Dublin Core Metadata Element Set
Change Summary
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This is a maintenance revision to ANSI/NISO Z39.85-2001. The changes are minor updates, corrections, or editorial clarifications based on comments received by the Dublin Core Management Initiative, the maintenance agency for the standard. The following summarizes the changes of substance:

- Changed Element Names from uppercase to lowercase in line with emerging Semantic Web practice.
- Deleted the redundant words "the content of" from the phrase "the content of the resource" in the definitions of Contributor, Creator, Coverage, Description, Subject, Type, and Language.
- Deleted the redundant words "a reference to" in the phrase "a reference to a resource" in the definitions of Source and Relation and in the comment for Description.
- Replaced the phrases "use a value from an encoding scheme" and "select a value from a controlled vocabulary" with "use a controlled vocabulary" in the comments for Coverage, Format, Subject, and Type.
- Deleted the redundant qualifier "Resource" from the labels "Resource Type" and "Resource Identifier".
- Deleted the redundant words "or number" from the phrase "a string or number conforming to a formal identification system" in the comments for Identifier, Relation, and Source.
- Changed element label from "Subject and Keywords" to "Subject".
- Clarified the definition of Format from "The physical or digital manifestation of the resource" to "The file format, physical medium, or dimensions of the resource."
- Condensed or corrected overly detailed or outdated usage comments for Identifier, Date, Type, Format, Language, and Rights.
- Clarified the definition for Coverage from the ambiguous phrase "extent or scope of the content of the resource" to "spatial or temporal topic of the resource", adding the words "or the jurisdiction under which the resource is relevant".