

# Place Authority Requirements

## Definition

The documentation and management of information about places related to the collection being described.

## Requirements

- Allow users to compile authorized terms or headings used by a single organization or consortium in cataloging, indexing, or documentation (CDWA)
- Establish the preferred name for a geographic location, etc.
- Allow for the management of synonyms and related terms, including non-hierarchical "associative relationships" among authorities
- Allow users to create hierarchies within authority records
- Enable term control in intake records, object records, and other authorities
- The authority should be compliant with ISO and NISO standards for thesauri (CDWA)
- Allow users to capture and manage information about coordinates including information from georeferencing activities (whether by person or computer) used by mapping applications

## Standards, Guidelines + Use Cases

### From CDWA

The Place authority contains information about geographic places important to the cultural works and creators. The places noted in this authority include both physical features and administrative entities.

Physical features include entities that are part of the natural physical condition of the planet, such as continents, rivers, and mountains.

Administrative geographic entities include man-made or cultural entities typically defined by political and administrative boundaries, such as empires, nations, states, districts, townships, and cities.

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- 29.1. Place Authority Record Type
- 29.2. Place Name
  - 29.2.1. Preference
  - 29.2.2. Name Type
  - 29.2.3. Name Qualifier
  - 29.2.4. Name Language
  - 29.2.5. Historical Flag
  - 29.2.6. Display Name Flag
  - 29.2.7. Other Name Flags
  - 29.2.8. Name Source
    - 29.2.8.1. Page
  - 29.2.9. Name Date
    - 29.2.9.1. Earliest Date
    - 29.2.9.2. Latest Date
- 29.3. Geographic Coordinates
- 29.4. Place Types
  - 29.4.1. Preference
  - 29.4.2. Place Type Date
    - 29.4.2.1. Earliest Date
    - 29.4.2.2. Latest Date
- 29.5. Related Places
  - 29.5.1. Place Relationship Type
  - 29.5.2. Place Relationship Date
    - 29.5.2.1. Earliest Date
    - 29.5.2.2. Latest Date
- 29.6. Place Broader Context
  - 29.6.1. Broader Context Date
    - 29.6.1.1. Earliest Date
    - 29.6.1.2. Latest Date
- 29.7. Place/Location Label/Identification
- 29.8. Place/Location Descriptive Note
  - 29.8.1. Note Source
    - 29.8.1.1. Page

29.9. Remarks  
29.10. Citations  
29.10.1. Page  
29.11. Place Authority Record ID

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[CHIN Data Dictionary: Archaeological Sites](#)

[Spectrum: Location and Address](#)

[Visual Resource Association \(VRA\) Core 4.0 \(Library of Congress\)](#)

[Taxonomic Databases Working Group \(TDWG\) Introduction to Darwin Core](#)

[TDWG Darwin Core Quick Reference Guide: Location Terms](#)

[GADM Database of Global Administrative Areas](#)

## **Wireframes**

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## **Services**

[Vocabulary Service](#)

## **Workflows**

[Hierarchical Authorities - BT NT Workflows](#)

## **Fields**

[Place Authority Schema \(see also: Place Authority Schema, UCB version\)](#)

## **User Story Summaries**

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