

## L 560 - MARC Coding for Entity Attributes in Personal Name Authority Records

**BACKGROUND:** Demographic group terms may be assigned in personal name authority records to describe group(s) with which a person self-identifies. This instruction sheet provides guidelines on the MARC 21 coding of LC demographic group terms when they are used to describe group(s) with which a person self-identifies. For full information on coding in authority records, see <http://www.loc.gov/marc/authority/>. For guidelines on assigning terms describing groups with which a person self-identifies, see L 490 - Assignment of terms: Entity Attributes for Persons.

**1. General rule.** In a personal name authority record, use the 368 field (subfield \$c), the 374 field, or the 375 field.

The indicators are **blank**. The subfield contains an authorized term and does not end with a mark of punctuation unless the term ends in a closing parenthesis. A \$2 subfield containing lcdgt is included at the end of each field.

**2. Repeatability of data elements.** 368 subfield \$c and 375 subfield \$a are repeatable. The 368 field and the 375 field are also repeatable. In choosing between repeating a field vs. repeating a subfield: If the only addition to an existing field is an additional term from the same vocabulary, repeat the subfield. If the vocabulary source differs, repeat the field. Overall best practice: repeat the field when needed for clarity.

### 3. Examples.

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100 1# $a Ailey, Alvin
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368 ## $c African Americans $2 lcdgt
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375 ## $a Males $2 lcdgt
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100 1# $a Curie, Marie, $d 1867-1934
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368 ## $c Nobel Prize winners $2 lcdgt
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374 ## $a Physicists $a Chemists $2 lcdgt
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375 ## $a Females $2 lcdgt
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100 1# $a Jennings, Jazz
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375 ## $a Transgender people $2 lcdgt
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