

NEXT-GEN MANUSCRIPT DESCRIPTIONS

A Case for the Reconsideration of the
Manuscript Description Module
of the TEI Guidelines

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AGENDA

Reconsidering the TEI

MsDesc Module by

taking into account the
growing role the digital
technologies play in the
field of manuscript
studies.



The first of these components, `msIdentifier`, is the only one which is mandatory more `head` elements, each holding a brief heading (see [10.5 The Manuscript Headings](#)). Other specialized elements `msContents` ([10.6 Intellectual Content](#)), `physDesc` ([10.7 Physical Description](#)), `msFrag` ([10.11 Manuscript Fragments](#)) are all optional, but if used they must appear in the order given here. Finally, in a manuscript whose parts are now dispersed and kept at different locations, `msFrag` ([10.11 Manuscript Fragments](#)) elements, respectively.

To demonstrate the use of this module, consider the following sample manuscript entry:

28843. In Latin, on parchment: written in more than one hand of the 13th cent. in England: 7¼ x 5⅜ in., i + 55 leaves, in double columns: with a few coloured capitals.

'Hic incipit Bruitus Anglie,' the De origine et gestis Regum Angliae of Geoffrey of Monmouth (Galfridus Monumetensis): beg. 'Cum mecum multa & de multis.'

On fol. 54v very faint is 'Iste liber est fratris guillelmi de buria de . . . Roberti ordinis fratrum Pred[icatorum],' 14th cent. (?): 'hanauilla' is written at the foot of the page (15th cent.). Bought from the rev. W. D. Macray on March 17, 1863, for £1 10s.

Now MS. Add. A. 61.

Figure 10.1. Entry for Bodleian MS. Add. A. 61 in Madan et al. 1895-19

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10.3.1 Origination

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WHAT'S NEXT?

LOOKING AHEAD

Next-Gen Manuscript Descriptions Working Group

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