

Encoded Archival Description

A Brief History and Introduction

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EAD origins

- Berkeley Finding Aid Project, 1993-95
- Bentley Project, July 1995
- Alpha and beta versions, lots of testing, 1995-97
- Release of EAD Version 1.0, 1998
- Release of EAD Version 2002
- XML schema released, 2006
- 10th anniversary next year!

EAD Working Group

- Established in 1995
- International membership—U.S., Canada, U.K., Australia, France, Germany, The Netherlands
- U.S. Library of Congress maintains official documentation and web site
<http://www.loc.gov/ead>
- Society of American Archivists EAD Roundtable Help Pages
<http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/ead>

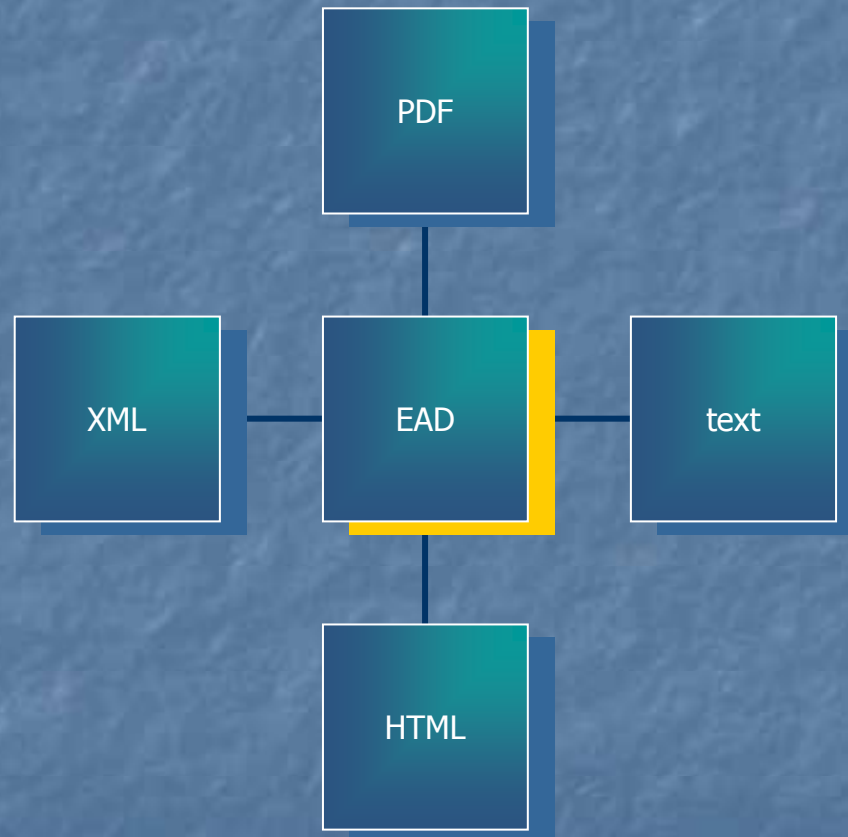
Benefits

- Open standard
 - Non-proprietary
 - Platform independent
- Interoperability
 - Multi-institutional databases such as ArchiveGrid, Online Archive of California, A2A
- Migration
- Embed or link to files in any digital format

Benefits

- Relationships with other encoding standards
 - Dublin Core
 - MARC
 - Encoded Archival Context (EAC)
- Multilevel description
- Compatibility with ISAD(G)

One encoding, multiple outputs



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Manuscript Collections

BRIAN J. COYLE:

An Inventory of His Papers at the Minnesota Historical Society

- Overview
- Biography
- Summary
- Organization
- Index Terms
- Administrative Information
- Detailed Description
- How to Copy
- How to Search

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Creator: Coyle, Brian J., 1944-1991.

Title: Brian J. Coyle papers.

Date: 1965-1991.

