

Assignment 2

Three different standards were used in the crosswalk: MARC21, Dublin Core, and MODS. There are 20 fields that were used to compare each standard, but not all fields were transferable in each standard. The methodology that was used was filling in fields with one standard at a time.

MARC21, which stands for machine-readable cataloging, was easier once the numbers were defined. In MARC, there are a lot of fields that have their own definition. The details in this standard are precise. Personally, it was difficult to find three particular fields. The numbers help organize information, but the symbols were hard to comprehend when extra details were added. MARC brings together different types of information on a single resource, but the mandatory elements are specific.

The third standard that was used was MODS, which stands for metadata object description schema. This standard is derived from MARC and is simpler than MARC. This standard was easier to fill in because of the easy tag language. Not as many definite rules like MARC. Some containers in MARC were combined into one broader container in MODS.

Dublin Core was the second standard used in the assignment. DC for short is considered to be the most simple standard because there are only 15 fields. An example is date; there are no specifications on what kind of date. There is no place of production,

just location of the film. DC was easy to map out for the assignment, but could get difficult in everyday use due to the lack of specification.

Due to the lack of knowledge on different standards, I personally favored Dublin Core because it was the easiest. Filling in the fields was quick and easy, but MARC seems to be the better standard due to the complexity of specific field requirements. As more information is gained on how to fill out to build a catalog. I know I will be able to appreciate how elaborate MARC contents are used in a database.