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Why apply rights statements?

- Ensure that digital collections have clear rights statements
- Promote interoperability within Alliance institutions metadata records developed from diverse repositories
- Facilitate access to digital content by end users
Best Practice: Dublin Core
Output standard for digital collections

Best Practice Recommendation: The purpose of the Orbis Cascade Alliance's Dublin Core Best Practices is to:

- Ensure a basic level of uniformity in the structure, encoding, and content of metadata in keeping with the Mountain West Digital Library Dublin Core recommendation and other relevant standards
- Promote interoperability within Alliance institutions' metadata records deposited in digital repositories
- Facilitate access to digital content by end users

Dublin Core Best Practices, Version 2.3

In order for your digital objects and metadata to be harvested into an Alliance repository, the Dublin Core metadata must meet these standards to ensure consistent content. However, please note: These are recommendations for preparing your digital objects and are not meant to dictate how you practice metadata creation at your own discretion.
Supporting Documentation

Rights in Digital Collections: Applying Standardized and Free-Text Rights Statements
https://www.orbiscascade.org/rights-in-digital-collections

Rights Statements Decision Matrix
https://www.orbiscascade.org/rights-statements-decision-matrix

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