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Location/Available	Minnesota Historical Society See Manuscripts Notebooks: Call #: ALPHA
Author	●Coyle, Brian J., 1944-1991.
Title	●Brian J. Coyle papers, 1960, 1965-1991.
Physical Details	18.5 cu. ft. (19 boxes and 3 oversize folders, unboxed).
Summary	<p>Personal, political, and official papers documenting the life and career of a gay activist and Minneapolis (Minn.) city council member. The papers include correspondence (1965-1991), memoranda, notes, agendas, minutes, calendars, financial statements, legal documents, appointment books (1984-1990), journals (1974, 1986, 1989-1991), bills, resolutions, ordinances, maps, campaign literature (1981-1990), flyers, pamphlets, newsletters, programs, a briefing book (1990), comic books, newspaper and magazine clippings, photographs, scrapbooks (1981-1990), posters, slide shows (1974, 1987), audio tapes (1974, 1977-1978, 1982, 1990), and video tapes (1984-1991). They document Coyle's political career from the mid-1960s, when he became active in the New Left, through his membership in the New American Movement (1972-1974), his work as a tenants' rights activist (1974-1981), and his tenure on the Minneapolis city council as sixth ward alderman (1984-1991).</p> <p>The papers also reflect Coyle's membership in a number of gay organizations and work on gay related issues such as violence against gays (1984-1987), the promotion of gay elected officials, sponsorship of a domestic partnership ordinance (1983-1991), and AIDS prevention and treatment (1986-1991). Coyle was infected with HIV and his struggle with the disease and decision to publicly disclose his status are also documented (1989-1991).</p>
Finding Aids	An inventory that provides additional information about this collection is available in the repository; filed in ALPHA notebooks under the heading: Coyle, Brian J.
Related Resource	An electronic version of the inventory to this collection may be found at http://www.mnhs.org/library/findaids/00020.html
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Biography of Brian Coyle

Brian J. Coyle was born in Great Falls, Montana (June 25, 1944) and raised in Moorhead, Minnesota. He graduated from Moorhead High School (1961) and received his BA degree from the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis (1967). While attending the University Coyle participated in the Young Democrats and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS); wrote for the Minnesota Daily; helped organize the first Vietnam teach-in; and originated the Free University.

After graduation Coyle taught humanities at Moorhead State University (Sept. 1967-June

Pages Attachments Comments

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Producing EAD

- New finding aids
 - Relational databases
 - XML authoring software
- From legacy files
 - Copy and paste from text files (e.g., Microsoft Word) into XML authoring software
 - CSV files from databases
 - Vendor conversion

Impact of EAD in the U.S.

- Repositories began to share (and compare) descriptive practices, develop best practice guidelines for encoding
- Many cooperative projects to implement EAD
- Led directly to the development of *Describing Archives: A Content Standard* (DACS)

Impact of EAD in the U.S.

- Training
 - EAD taught in library science and archives courses
 - SAA EAD workshop (2 day)
 - University of Virginia Rare Book School workshop (5 day)
- Development of tools
 - Archivist's Toolkit
 - EAD Cookbook

International appeal

- EAD Tag Library translated into several languages, including German, Spanish, Chinese, French, Greek, and soon Brazilian Portuguese
- EAD being used by national archives in France, Germany, Poland, United Kingdom, Australia, The Netherlands

Identity Statement Area

ISAD(G)

- 3.1.1 Reference code
- 3.1.2 Title
- 3.1.3 Dates
- 3.1.4 Level of Description
- 3.1.5 Extent and medium of the unit

EAD

- EAD identifier <eadid> and ID of the unit <unitid>
- Unit title <unittitle>
- Unit date <unitdate>
- Archival description <archdesc> and Component <c> level attributes
- Physical Description <physdesc>

Context Area

ISAD(G)

- 3.2.1 Name of creator
- 3.2.2 Administrative/
biographical history
- 3.2.3 Archival history
- 3.2.4 Immediate source
of acquisition

EAD

- Origination <origination>
- Biography/History
<bioghist>
- Custodial history
<custodhist>
- Acquisition information
<acqinfo>

Content and Structure Area

ISAD(G)

- 3.3.1 Scope and content
- 3.3.2 Appraisal, destruction, and scheduling
- 3.3.3 Accruals
- 3.3.4 System of arrangement

EAD

- Scope and content <scopecontent>
- Appraisal <appraisal>
- Accruals <accruals>
- Arrangement <arrangement>

Conditions of Access and Use Area

ISAD(G)

- 3.4.1 Conditions governing access
- 3.4.2 Conditions governing reproduction
- 3.4.3 Language/script of the material
- 3.4.4 Physical characteristics and technical requirements
- 3.4.5 Finding aids

EAD

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- Conditions governing use <userrestrict>
- Language of the material <langmaterial>
- Physical characteristics and technical requirements <phystech>
- Other finding aid <otherfindaid>

Allied Materials Area

ISAD(G)

- 3.5.1 Existence and location of originals
- 3.5.2 Existence and location of copies
- 3.5.3 Related units of description
- 3.5.4 Publication note

EAD

- Location of originals
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- Alternate form available
<altformavail>
- Related material
<relatedmaterial>
Separated material
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- Bibliography
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Notes and Description Control Areas

ISAD(G)

- 3.6.1 Note
- 3.7.1 Archivist's note
- 3.7.2 Rules or conventions
- 3.7.3 Date(s) of descriptions

EAD

- Note <note>
- Processing information <processinfo>
- Descriptive rules <descrules>
- <processinfo> <date>

Summary

- EAD is a good fit for outputting ISAD(G) finding aids
- EAD is an open standard, guided by the needs of archivists
- One encoding provides many outputs