

18 - Descriptive cataloging form

One-character alphanumeric code that indicates characteristics of the descriptive data in the record through reference to cataloging norms. Subfield \$e (Description conventions) of field 040 (Cataloging Source) also contains information on the cataloging conventions used.

- Non-ISBD punctuation included

Descriptive portion of the record does not follow *International Standard Bibliographic Description* (ISBD) cataloging and punctuation provisions.

a - AACR 2

Descriptive portion of the record is formulated according to the description and punctuation provisions as incorporated into the *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules*, 2nd Edition (AACR 2) and its manuals.

c - ISBD punctuation omitted

Descriptive portion of the record contains the punctuation provisions of ISBD, except ISBD punctuation is *not* present at the end of a subfield.

i - ISBD punctuation included

Descriptive portion of the record contains the punctuation provisions of ISBD.

n - Non-ISBD punctuation omitted

Descriptive portion of the record does not follow *International Standard Bibliographic Description* (ISBD) cataloging and punctuation provisions, and punctuation is not present at the end of a subfield.

u - Unknown

Institution receiving or sending data in Leader/18 cannot adequately determine the appropriate descriptive cataloging form used in the record. May be used in records converted from another metadata format.