

OLAC Role Vocabulary

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Overview

- **Role is an attribute of both the Creator and Contributor elements**
- **Functional roles of people who contribute to the creation of an archive resource**
- **Name of role-bearer should appear in the element content**

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Examples:

- `<creator xsi:type="olac:role" code="speaker">Olawituppini </creator>`
- `<creator xsi:type="olac:role" code="researcher">Joel Sherzer </creator>`
- `<contributor xsi:type="olac:role" code="sponsor">National Science Foundation</contributor>`

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Vocabulary (sorted thematically)

- **Producers of written resources:**
- **Author**
- **Annotator**
- **Transcriber**
- **Translator**
- **Illustrator**

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Vocabulary, Cont.

- **Producers of spoken resources (recorded, filmed):**
- **Speaker/signer**
- **Performer**
- **Interviewer**
- **"Participant": audience, interlocutor, observer, bystander...**
- **Recorder**
- **Photographer (filmer)**
- **(Transcriber)**

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Vocabulary, Cont.

- **Producers of visual resources:**
- **Artist**
- **Photographer**

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- **Producers of research & tools:**
- **Researcher**
- **Developer**
- **Respondent**

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- **"Super" producers:**
- **Sponsor**
- **Supervisor (new)**
- **Compiler**
- **Editor**
- **Depositor**

Problematical terms: "Participant"

- **Conflicts with another document**
- **Intended for a passive function - "uh-huh" sayers, audience members**
- **Solutions:**
- **1. Leave it out - either they're Speakers or not**
- **2. Alternate term: observer, audience, bystander**

Problematical terms: "Compiler"

- **Redundant with Editor?**
- **Should it mean someone who produces a corpus, and/or someone who produces a single multi-part work?**
- **Examples of compiled resources:**
- **Book of articles or stories;**
- **CD w/many songs;**
- **Suite of tools**

New term: Supervisor

- **Definition: The participant supervised the creation of the resource.**
- **Examples: A thesis advisor; a project director; a program coordinator at a school.**

Questions

- **Do we have all the terms we need?**
- **What are the roles in other subfields of linguistics, esp. psycholinguistics and language acquisition?**
- **What supporting documents should we provide?**

More questions:

- **Do we need to define any other vocabularies for the Creator/Contributor elements?**
- **How can we advise people about using these elements in metadata definitions?**

Related Documents

- **Linguistic data type: what it is helps determine who to acknowledge**
- **Linguistic field: subfields have different conventional terms for roles**