of the system of subject headings used. Depending on the cataloguing agency's practices, only topical names (with authorized access point in field A250) may be entered in this field, or both topical names and genre/form entities (with authorized access point in field A280) when used as subject headings ([EX 6, 10](#)).

Related Fields

607 GEOGRAPHICAL NAME USED AS SUBJECT	Field 607 is used instead of 606 when the subject heading is a geographical name.
608 FORM, GENRE OR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS HEADING	Field 608 is used as an indication of the form, genre and/or physical characteristics of the resource being described.

Examples

EX 1
606 ##\$aPulmonary artery\$xCatheterization\$xHandbooks, manuals, etc\$2lc

606 ##\$aHemodynamic monitoring\$xHandbooks, manuals, etc\$2lc
606 ##\$aHeart Catheterization\$xinstrumentation\$xhandbooks\$2mesh
606 ##\$aHeart Catheterization\$xinstrumentation\$xurses' instruction\$2mesh
606 ##\$aMonitoring, Physiologic\$xhandbooks\$2mesh
606 ##\$aMonitoring, Physiologic\$xurses' instruction\$2mesh
Both Library of Congress and Medical subject headings have been assigned to the record for <i>Memory bank for hemodynamic monitoring : the pulmonary artery catheter</i> . The record predates the use of \$j for form subdivisions.
EX 2
606 0#\$aScaffolding\$xSafety measures\$2lc
606 0#\$aConstruction equipment\$yGreat Britain\$2lc
Subject headings assigned to the record for <i>Safety in construction work, scaffolding</i> by the Health and Safety Executive.
EX 3
606 0#\$aNuclear energy\$xHistory\$2lc
Dash (-) that precedes a subject subdivision in an extended subject heading may be system generated as a display constant associated with the content of subfield \$j, \$x, \$y, and \$z.
EX 4
606 0#\$aTrees\$yUnited States\$2lc
EX 5
606 0#\$aArts, Modern\$z20th century\$2lc
EX 6
606 1#\$aBiology\$xPeriodicals\$2lc
The resource is about periodicals on biology.
EX 7
606 1#\$aBiology\$jPeriodicals\$2lc
The resource is a periodical on biology.
EX 8
606 0#\$aVocal music\$jBibliography\$jUnion lists\$2lc
EX 9
606 1#\$3frBN002790930\$aLittérature populaire française\$3frBN002123838\$z19e siècle\$3frBN002118937\$xThèmes, motifs\$3frBN002264415\$xRecueil d'articles \$2rameau
In the database, a pre-coordinated subject system code (rameau) is used, so the \$3 is repeated and one authority record number is given for each part of the heading.
EX 10
606 ##\$3FRBNF119497987\$aRoman épistolaire\$3FRBNF119760324\$z18e siècle\$2rameau
The resource is about epistolary novels in the 18 th century. The cataloguing agency may use either a genre/form entity (with tag A280) as a subject heading, entered in field B606; or a topical name (with tag A250) with the same heading, depending on institutional policies.
EX 11

200 1# \$aVidéo games \$el'aventure du jeu vidéo \$f[Laure Casalini]
606 ## \$3FRBNF133189029\$aJeux vidéo \$3FRBNF120424089\$xOuvrages pour la jeunesse \$2rameau
The resource is a book for young people, dealing with all aspects of video games (history, universes, fabrication, artistic trends...) and published on the occasion of an educational exhibition about video games. According to the institutional policy of the cataloguing agency, the entity to which the link is made is a genre/form entity (with tag A280). Other bibliographic records in the database may have a link to this entity in tag 608, when the resource described is a video game (see also field 608, example 8).

History

1994	Changes to indicator values: Indicator 1 defined.
2000	Field issued/re-issued with corrections/additions
2019	Note of the field extended for the use of genre/form entities; examples 3, 10 and 11 are added